

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th August 2023

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 27th.

Parish Church	Sunday 27 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 28 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 30 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 1 st September Mass	09.20 am
	Friday 1 st Wedding	01.00pm
	Saturday 2 nd 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: **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Michael and Joan Kavanagh**, Jerpont Church (6pm Mass); **Richard Lanigan**, Jerpont Church, and the deceased members of the Lanigan family (6pm Mass); **Phyllis Farrell**, Naas, (6pm Mass); **Thomas and Margaret Begley**, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Avenue (10.30am Mass); **Mary O'Reilly**, Dangan; **Eddie Nolan**, Newtown; **Eileen Lee**, Newtown; **Catherine Minogue**, Jerpont West;

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Bernie O'Hanrahan, Colmcille (6pm Mass).

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.

Schools/Colleges begin a new year, so all good wishes and blessings for the year ahead. Blessings and good wishes too to the young people who have received Leaving Certificate results and now open a new chapter in their lives.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is next Friday, 1st September. This theme is held all month, until the feast of St. Francis. St. Fiacre, local man, and patron saint of gardeners, is a good role model for us. The Bishops of Southern Africa have stated: 'Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements, and talents'.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, are currently running a blended learning **Higher Diploma/ Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy**. Applications close 10th September. More information available at sppu.ie/courses or contact them at cmmadmissions@spcm.ie or 01 708 4778.

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.

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.

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