

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
25th FEBRUARY 2024

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 25th.

Parish Church	Sunday 25 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 26 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 28 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 01 st Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 2 nd Baptism	04.00 pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 27 th Mass	11.00 am
	Thursday 29 th Mass	11.00 am

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: **Breda Murray**, Castle Ave Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Billy Woods**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Bridget & Patrick Dunphy & Family**, Newtown Tce & England (6pm Mass); **William Savage**, Friarshill (10.30am Mass); **Catherine O'Byrne**, Jerpoint West (10.30am Mass); **Padraic Kirwan**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **John & Margaret Dempsey**, Ballyhale; **Thomas (Toddy) Kelly**, Kilfane; **June Prendergast**, Market St; **Margaret Fennelly**, Boher: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Margaret & Jamie Minogue**, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass).

Friday is the **First Friday** of February, so Sister Anna and Fr. Dan will bring Communion to the homebound on Friday. If not among those we call to monthly and you would like to receive Communion at home, please let us know.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens, St. Patrick's Day dinner celebrations on Sunday 17th March 2024 at 1.30 pm. In the Community Centre. Please leave your name into the Senior Citizens Shop from Thursday 29th February.

Line Dancing for Beginners at Cois Abhann Inistioge on Tuesday the 5th of March. Class from 1.45 to 2.45. Contact Sarah 087 9792483.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Acts of Union: Mixed Marriage in Modern Ireland; Speakers: Dr Ruth Duffy and Dr Alison Garden on Friday, 23rd February 2024 at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). All welcome.

Safeguarding Concerns If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

Diocesan Designated Persons
 Ms. Ailish Higgins 085 8021633
safeguarding@ossory.ie

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or
 Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330
 Garda National Protective Services
 01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302

Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:

Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

GOD OF MERCY & COMPASSION, look with pity upon me;
 Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not implore in vain;
 all my sins I now detest them, never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have abandoned Right and claim to heaven above,
 Where the saints rejoice for ever In a boundless sea of love.

IN BREAD WE BRING YOU Lord, our bodies' labour. In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.
 We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour? But stand united now, one in belief.
 Oh we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,
 and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
 Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
 Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

THE KING OF LOVE MY shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never.
 nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, To rest my soul he leads me:
 Where fresh and fertile pastures grow, With heavenly food he feeds me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With you dear Lord, beside me;
 Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross will ever guide me.

And so through all my length of days, Your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever.

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.

Counselling Services

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