

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 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 Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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:** **Tommy Beck**, Kilmuckridge & Dangan Tce recently deceased; **Sheila Maher**, Smithstown Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Tony Kehoe**, Edinburgh & Station Rd (6pm Mass); **Roly Collier**, Friarhill & his Mother **Alice Collier** (6pm Mass); **Seamie Minogue**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Toddy Cassin**, Boher (6pm Mass); **Ned Nevin**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Rose Morrissey**, Station Rd (6pm Mass); **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridge Brook Arms (10.30am Mass); **T. J. McCarron**, Redhills, Cavan (10.30am Mass); **Fr. Peter Orr**, Edinburgh (10.30am Mass); **Paddy & Mary Greene**, Pleberstown (10.30am Mass); **Josie Ryan**, Bonnybrook (Mass Chapel Hill Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm); **Mary Cody**, Bawnskeha (Mass Chapel Hill Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm) **Josie Dack**, Cloghabrody; **Johnny O'Rourke**, Kilkenny Road; **Carol Poloczek**: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Brian (Bun) Doolan**, Dangan (6pm Mass); **Mary Byrne**, Dangan (6pm mass);

We're very appreciative of our **Readers in Church**. On Monday we ask you Readers to come together at the Church at 7pm. Fr. Tom Norris will speak with us. If you're still thinking of the invitation to be a **Minister of the Eucharist**, take the plunge and contact Fr. Dan or Trish Dempsey.

**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.

**Mother's Day** comes round once more, and the opportunity to affirm all Mothers for the role which is so valued in all our families. Thank you Mums.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens**, St. Patrick's Day dinner celebrations on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm. In the Community Centre. Leave your name into the Senior Citizens Shop.

*The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE an Easter Triduum retreat* Bright Sadness and Solemn Joy: The Easter Triduum'.  
*Visit the website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) to register/find out more.*

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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@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie).

Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 [maoc50@me.com](mailto:maoc50@me.com)

**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. I  
 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