

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 12th.

Parish Church	Sunday 12 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 13 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 15 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Wednesday Wedding	01.00 pm
	Friday 17 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
Mong	Wednesday Mass	07.00 pm
Chapel Hill	Thursday Mass	07.00 pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday Mass	11.00 am
St. Columba's	Thursday Mass for the Dead	02.00 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: **Marie Daly**, Mallfield & **Maureen DeLoughry**, Nore View Crescent died this past week; **Tom Dack**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Bessie Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **Alice O'Keeffe**, Smithstown (10.30am Mass); Mary O'Neill, Station Road; Mary & Dave Walshe, Dysart & their son David: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **John Prendergast**, Kilarney Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Pat Stapleton**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Michael Furlong**, Cloghabrody (10.30am Mass); **Maureen Croke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

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

Theology Online Open Evening, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday 29 November.

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18th November from 2pm. Speakers include Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Luke Demasi, Fr. John McEaney, Frances Hogan. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.

Before Saint Monica's death she said to her son, Augustine: 'Lay this body anywhere, let it not be a care to you. This only I ask of you, that you would remember me at the Lord's table wherever you may be'.

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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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.