

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
15th October 2023

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15th

Parish Church	Sunday 15 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 16 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 18 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 20 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
Chapel Hill	Thursday Mass	07.00pm

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: **Sr. Mary Minogue**, Limerick formerly Thomastown died this past week; **Declan Carey**, Colmcille: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **John O'Neill**, Jerpont West: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Deceased Members of Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association** (6pm Mass); **Lynn Roche**, Jerpont Church (6pm Mass); **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Mick Conlan**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Josie Beck**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Denieffe**, Newtown (10.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne & daughter Julie Mason**, Castle Ave : may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Vincent Walsh**, Powerswood (6pm Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am /Mass); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Society contact number is 086-2664669.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life on Monday from 6.30pm: All welcome. Please join us.

Cois Nore Choir will perform a concert in St. Colmcille's Church Inistioge on Friday the 20th of October at 8pm. Donations on the night for the Rower Inistioge Vincent de Paul Society. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Cois Abhann Community Centre. All welcome.

3rd Kilkenny Thomastown Scout Group celebrates 60 years of scouting in Thomastown this Sunday and re-opens the Scout Den. Congratulations to all involved and thank you for all you do for the young people of the area.

The November Mass offered for all who have died during the past year, and for all the dead, will be held on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm. We invite families of the deceased since last November to give us a photo, before then, which we will place in the Church for November.

Taizé Youth Programme 2024 A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 23rd June to Sunday 30th June 2024. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taize and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2023 to June 2024 is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday 27th Oct. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

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.

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. 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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