

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17th.

Parish Church	Sunday 17 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 18 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 20 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 22 nd Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 19 th Mass	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Wednesday 20 th Mass	07.00pm
Mong	Thursday 21 st Mass	07.00pm
	Sunday 24 th Mass	10.30am
	Sunday 24 th Christmas Masses at 5pm and 8pm	
	Monday 25 th Christmas Masses at 9am and 11am	

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 Terrace; **John Caulfield**, Borrisokane and formerly Thomstown; died recently; **Maggie Morrissey**, Clogregg, (6pm Mass); **Bernie Stapleton**, Maudlin St. (6pm); **May Delaney**, Pipe St (6pm); **Sean Ryan**, Bonnybrook (7pm Wednesday); **Niall Hogan**, Ruppá (10.30am); **Stephen Ryan**, Stoneyford; **Stephen Ryan**, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway; **Elizabeth and Patrick Fanning**, **Maisie and Brid Fanning** and **Thomas Redmond**, Marshes St.; **Jimmy, Betty and Seamus Byrne**, Dangan Terrace; **Frances Prendergast**, Killarney; **Mary and Larry Costelloe**; **Margaret and Michael Madigan**; **Geraldine Cullinane**, Clonakilty. RIP.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Julia O'Keeffe, Cloghabrody (6pm Saturday); **Teresa and Jim Lee**, Newtown Terrace (10.30am Sunday); **Jacqui Doyle**, Carrickmourne (11am Mass Monday).

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

The PPC hosts **Christmas Carols** – join us on Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Church.

2024 Calendar, with many photographs. It is available after Mass or at the Office. A wonderful gift for Christmas and 2024.

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

All Ireland Intermediate Hurling Championship Semi-Final, with Thomstown v Setanta (Donegal) will take place this Sunday in Newry. All the best to our boys!!

Holy Communion Round: Sister Anna and Fr. Dan will bring Holy Communion to those who can't join us in Church over Christmas on Thursday or Friday of this coming week. This will replace the January visits.

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 South Kilkenny Historical Society

South Kilkenny Historical Society **Lá an Dreoilín** (Wren Day) event on Tuesday, December 26th at Mullinavat Parish Hall and Church Car Park, at 11am

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. CHRIST BE NEAR AT EITHER HAND, Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where'er I go, Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart; Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day;
Christ be my unchanging friend, guide and shepherd to the end.

3. 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.