

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 3rd.

Parish Church	Sunday 03 rd Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 04 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 06 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Thursday 7 th Mass for Vigil of Immaculate Conception	07.00 pm
	Friday 08 th Mass of the Immaculate Conception	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 05 th Mass and Anointing of Sick/Elderly	11.00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after Saturday evening Mass or any other time on request. While we incorporate Reconciliation into Mass this Saturday, the Sacrament is available after Mass during Advent, with the opportunity to talk with the priest.

Masses celebrated at the Parish Church are available on webcam and 108fm.

Deaths: **Sister Sheila Sheehy**, Blessington/Kilkenny; **Brigid Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Hill; **Anne Daniels**, Carroll's Village died this past week; **Dick Forristal**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Annie, Paddy & Leo Holohan**, Ballylinch (10.30am Mass); **Maura Collins**, Knocknabooly (10.30am Mass); **Patrick Butler**, Cloughsgreg; **John & Lily Mackey**, Cloughsgreg; **Josephine Butler**, Pleberstown; **John Whelan**, Jerpoint Church: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Kathleen Cahill**, Smithstown (6pm Mass); **Seán O'Sullivan**, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); **Eileen O'Mahony**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass)

Year for Vocations To Diocesan Priesthood – Take A Risk for Christ - You are invited to join with St. Joseph's Young Priests Society and Ossory Vocations in a Holy Hour, which will take place in St. Michael's Church, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny, on Monday, 4th December 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

The Parish Finance Committee meets on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection takes place next weekend.

Also, our **Table Quiz** takes place at Tim's Bar on Friday 8th at 9pm. Tables of four @ 40euro. Please support this worthy Cause whilst having great fun. See you there.

Collection for the Ossory Priests Society Thank you for your contributions - €605.

The Annual Candlelight Procession, organised by the Fatima Apostolate, will take place on Friday, 8th December 2023, leaving The Parade, Kilkenny, at 8.00 p.m.

Tweet for each Day: Thoughts, reflections, prayer & ideas – why not take a few moments each day during Advent to pause in prayer: follow us on [Twitter@ossory diocese](https://twitter.com/ossorydiocese). Simple booklet available to download now at Ossory.ie.

Godly Plays for Advent: Why not follow the Advent Story with the younger members of your family. Each week a new Godly Play will be available on the Ossory website. A chance for you and your children to reflect together through play and prayer on this advent journey.

Christmas Mass Cards, with the recipient having a place in a triduum of Masses, are available after Mass or at the Parish Office.

Parish Calendars for 2024 are available – a wonderful gift to yourself or to someone away from home.

1. O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel To ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lowly exile here. Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths from hell thy people save And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Come, O Lord

Promised Lord and Christ is he; may we soon his kingdom see.

Come O Lord, quickly come, Come in glory, come in glory, come in glory, quickly come.

Teaching, healing once was he; May we soon his kingdom see.

Come O Lord, quickly come, come in glory, come in glory, come in glory, quickly come.

3. Christ, circle round us

Come, O Radiant Dawn, splendour of the morning light.
Come Son of justice, turn away the pow'r of night.

*Refrain: Christ, circle round us. Christ, may your light surround us.
Shine in our living. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving.*

Come, O Flow'r of Love, holy branch of Jesse's tree.
Come, Bough of Blessing, bloom for all the world to see. *Refrain:*

Come, O Word of ~Truth, font of knowledge from on high.
Come, Holy wisdom, be our faithful friend and guide. *Refrain:*

4. HOW GREAT THOU ART.

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.*

And when I think: that God his Son not sparing Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim: My God, how great thou art.