

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10th.

Parish Church	Sunday 10 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 11 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 13 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 15 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 16 th Baptism	04.00 pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
Chapel Hill:	Thursday 14 th Mass	07.30 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: **Michael Dunne**, Castle Avenue, **Declan Carey**, **Sister Mona Saunders**, Callan and formerly Thomastown, died this past week; **Mary Fitzsimons**, 6 Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Marian Doyle**, Newtown Garden; **William & Mary O'Keeffe** (9.20am Mass Friday 15th): may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Joe Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

The collection for **Pro Life** at Masses in Thomastown last weekend came to €283.06. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly Church door collection next weekend. To contact the Society call 086-2664669.

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be live on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw begins a new year of opportunity to support the Cathedral and win money while doing it. Over 8 years the Draw has raised over €700,000. Please support for the coming year. Subscription is €120: just €10 per month for twelve months. Contact the Parish Office, Murphy Victuallers or Liam Reddy.

St Mary's Cathedral Tour This weekend sees the launch of an interactive tour of St Mary's Cathedral. By means of QR codes visitors can interact with and learn about the fascinating history of this wonderful building. Built by the people of Ossory in the 1840s it has a rich legacy of sacred art, design and prayer. The tour will be available year-round for a daily pass at a cost of €5. The tour, however, will be free of charge this Sunday 10th Sept. and the following Sunday 17th Sept. for the people of our Diocese and beyond. A second phase of the tour will also launch in the weeks ahead.

The 2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Niall Coll will take place from Tuesday May 21-Sunday May 26 inc. with places for pilgrims in need of assistance, youth helpers, support staff and able-bodied pilgrims. More later.

The Chosen is an American Christian historical drama television series. about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee, the series centres on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him. Come see Season 1 on the big screen at the Community Centre, Sundays 24th Sept; 8th and 15th Oct, 5th November, 3.30 – 5pm. Free admission.

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.

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME.

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand; Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting; Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be in all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

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.