

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 28th.

Parish Church	Sunday 28 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 29 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 01 st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 03 rd Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 30 th 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: **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); **Joseph O'Reilly**, Ladywell: may these and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (6pm Mass); **Delia Roche**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Richard Forristal**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Andrew Forristal**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass).

Cremation and Columbarium

The Church, in a statement in 1964, raises no doctrinal objections to the practice of cremation, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God from raising up the body of the deceased to new life. Thus, cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.

The Church encourages placement of cremated remains in a final resting place.

A Columbarium is a wall, like a dovecote, that is designated for the interment of ashes of people who have died and whose remains have been cremated.

The Parish Finance Committee, with the Parish Council, have been speaking about the erection of a Columbarium in St. Mary's New Cemetery for over a year, and has now applied for Planning Permission from Kilkenny County Council. We will have more information after responses from Kilkenny County Council and the Diocesan Buildings and Properties Committee.

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.

Calling all Choirs and soloists to participate in the 'Choirs For Peace' concert on May 19th in St. Johns Church Kilkenny at 3 pm. The Ukrainian choir will join the event in raising our voices for Peace in our World.

Concert Hall Play: Forth Wall Drama Group from Co. Laois will perform the John Murphy Play: a Comedy called 'The Country Boy' on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th May at 8pm. Tickets at the door on the night.

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!

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

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