

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
<b>Mong:</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</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 Abbey, **Michael Minogue**, Coppengagh, **Mary Duckett** (nee Roche), Virginia USA and formerly Grennan, **Paddy Geoghegan**, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow and formerly Chapel Hill, died this past week & **Paddy Langton**, Perth, Australia interred in Perth on Friday; **Bobby Power & Annie Power**, Grennan View (6pm Mass); **Bill & Kitty O'Reilly**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Josie Challoner**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Michael & Frances O'Shea**, Low St (9.20am Mass Wednesday); **Jim Minogue**, Cloghabrody; **Percy Ryan**, Bonnybrook; **Joe Walsh** and **deceased family Members**, Low St; **Declan Fennelly**, Oldtown; may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Michael & Joan Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Richard Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church & **deceased members of the Lanigan Family** (6pm Mass); **Phyllis Farrell**, Naas (6pm Mass); **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (10.30am Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

**St. Mary's Old Cemetery** – at the Belfry: the gates are locked because of damage carried out to the CYMS building early in the summer. If you wish to enter the Cemetery, please contact sacristan Tom Walsh or the Parish Office.

***Expanding circles:** That's how Christian faith should spread, like the rippling circles expanding on the surface when a stone drops into a still pond. First to the Jews, then to the Gentiles. Always handed on by direct contact, the sharing of trust, the witness of peaceful conviction, the bearing of one another's burdens. But will our path of faith be smooth? Or will there be indifference or a contrary wind of current opinion hostile to religious belief? In such circumstances, the Canaanite woman offers inspiration, with her iron resolve coupled with good humour and ready wit.*

**Thomastown Parish WhatsApp group.** This is to enable Fr. Dan and the Parish Office to share information of interest directly to a large audience.

To join, you need to be using WhatsApp already. Open the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below. You may need to install a QR Code scanner app if you have an older smartphone. If you're having trouble, you may be able to ask a friend or relative for assistance. Once scanned, you will be brought directly to the WhatsApp group and invited to **Join Group**. Please note that this is a private group. Only administrators of the group can post messages, so your phone won't be beeping with the sound of lots of replies. It's just a handy way to keep informed and you can join or leave at any time.

Thomastown Parish  
WhatsApp group



**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.