

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 11th

Parish Church	Sunday 11 th Corpus Christi Mass	10.30 am
	Sunday 11 th Baptism	11.30 am
	Monday 12 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 14 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10 – 11am
	Friday 16 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Baptisms	16.00 pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	18.00 pm

St. Columba's Hospital Cemetery Mass Tuesday 11.00am
Because of the construction near the Cemetery, it will be necessary to walk to the Cemetery.

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: Gerry Meegan, Cloghabrody Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **John Maher**, Durrow & **Deceased Members of the Maher Family** (6pm Mass); **Ellen O'Rourke & Mary O'Rourke**, Newtown; **Joe O'Hara**, Jackstown; **Bishy & Liam Walsh**, Cloghabrody: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Nicholas White, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Esther, Jack & Brohna Woods**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Angela O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road (6pm Mass); **Linda Doyle**, Berkeley Lawn (6pm Mass); **Paddy Ryan**, Legan (6pm Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass).

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their monthly Church door collection next weekend. To contact the Society call 086-2664669.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Adoration Wed 14th from 7.30pm. All welcome.

Pope Francis has had surgery this last week and is in Hospital in Rome. Pray that he will be well and soon able to attend to his duties.

June is with us, and almost half spent. Carried out throughout the Diocese, this is a little reminder of your contributions to the **June Collection**, to provide an income for the priests. If you haven't got envelopes, contact the Office, or use a regular envelope, giving your name and address.

Vicar General: Canon 475 of the Code of Canon Law states 'In each diocese the diocesan Bishop is to appoint a Vicar General to assist him in the governance of the whole diocese. Bishop Coll has appointed Fr. Dan Carroll, currently Team Leader at St. John's in Kilkenny, to that role. He very generously accepted this task, adding to his already heavy workload at St. John's.

St Mary's Church of Ireland, Inistioge ~ Saturday 24 June, 12 Noon: Fr Peter McVerry S.J., social activist, will speak on helping the marginalised in our society. This is followed by an illustrated talk by Larry Scallan (Retired Commandant) on Inistioge and the Great War. The event is organised by the Inistioge George Brown Commemoration Committee. All are welcome.

Camphill Community at Jerpoint will hold an Open Day on Sunday 18th June, from 12pm to 3pm. Please support this very worthy cause.

Congratulations to the **Camphill Community at the Watergarden**. They celebrated 30 years last Thursday. Closed due to Covid, hopefully the Watergarden will soon be open to the public. We look forward to experiencing the welcome of the Community, in that lovely setting.

And congratulations too the young people who received the Sacrament of **Confirmation** on Friday 9th. As they move on from Primary School and embark on a whole new adventure after the Summer, please God they will be responsive to the Spirit and enter more deeply into the life of the Parish. Thanks to parents, sponsors, and teachers.

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME.

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand; Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting; Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

GLORY & PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears, to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of Him, who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done, In every heart that sings.

In his wisdom, He strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, Our God is there to save.