

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**05<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 05 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 06 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 08 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Wedding	03.00 pm
	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: Thomas F. Kelly**, Market St (6pm Mass); **Martin Roche, Grennan & his sister Mary**, recently deceased (6pm Mass); **Tom & Mary Barron**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Maggie Barron**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Hannah Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **Peter Lannon & Members of the Lannon Family** (9.20am Mass, Wednesday); **Josie Walsh**, Kilarney & UK; **Kathleen Reddy**, Dangan; **William & Patrick Grace**, Grennan; **Alice Mackey**, Logan St: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Tom Dack**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Bessie Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **Alice O'Keeffe**, Smithstown (10.30am Mass).

**Thomastown Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm.

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

**Anam Cara Southeast** will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14th November 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Synod Update** As the recent phase of the Synod ended in Rome much focus was on the synthesis document that emerged from the sessions. The report from this phase can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and it is on the Ossory website.

**The Chosen:** This Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> is the last chance to see Season One of The Chosen on the big screen. The final episodes will be shown at 3.30pm in the Community Centre. Free admission and refreshments.

### **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

### **2. GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE**

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered, fruits of labour, fruits of love;  
taken, offered, sanctified, blessed and broken; words of one who died:

#### *Refrain*

*Take my body, take my saving blood, Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour, living presence here, as he promised while on earth:  
'I am with you for all time, I am with you in this bread and wine'. **R**

### **3. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**

I am the bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger;  
You who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

#### *Chorus:*

*And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, on the last day.*

The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever. You shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection; I am the life.

If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever.

Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who has come, into the world.

**4. O God, you search me** and you know me, all my thoughts lie open to your gaze,  
When I walk or lie down you are before me; ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising, You discern my purpose from afar;  
and with love everlasting you besiege me; in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding, God of my present, my past and future, too.

### **5. HYMN FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

Stretch out your loving hands, O Lord, to souls that are so dear.  
Take them O Lord to God on high, Release them from all fear.

#### *Refrain:*

*Grant mercy and love to the Holy Souls, O hear us, Lord, we pray!  
May they be prepared to meet you, Lord, On their great Judgement Day.*

Be gentle, Lord, with all dear souls, Protect them with your Love!  
Enfold your arms around them, Lord, 'till they reach Heaven above.

When my life's o'er and I depart, O listen to my prayer;  
Take me, O Lord, to thy Sacred Heart, And those I love so dear.