

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 16th**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass, with Bishop Coll	09.20 am
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday Mass	07.30pm.

**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: Eamonn Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **John Byrne**, Ballylinch (6pm Mass); **Vanessa McGarry**, Jerpoint West (6pm Mass); **Rita Kirwan**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **Angela McEvoy**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **Mary Doyle (nee Freyne)**, Bawnskeha (10.30am Mass); **Anne Donnelly**, Jerpoint Church; **Jim Flynn**, Westmeath; **Edward & Eileen Murphy**, Legan; **Anna Walsh**, Legan; **Jack Galway**, Knockard: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Catherine Walsh**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Peg Lancashire**, Month's Mind (10.30am Mass).

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island** takes place on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Bus leaving the Quay car park at 12 noon. See Poster.

**Adoration** Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Mercy Chapel.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association Day Trip**, Tuesday 1st August, places limited so call to shop in community hall Thursday 20th, Friday 21st, Thursday 27th July to book your place, cost €10. Includes bus leaving 10am, entry to Mount Congreve Gardens Kilmeaden with tea/coffee and scones; transfer to Tramore for afternoon and dinner in Granville Hotel Waterford city at 5.30pm.

**The Cemetery Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August – the August bank holiday weekend at 8pm. Thank you for taking good care of your graves. During this week when many people will be preparing for the Mass, please take away glass, broken mementos, old plants, etc. If one near you is unattended, you might in your kindness rid it of weeds, etc.

**This is the schedule of weekend Masses in our neighbouring Parishes:**

Inistioge: 7.30pm Saturday in The Rower, 9.30am in Clodiagh and 11am in Inistioge.  
Tullaherin: 8pm Saturday in Tullaherin and 11.30am in Bennettsbridge.  
Graignamanagh: 7.30pm Saturday and 11am; Skeaghvosteen at 9.30am.  
Ballyhale: 7.30pm Saturday in Ballyhale, 9am in Knockmoylan, 11am in Knocktopher.  
Aghavillar: 6.30pm Saturday in Stoneyford, 8pm Saturday and 10am in Hugginstown

**Mabs:** South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service Kilkenny MABS  
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**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.

**My God Accept my Heart this day**

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always thine,  
that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee decline.

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace, and seal me for thine own;  
that I may see thy glorious face, and worship near thy throne.

Let every thought and work and word to thee be ever given:  
Then life shall be thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.

**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.

**HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN**

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star, guide of the wanderer here below;  
thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care, save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea, pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid, we sinners make our prayers through thee;  
remind thy Son that He has paid the price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea, pray for the sinner, pray for me.