

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 8th

Parish Church	Sunday 08 th Mass	10.30 am
	Sunday 08 th Baptisms	11.30 am
	Monday 09 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 10 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 12 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 And Anniversaries: **Kathleen Finan**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Liam Burke**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Martin Langton**, Kilmullen (6pm Mass); **Johnny Byrne**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Bishop Larry Forristal** (10.30am Mass); **Jack & Bridie Burris**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **The Barron family** Wexford (9.20am Mass Monday); **Paud Kavanagh**: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Deceased Members of Thomastown Senior Citizens Association; **Lynn Roche**, Jerpoint Church; **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne; **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry : 6pm Mass; **Josie Beck**, Dangan Tce; **Kathleen Denieffe**, Newtown; **Mick Conlon**, Legan; **John O'Neill**, Jerpoint West: Month's Mind: 10.30am Mass.

Enrolment: welcome to the girls and boys preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion in 2023. They will enrol in the Do This in Memory parish programme this Sunday at 10.30am Mass.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Come and see Episodes 3&4 of '**The Chosen**' Sunday 3.30pm on the big screen in the Community Centre. Refreshments afterwards. Free Admission.

St. Vincent de Paul collection takes place next weekend: Contact : 086-2664669.

October Stations Please look to the Station envelopes – for the income of the priest. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th October at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

There will be a public **Rosary** for our Lady of Fatima on Friday October 13, in The Square, Inistioge, at 3.00pm, or in the Church if raining.

1. Faithful is the Lord our King, Let us all in glory sing,
ever praise in song and word: Holy, Holy Holy Lord.

Holy Father, God of might, throned amid the hosts of light
take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and Heav'n above.

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where 'er I go, Christ around above below.

2. Lord, accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast,
bread and wine to be transformed now through the action of thy priest.
Take us too, Lord, and transform us, be thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless as the host of wheat so fine;
may all stain of sin be crushed out, like the grape that forms the wine,
as we too, become partakers in the sacrifice divine,.

3. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

4. 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.

The Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, Mission

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis set out with determination to continue the implementation of the Second Vatican Council. The synod is one of the fruits of that council, and with this two-session Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is seeking to develop its potential for the renewal of the life of the church. "The gaze of Jesus invites us to be a church that, with a glad heart, contemplates God's action and discerns the present," the pope said. "The pope reminded the synod's participants, as well as its critics, that the primary task of the synod is "to refocus our gaze on God, to be a church that looks mercifully at humanity. A church that is united and fraternal, that listens and dialogues; a church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths to draw people into the beauty of faith. A church that has God at its centre and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally. This is how Jesus wants the church, his bride, to be." He said Jesus calls us to be a church "which does not impose burdens, and which repeats to everyone: 'Come, you who are weary and oppressed, come, you who have lost your way or feel far away, come, you who have closed the doors to hope: The church is here for you!' The doors of the church are open to everyone, everyone, everyone!" Pope Francis reminded participants that the main protagonist of this gathering is the same Holy Spirit. And, as he has said on several occasions, he sees this synod as the implementation of the Second Vatican Council, not Vatican III.