

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17th.

Parish Church	Sunday 17 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 18 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 20 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 22 nd Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 19 th Mass for the Dead	11.00am
Mong	Thursday 21 st Mass	07.00pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after Saturday evening Mass or any other time on request.

Masses celebrated at the Parish Church are available on webcam and 108fm.

Deaths and anniversaries: **Anna Hoban** interred this week; **Margaret Grace**, Grennan Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Pat Stapleton**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Maureen Croke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Michael Furlong**, Cloghabrody Heights; **Sheila Kirby**, Dangan Tce; **Mary O'Neill**, Station Rd; **Davie Whelan** (09.20am Wednesday): may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **James Lee**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Joe & Josie Lannon**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass).

Do this in Memory; we hold our Mass for the children preparing for First Communion next Sunday. First Communion will be on Saturday 10th May at 11am.

Christmas Mass Bouquets, with the recipient having a share in three Masses at Christmas, are available at the Church or at the Parish Office.

Vatpak Drama Group Presents **"A Wake In The West"** in Thomastown Concert Hall on Friday 22nd November @ 8pm. Admission €12.00, Raffle & Refreshments. Proceeds to Thomstown Tidy Towns.

Online Advent Retreat: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God,' a series of online reflections given in preparation for Christmas. The Retreat Giver is Stephen Cummins OP, is a Dominican Friar currently based in Kilkenny. Using the four Sunday gospels as signposts, the four Advent reflections will be an invitation to explore the question: "What God are we awaiting to birth in us this Advent?". Register through the website <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat>

Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) will hold one hour of Adoration for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life on Monday from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel. All welcome.

Thomastown Community Kindergarten is holding a Fundraising Event on Sunday 1st December in Thomastown Community Hall 11am – 1pm, launching our original song 'Suprise You With Our Freedom' and screening of the accompanying music video featuring the Kindergarten Children. Tea/Coffee and cakes on the morning. Craft stalls. Everything on a donation basis. Admission is free. Donations Welcome. All proceeds toward the purchase of the Kindergarten building. Thomastown Community Kindergarten is a Registered Charity No. 20048129.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger;
You who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Chorus:

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, on the last day.

The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever. You shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection; I am the life.

If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever.

Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God, who has come, into the world.

HYMN FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Stretch out your loving hands, O Lord, to souls that are so dear.
Take them O Lord to God on high, Release them from all fear.

Refrain:

*Grant mercy and love to the Holy Souls, O hear us, Lord, we pray!
May they be prepared to meet you, Lord, On their great Judgement Day.*

Be gentle, Lord, with all dear souls, Protect them with your Love!
Enfold your arms around them, Lord, 'till they reach Heaven above.

When my life's o'er and I depart, O listen to my prayer;
Take me, O Lord, to thy Sacred Heart, And those I love so dear.