

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17th

Parish Church	Sunday 17 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 18 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 20 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 22 nd School Mass	09.30 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
Mong	Thursday Mass	07.30 pm.

Deaths: **David Guest**, Friars Hill; **John O'Neill**, Jerpoint West, died this past week; **Joe Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Colin O'Brien**, Friarhill (10.30am Mass); **John Costelloe**, Galway & **deceased Members of the Costelloe Family** (10.30am Mass); **John Walsh**, Powerswood; **John & Catherine Doody**, Colmcille; **Monica Villalard (nee Walsh)**, Jerpoint Abbey; **John Kenny**, Kiljames; **John & Elizabeth Doolan**, Mill St: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Seamus (Doc) Costelloe** (6pm Mass); **Nancy Carroll** (6pm Mass); **Brendan Fitzpatrick**, Powerswood (10.30am Mass).

Thomastown Parish Council will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evening from 7.30pm in the Mercy Chapel with special emphasis on prayer for Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood: all welcome: please join us.

Godly Play, appropriate for out younger parishioners, resumes this Sunday at 10.30am Mass.

Do this in Memory: the girls and boys in second class in St. Mary's NS begin with great earnestness their preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** in May 2023. A meeting for parents who support them will be held on Wednesday at 7pm at the National School.

The **AGM** of the **Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association** will take place on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm in the local community hall. All welcome.

Season One of The Chosen (rated PG12+) will be shown on the big screen at the Community Centre on Sundays September 24th, October 8th & 15th & November 5th: 3.30-5pm telling stories of Jesus & the Disciples. **Free Admission.** See Poster in Church.

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.

Synod Gathering in our Diocese on **Friday September 22nd** We will join with Pope Francis and the young people invited to Rome by holding an ecumenical **Taizé prayer** in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral at **7pm** with a special invitation to all the young people of the Diocese. Then on **Sunday 24th September** we will gather as the People of God in Ossory at the **5.30pm Mass** united with the People of God across the world to pray for the Universal Synod. People from across the diocese are invited to attend.

Thomastown Folk Choir will sing in **Knock** Basilica on Sunday 1st October at midday Mass. They are looking forward to singing at Knock Shrine and would love to have some of the community present on the day so they invite pilgrims from Thomastown to join them. Spaces are limited however, so if you are interested in travelling with them, don't delay in booking your seat ...€25 per person, payable on booking. All payments are nonrefundable as the cost of the bus is significant. Please book by September 25th. Contact Kate at 087 2504014, or Monika at 087 9020373.

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.