

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23rd

Parish Church	Sunday 23 rd Mass	10.30am
	Monday 24 th Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday 26 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 28 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 29 th Confirmation	11.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	11.00am

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: Bernard Grogan, Castle Avenue, recently deceased; **Cha Whelan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Jack Cahill**, Smithstown & his daughter **Ann Grey** (6pm Mass); **Edmund Forristal**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Jimmy Walsh**, Cappagh; **Johnny Walsh**, Cappagh & UK & **Mary O'Leary**, Pleberstown & London (10.30am Mass); **Bridie Cahill**, Smithstown; **Daniel Carroll**, Castle Avenue. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Rene & Mickey Kelly, Kilfane West (6pm Mass); **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridgebrook Arms & his daughter **Kay Walsh** (10.30am Mass); **T. J. McCarron & Fr. Peter Orr** (10.30am Mass).

Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly SJYPS) will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life on Monday from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel. All welcome.

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the ill or elderly will take place at 11am Mass in St. Columba's Hospital on Tuesday.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday at 7.30pm.

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday March 28th, 2-4pm, at The Tuiscint Day Services meeting room, at St. Canices Hospital Complex, off J6, Kilkenny. Guest speaker Ann Bray HSE. For further information call/text Lynda 0857331522.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: James Fogarty of Tibberaghny. The speaker is Con Manning, on Friday, 28th March 2025 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall

Prayer of Consecration at Confirmation: *All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

EVERY LIFE COUNTS will hold a Church Gate Collection next weekend 29/30 March. When an unborn baby has a fatal foetal disorder, we provide practical and emotional support to the parents allowing them to best treasure the precious short moments of their baby's life.

"St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Men - Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org"

GOD OF MERCY & COMPASSION, look with pity upon me;
Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee.

Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not implore in vain;
all my sins I now detest them, never will I sin again.

By my sins I have abandoned Right and claim to heaven above,
Where the saints rejoice for ever In a boundless sea of love.

AG CRIOST AN SIOL

Ag Croist an siol, ag Criost an fomhar, In iothalainn De go dtugar sinn.
Ag Christ an mhuir, ag Criost an t-aisc, I lionta De go gcastar sinn.

O fhas go haois, is o aois go bas, Do dha laimh, a Christ anall tharainn.
O bhas go críoch, ní críoch ach athfhas, I bParthas na nGrast go rabhaimid.

CHRIST BE NEAR AT EITHER HAND

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where'er I go, Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart; Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day;
Christ be my unchanging friend. guide and shepherd to the end.

CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE ROMHAT, A ÍOSA Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Shlánaítheoir Céad míle míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa, a ÍOSA

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa, a Íosa Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaítheoir Glóir, moladh agus buíochas duit, a Íosa, a Íosa.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.