

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 3rd

Parish Church	Sunday 03 rd Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 04 th Funeral Mass	11.00 am
	Wednesday 06 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 08 th Mass	09.20 am
	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: Michael Dunne, Castle Avenue & Maudlin died this week; **Bernie O'Hanrahan**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Ellen Walsh**, Cappagh; **Jane Walsh**, Ashbourne & London; **Paddy Grant**, Slieverue; **Maureen Forristal**, Jerpoint Church; **Catherine Minogue**, Jerpoint West; **Elizabeth (Betty) Kiely**, Ballydonnell; **Eily Butler**, Pleberstown; **Mary & Peter Challoner**, Smithstown; **Sr. De Lourdes Walshe**, Callan & Thomastown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

A very special **Rosary Beads** has been lost at the Church: if found please return to the Sacristy. This would be greatly appreciated by an elderly parishioner.

A Collection is held this weekend to support **Pro-life**. Abortion numbers for the first half of this year indicate that the annual total will be over 10,000. Pro-Life is currently campaigning for the retention of the 3 Day waiting period which enabled over 3,000 women to choose life for their babies.

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12th September at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

According to Pope Francis, if we want to be his disciples, how do we imitate Christ? The task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. Therefore, if we want to be his disciples, we are called to imitate him, expending our life unreservedly out of love of God and neighbour.

St Elisabeth Convent was founded in 1999 in the outskirts of Minsk in Belarus. Since its establishment the convent has been caring for 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies for more than 14 years.

There is a charity shelter founded on the farmstead of the Convent for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able). Over 200 residents live here today. A rehabilitation facility for females was established two years ago for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and the mentally challenged women. To support and develop the above ministries, the Sisters operate more than twenty workshops and studios. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, woodcarving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more. Together with the sisters the residents produce beautiful articles with love and prayer in the convent's workshops.

The Sisters will join us at Masses next weekend and sell some of their produce.

O PRAISE YE THE LORD

O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height; Rejoice in His Word, ye angels of light; Ye heavens, adore Him by Whom ye were made, And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him upon earth, In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; Praise Him Who hath brought you His grace from above, Praise Him Who hath taught you to sing of His love.

SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN,

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, bread, broken and shared as one, the living Bread of God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all, the living Cup, the living Bread of God.

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken, like the first morning, blackbird has spoken, like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning God's re-creation of the new day

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glory of God.