

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Funeral Mass	11.00am
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass of the Assumption	10.00am
	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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:** **Joe Murray**, Jerpoint Church; **Joe Teesdale**, Dunmore East died this past week; **Canon Michael Carroll PP** (10.30am Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Andrew Deneffe**, Jerpoint West (10am Mass Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>); **Mary Kenny**, Clossgregg; **Mary Doyle**, Kilfane; **Michael Piert**, Ladywell St: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Paddy Langton**, Perth, Australia whose funeral is on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Australia (6pm Mass); **Bobby Power & Annie Power**, Grennan View (6pm Mass).

**Thank you.** The weather caused us to be hasty at the Cemetery Mass, so this is the place to express gratitude to all who were present, all who read, sang, distributed Communion, and carried out the gate collection. Thanks to Carol Whelan, who took up the task June Prendergast looked after for many years in arranging the altar. Thanks to Billy Davis, John Murphy, Seamus Quigley, Simon Harden, Joe Cahill, and Mark Foley. Thank you for looking after your family graves and keeping an eye too on the unattended ones nearby. Thanks to gravedigger Billy Davis, and to our undertakers who come to our assistance so professionally on the occasions of family deaths. You contributed €3100 at the collection at the Cemetery gate.

Consulting firm Market Dynamics has been commissioned by Kilkenny County Council to conduct a public consultation on **the former SuperValu building in Thomastown**. It is proposed to develop this building/site into a multi-use community hub and/or

green space. A public consultation meeting will be held in Thomastown Community Centre this Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm to explore possible uses for the former building/site. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

The annual **St Moling's Well** pattern Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. If you can't get to the Mass, call at another time!!

Remember TCAF23 – **Thomastown Creative Arts Festival**, 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August. We need to support local endeavour, rather than bemoan the idea of nothing happening among us. The programme is varied, so there is something there for everyone.

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)

**South Kilkenny Historical Society Heritage Week 2023 Event** - Mystery Tour of Mooncoin, Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Starting Main gate Mooncoin Parish Church at 2.30pm.

*The Assumption tells us that God is not only concerned about our souls but also about our bodies. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. They are part of who we are, and so the feast of the Assumption is a feast that celebrates who we shall be. This feast of the Assumption reminds us that our bodies are holy, and they will be raised in glory on the last day.*

**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. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.*

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.