

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 05 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 06 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 08 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> First Communion Mass	11.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 07 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 09 <sup>th</sup> 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:** **Harry Cullen**, Dublin & Thomastown recently deceased; **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (6pm Mass); **Delia Roche**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Richard & Andrew Forristal**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Brigid Bookle**, Bawnskeha (10.30am Mass); **Deceased Members of the Fennelly Family** Jerpoint Church; **Elizabeth Dempsey**, Newtown Tce; **James & Bridget Brennan**, Powerswood; **Pat Roche**, Logan St; **Molly Lannon**, Newtown; **Billy Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Hill: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Kay Walsh (nee O'Reilly)**, Bridge Brook Arms & Mullinavat (6pm Mass); **Marie Woods**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Niall Walsh & his father Billy**, Jerpoint West (10.30am Mass); **Daniel McPherson**, Maudlin St (10.30am Mass).

**The Thomastown Ladies Gaelic Football Association** is laying aside its boots this weekend and will treat us to a Cake Sale after 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

**The Sacrament of Anointing** for all who are ill or elderly will be held at Mass at St. Columba's on Tuesday at 11am.

**The Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph** (formerly SJYPS) sincerely thanks all those who contributed to the **Collection** for the education of students for Priesthood last weekend: €745 was received. Please continue to pray for our Seminarians.

Over 10,000 babies aborted last year. Spare a thought for their short lives and join the **March for Life**, Dublin, Bank Holiday Monday, 2.00pm, from University Church St Stephen's Green to Molesworth Street. Mass in University Church at 12.30.

***It is a good thing to love something, even a rosebush. 'For myself I am contented to be a small gardener who loves his plants'. (Van Gogh).***

Inistioge will host a **'Darkness into Light'** event on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the river Nore. Register at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie) or on the night.

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly **Parent Evening** for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**Coach Trip to Lismore** on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Cost - €70 for members and €75 for those who are not paid-up members for 2024. This includes coach hire, entrance to Lismore Heritage Centre, a walking tour of Lismore, entrance to Lismore Castle Gardens and an evening meal at the Foley's, Lismore, but not the cost of lunch. The coach will depart Main Street, Mullinavat at 9am, returning at approximately 10pm. For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, [brigidbarron@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)). A €20 non-refundable deposit will apply.

**Conversations with Women in the Bible.** This Conference will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny. The speaker is Thérèse Fitzgerald. The Conference is from 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 pm and costs €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door. Booking is essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST**

Bring flowers of the rarest,  
Bring blossoms the fairest,  
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale,  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

### **Chorus:**

***O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May,  
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.***

Their lady they name thee  
Their mistress proclaim thee,  
O grant that thy children on earth be as true,  
As long as the bowers,  
Are radiant with flowers,  
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.