

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2023**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Month's Mind Mass for Pat Doherty	10.30am
	Saturday Wedding Ceremony	01.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday Mass 27 <sup>th</sup>	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:** TJ Tallent, Kilkenny, died recently; **Catherine Walsh**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Peg Lancashire**, Castle Ave Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Maria Hoban**, Bawnskeha; **Joseph Challoner**, Cloghabrody Heights; **James & Margaret Kelly**, Knockbrack; **Declan Roe**, Kilfane East; **William Butler**, Clossgregg; **Sean Cottrell**, Dobin's Mill: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Micheál Kennedy, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass);

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association Day Trip**, Tuesday 1st August, places limited so call to shop in community hall 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.

**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 10.30am 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

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

**Kilkenny v Limerick** – again!! They beat us in last year's All Ireland, and in the League Final. Let's wish the very best to Kilkenny panel and management, and hope they make it third time lucky – all with due respect for Limerick people living among us.

**Joachim and Anne** are, traditionally, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Their feast day is 26<sup>th</sup> July. Sunday nearest is designated World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. *A Prayer for Grandparents: Dear God, please bless our grandparents. Thank you for the love they gave my parents and for the life they give to me. For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks. For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice. For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful. Let them grow in wisdom and joy. Let them find peace and rest from their work. Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**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.