

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21st.

Parish Church	Sunday 21 st Mass	10.30am
	Monday 22 nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 24 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 26 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 23 rd Mass	11.00am

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: Paddy O'Keeffe, Smithstown & **Stephen Behan**, Cloghabrody interred this week; **Helen Comerford Lambert**: Month's Mind(10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Mattie Lalor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Patsy Bolger**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Martin Morrissey**, Station Rd (6pm Mass); **David O'Neill**, Kilkenny & Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Michael & Margaret O'Carroll**, Hillview (10.30am Mass); **John Dempsey**, Chapel Hill; **Daniel Kenny**, Clossgregg; **Thomas Morrissey**, Stoneen; **Billy & Nellie O'Reilly**, Market St; **Ella Brennan**, Graiguenamanagh; **Edward Holohan**, Oldtown; **Connie O'Neill**, Grennan & Cheekpoint & her sister-in-law **Breda Fanning**, Cheekpoint. May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Ann Forristal, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Isabella Doyle**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Dick & Lena Murphy**, Jerpoint West (10.30am Mass); **Larry Aylward**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society holds its monthly collection this weekend. To contact the Society members, call 086 2664669.

Confirmation 2024 :Tommy Allen Grace, Julian Kolodziejczyk, Robert Atkins English, Daniellea Lanigan, Olivia Barron, Billy Mackey, Jayden Butler, Aoibhe Meegan, Nathan Cash, Will Mernagh-O'Gorman, Ryan Carroll, Ben Murphy, Lily Caulfield, Serena Murphy, Megan Caulfield, Anthony Murray, Ruby Collins, David McGrath, Luke Conway, Óisín McGrath Kenny, Áine Curran, Ellen Nugent, Evie Dempsey, Eve O'Neill, Enrika Dirziute, Shane O'Neill, Helen Edwards, John O'Reilly, Abbie Fennelly, Kieran O'Shea, Matthew Garry, Paddy Raftice, Cillian Grace, Kayleigh Skehan, Robbie Heafey, Zac Spence, Rachel Hickey, Saoirse Stapleton, Colm Hynes, Melissa Walsh, Michael Hobson-Shaw, Tommy Walsh, Dara Jordan, Kevin O'Sullivan Wemyss, Libby Kavanagh, Sophie Wilson, Filip Klejna, Dara Wilson.

St. Mary's National School are holding a **clothes collection** on Wednesday, 24th April. Please donate any items of clothes, shoes, blankets, curtains (pillows and duvets are not accepted). Bags can be dropped to the school any of the days up to Tuesday, 23rd April.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Spring Sale for 2 days Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April bargains galore.

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement Conference: *Ignite Our Youth and Unite Families* will be held in *Knock on 17th & 18th May 2024 (Pentecost Weekend)*. To Register / Request information: email info@flameoflove.ie, visit www.flameoflove.ie or phone Kieilty at 087.095.8443.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association Day Trip will take place on Wednesday 8th May. Depart 9am from car park at hall and onto Dublin Zoo from 11am-2pm; Afternoon tea 2-5pm; dinner on the way home in Seven Oaks Carlow at 7pm and return to Thomastown. As per last year the charge is €10 per person and is on a first come first served basis. Please book and pay through committee members in the hall shop between 9am and 2pm on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th April and Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd May.

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!