

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 6th**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 07 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 09 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Mass	01.30 pm
	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:** **Ben O'Sullivan**, Scotstown, Co. Monaghan, grandson of Betty O'Sullivan, and **Margaret Burke**, Station Road, died this past week; **Bobby Maher**, Smithstown, Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass); **Anne Cassin**, Boher; **Michael Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey & daughter **Una Long**, Perth, Australia; :

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (120.30am mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass).

**The Priory Institute** two-week online Summer School on the Gospel of John will run from 14-28 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Please visit our website - [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) - to find out more and to register [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

The annual **St Moling's Well** pattern Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher takes place on Sunday 20th August at 2pm. The Mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny, and indeed from other parts, come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern Mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Molings Well on August 20th.

**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

*We may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration. But every day in countless and seemingly small ways God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God reaches out to us. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives. (Michael Moore, OMI)*

Noreen Bowes will host her **Art Exhibition** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 2-6pm in her shared home, Kilfane House, Thomastown, R95 R84W, beside SuperValu in Thomastown. Ph: 087-7957917; E-mail: [Noreen.bowes@aurorakilkenny.ie](mailto:Noreen.bowes@aurorakilkenny.ie)

**The Irish National Sheepdog Trials** are taking place in Thomastown on the 24, 25 and 26th Aug. Accommodation is in short supply and the people of Thomastown are asked if they would consider renting a room for a number of nights. Anyone with availability please contact Fionnula on 087 7799848 please.

**HOW GREAT THOU ART.**

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.  
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When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then shall I bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art.

**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.

**AMAZING GRACE!** How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.  
 I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
 How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.  
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

**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.