

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 5th**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Funeral Mass	11.00 am
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Wedding	01.00 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 and Anniversaries:** Alice Minogue, Newtown Tce died this week; Kathleen Cahill, Smithstown (6pm Mass); Seán O'Sullivan, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); Eileen O'Mahony, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass); Dan Shanahan, Noreview Crescent (10.30am Mass); Ned Ryan, Friarshill; Thomas Morrissey, Coolroemore; Nancy Walsh, Jerpoint Abbey; William Mackey, Logan St; Billy McMahon, Newtown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Maggie Morrissey, Clossgregg (6pm Mass); Bernie Stapleton, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); May Delaney, Pipe St (6pm Mass); Niall Hogan, Ruppia House (10.30am Mass).

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

The PPC has produced a **2024 Calendar**, with many photographs. It is available after Mass or at the Office. A wonderful gift for Christmas and 2024.

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

A talk on '**Parenting Anxious Young People**' by internationally renowned consultant adolescent psychotherapist Bronagh Starr has been organised for Grennan College, Thomstown at 7 pm on Monday, December 11th. This is a free talk, and all are welcome. Limited places available.

**Thomstown Parish Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** will be held on Sunday 17th December at the Community Centre at 1pm. Please leave your name to the shop in the Community Centre on Thursday or Friday between 9.30 am and 1 pm

The **St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House Bookshop** is open 5 days a week (Mon - Fri) 9-30am till 5-00pm, with a great selection of Nativity Sets, Christmas Cards, Nativity stories, spiritual books and other religious gifts. Selection of Calendars, Catholic Diaries for 2024, Bibles and a wide range of Children Stories Picture Bibles also.

**Thomstown Community Centre** will be serving traditional Christmas Day dinner with all the trimmings at 12.30pm for anybody living alone in the Community. It is very important that you let us know if you would like to share in the Festivities on this special Day. Contact Seamus: 087-7728170

**Anam Cara Southeast** will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12th December at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**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 O Israel, to you shall come Emmanuel.*

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 O Israel; to you shall come Emmanuel.*

**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.