

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
19th November 2023

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 19th.

Parish Church	Sunday 19 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 20 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 22 nd Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 24 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: **John Prendergast**, Killarney, Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Pat Stapleton**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Patrick & Margaret Cullen & Deceased Members of the Cullen Family** (6pm Mass); **Michael Furlong**, Cloghabrody Heights (10.30am Mass); **Maureen Croke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey (9.20am Mass, Monday); **Martin & Bridget Moore**, Ballydonnell; **Sheila Kirby**, Dangan Tce; **Deceased Members of the Doyle & Heafey Families** : may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Unie Kelly**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Peggy Murphy** (nee Stapleton), Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Frances White**, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Josie & Joe Lannon**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Pat Higginbotham**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Stephen Behan, Margaret Behan, Charles Behan, Phyllis Behan & all deceased Members of the Behan Family** (10.30am Mass).

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will pray for vocations to priesthood and religious on Monday at 6.30pm at the Mercy Chapel. All welcome to join with us.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Government in Ireland after the Civil War Speaker: Jack Burtchaell, on Friday, 24th November at 8pm at Mullinavat Parish Hall.

Collection for the Ossory Priests Society – Feast of Christ the King - Week end of 25th/26th November 2023. The Society seeks to make suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness, and old age.

Do this in Memory; next Sunday we hold the third of our parish Masses for the children preparing for First Communion.

Adoration for the **Feast of Christ the King** on 26th November, will take place in Inistioge Parish Church from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

Do You Have Difficulty with Reading or Writing?

In Ireland almost 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading and writing? One in four have difficulty with maths. One in two have difficulty with digital devices. If you or a family member would like support or upskilling, please contact: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service 056 776 3149. for a free and confidential service.

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.

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.

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.