

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 11th.

Parish Church	Sunday 11 th Mass	10.30 am
	Sunday 11 th Baptism	11.30 am
	Monday 12 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 14 th Ash Wednesday Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 14 th Ash Wednesday Mass	07.00 pm
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 16 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 13 th Mass	11.00 am
Chapel Hill	Thursday 15 th Mass	07.00 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: **Peggy James** (nee Minogue) UK & Jerpoint West recently deceased; **Maura Roche Minogue**, Newtown Tce & deceased members of the **Roche family**, Clossgregg (6pm Mass); **Seán Finan**, Kilmurphy (6pm Mass); **Joe & Tom Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Tom Lannon**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Delahunty**, Mill St (10.30am Mass); **John Delahunty**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Stephie Behan** & deceased members of the **Behan Family** (10.30am Mass); **Andrew Barron**, Ballyconway (10.30am Mass); **Anne McFadden** (nee Beck) & **Harry Beck**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Michael Minogue**, Jerpoint West (10.30am Mass); **Lillian Lee**, The Belfry; **Richard Gaule**, Colmcille: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Jim & Rita Caulfield**, Monteen (6pm Mass); **John Dalton & Sandra Brett**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Cáit Doyle**, Smithstown (10.30am Mass); **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass).

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

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly collection next weekend. To contact the Society members, call 086 2664669.

Come and See, **Waterford Charismatic Renewal**, on Sunday February 11th from 2.00pm to 5.30pm in the Tower Hotel, Waterford. Prayer, Praise, Music, Scripture Sharing and Healing. All welcome. For enquiries, contact Sile 086 8590 394.

The annual **Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22 May 2024 from Cork, with accommodation available in the hotels La Solitude, Padoue or Agena for 5 nights. Capacity is limited this year; it is advised that pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes book as soon as possible. For additional information on the pilgrimage, please contact us on 01-2410800 or info@joewalshstours.ie.

Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 maoc50@me.com

Lent begins on 14th February – next Wednesday. Traditionally, for us Catholics this is a time of self-denial, saying no to self so that we can with greater freedom say yes to God and to others.

– **FASTING** - In addition to food items, fasting might include limiting or giving up for a time: cellphone, social media, news/entertainments, criticism of self/others. Or try early bedtime,

ALMSGIVING- In addition to monetary contribution, almsgiving could include forgiving someone, giving the gift of a spiritual book, writing to old friends, making quality time for someone neglected, visit a nursing home, volunteering, smiling and making eye contact.

PRAYER- Making a nightly appointment with Jesus, reading a spiritual book or through a book of the Bible, picking a saint to be your Lenten prayer partner/helper, praying a 40-day novena for someone in your life, incorporating a gratitude practice by thanking God morning and evening for the daily blessings.

The Aid arm of the Irish Bishops Conference is **Trocaire**. This year's Lenten appeal puts the spotlight on Malawi. The people there are poverty-stricken, and the problem is heightened because of climate change. Take home a Trocaire package, if the children in the National School haven't already brought home one. Have a read of the literature and consider supporting this noble call during Lent.

God is love: his the care, Tending each, everywhere.

God is love, all is there! Jesus came to show him, That mankind might know Him!

Refrain: Sing aloud, loud, loud! Sing aloud, loud, loud!

God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise Him!

None can see God above; All have here man to love;

Thus may we Godward move, Finding Him in others, Holding all men brothers: *R*

Come to me, Lord, and live within me. Fill my soul with your life and love.

Free from sin this day, Lord, preserve me, True to your word, give me your peace.

Bring quick relief to all who suffer, comfort and strength to all those who mourn,

You are the vine, and we are the branches, Though we are many, in you we are one.

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done, In whom the world rejoices;

Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God Through all our lives be near us,

With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,

And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills In this world and the next.