

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 30th

Parish Church	Sunday 30 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 31 st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 02 nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 04 th Cemetery Mass	08.00pm
	Saturday 5 th Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.

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: **Peter Meegan**, Cloghabrody Heights (6pm Mass); **Anna Power**, Smithstown; **Eileen Kirwan Burns**, Hounslow, England; **Ned O'Reilly**, Powerswood; **Michael O'Keefe**, Smithstown; **Margaret Doyle**, Newtown Tce: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Michael Kennedy, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass).

Dates for August: 1st -6th **The World Youth Day** takes place in Lisbon in Portugal. The theme for the week is 'Mary arose and went with haste'. Pope Francis' main message is that 'If we wish to follow Christ closely, we cannot choose an easy, quiet life. It will be a demanding life, but full of joy. The measure of greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty. The only war that we must all fight is the one against evil'.

Friday 4th **Our Cemetery Mass**, at 8pm.

Tuesday 15th August is the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**.

Wednesday 30th August **St. Mary's National School** opens once more.

Grennan College will reopen on a phased basis.

The First Friday Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Dan at 0876644858, or the Office on Tuesday - 7793191.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place this weekend: To contact the Society: call: 086-2664669.

The Irish National Sheepdog Trials are taking place in Thomstown on the 24, 25 and 26th Aug. A substantial number of people are expected to travel to the 3-day event. Accommodation is in short supply and the people of Thomstown are asked if they would consider renting a room for a number of nights. Anyone with availability please contact Fionnula on 087 7799848 please.

Safeguarding Concerns If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:
Diocesan Designated Persons
Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 8021633
safeguarding@ossory.ie

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330
Garda National Protective Services
01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302
Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:
Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

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.

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour, **In wine we offer you our** Spirits' grief.
We do not ask you Lord, 'Who is my neighbour?' But stand united now, one in belief.
O we have gladly heard your word, your holy word,
And now in answer Lord our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
Our lives belong to your, our Lord and King.

Céad míle fáilte romhat Íosa, a Íosa, Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa.
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Shlánaitheoir, Céad míle fáilte romhat, Íosa, a Íosa.

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa, a Íosa, Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa.
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaitheoir, Glóir, moladh agus buíochas duit, 'Íosa, a Íosa.

AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU

As I kneel before you, As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours, And fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, Ev'ry dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, Present them to my Lord.
As I kneel before you, And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word, is lost in your embrace.

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