

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

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14th.

Parish Church	Sunday 14 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 15 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 17 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Thursday 18 th Confirmation	11.00am
	Friday 19 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 16 th Mass	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Wednesday 17 th Mass	07.30pm

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 Delaney**, Newtown Tce & **Gary Doheny**, Dúnán recently deceased; **Gerry Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **John & Martha Darcy**, Waterford (6pm Mass); **Joe Dunphy**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **John & Annie Whelan**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Tess Hennessy**, Low St (10.30am Mass); **Mary Hayes Gibbons**, Bawnskeha; **John & Mary Challoner**, Newtown Tce; **Frances Challoner**, Pipe St: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Kathleen Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Mattie Lawlor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Michael & Margaret O'Carroll**, Hillview (10.30am Mass); **David O'Neill**, Kilkenny & Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

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

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

Bishop Coll will be coming to Thomastown for 11am Thursday for the Sacrament of **Confirmation**. If you are joining us, please come in good time, as parking may be a problem.

Before that **Sister Sally Hyland**, a John of God Sister, who met the girls and boys last Tuesday and this coming Tuesday, will meet the **parents/guardians** of the young people at the Community Hall on Monday at 7.30pm to talk about this big event in their lives.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Adoration Monday from 6.30pm: Mercy Chapel.

Dúchas - Tullagherin Heritage Society - Dr Walter Walsh Memorial Lecture
Oisín Kelly, renowned Irish sculptor, remembered by his daughter, Siobhán Tulloch.
Illustrated Talk, Thomastown Community Centre, Wednesday 17 April at 8 p.m.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Title: Kilkenny's Titanic Survivor. Speaker: MaryAnn Vaughan, on Friday, 26th April at 8pm, Mullinavat Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). Admission €5 (society members free). All welcome.

Central to **the Sacrament of Confirmation** is the Bishop's call of the Holy Spirit – as each priest does at Mass in asking God to send the Spirit who will transform the bread and wine – to come and empower the recipients.

The Bishop speaks to the congregation: My dear friends, in baptism, God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to His chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen these His sons and daughters with His gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God. Bishop: All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit, you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of right judgement and courage, the Spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the Spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOD BIDS US WELCOME TO....

*God bids us welcome to his house and he invites us to his feast.
Day of great joy and happiness. Alleluia!*

Great was my joy when I was told Let us go forth to God's abode
that's in the city of the Lord.

Christ is the sun which brings the dawn. He is the light of all the world,
setting us free from death and sin.

Christ is alive with joy we sing We celebrate our Risen Lord
Praising the glory of his name.

A NEW HYMN OF PRAISE

A new hymn of praise Let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. R

This is the day the Lord has made, Ransom for sin his life he gave.(R)

Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, We receive back, his life divine.(R)

So live within us, make us one, Stay with us, Lord, till life is done (R)

Sing Alleluia

Sing, sing, sing alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made.

Dance, dance, dance alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad, This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad, This is the day!

Play music to honour God's name. this is the day the Lord has made.

Sing psalms and songs of praise: this is the day.

Let all creation sing and shout for joy this holy Day.

Let all creation sing and shout for joy, This is the day!