

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 19th.

Parish Church	Sunday 19 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 20 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 22 nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 24 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 21 st 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: **Breda Delaney**, Newtown Tce: Month's Mind(6pm Mass); **Joe Murray**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Jack Lanigan**, Badgerock (6pm Mass); **Tom & Brid Skehan**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Breda Burke**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Stephen Behan**, Cloghabrody: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Jim Blanchfield**, Jerpoint Abbey (10.30am Mass); **McEntee Family**, Mount Juliet: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Paddy O'Keeffe**, Cloghabrody: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Ellen Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Jim & Maura Waugh**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass).

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society has a new phone number. To contact the Society members, please call **087 4830988**. Apologies to anyone who may have been trying to contact the Society in the last few weeks.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly SJYPS) will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evening from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. All welcome.

The Nomads from New Ross are playing in Cois Abhann Inistioge with special guests Lizzy Heffernan and Nothings Perfect. Saturday the 25th of May at 8pm. Admission €10. To book tickets contact Josette 0877596558. Tickets also available in Inistioge Post Office and Ina's the Rower. In aid of **Rower Inistioge Vincent de Paul**.

The Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage departs next Wednesday 22nd of May. We are delighted that 5 young people from our parish are travelling as helpers to the sick, Oran Murphy, Dillon Abbott, Luciana O'Flaherty-Lanigan and Katie Jordan from Grennan College and Róisín McElwee from Presentation Secondary School. They are very grateful to all of you who have supported them in their fundraising which enables them to travel on this pilgrimage and carry out this very important work. The students have left petition slips at the back of the church for you. Please write your prayers on the slips and put them into the box provided which will remain in the church until next Tuesday. They will take your prayers and place them in the petition box at the Grotto in Lourdes. Please do not put any donations into the box.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - Saturday, June 1 Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 11.30am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

COME, HOLY GHOST, Creator, come, Descend from heaven's throne,
Come take possession of our hearts, And make them all your own.

You are the source of strength and might, Great gift of God above,
You are the fount of truth and light, The flame of hope and love.

Show us the Father and the Son, O Spirit whom they send.
That in God's kingdom we may live, The life that knows no end.

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.