

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
26th MAY 2024

Parish Priest: Fr. Dan Bollard Mobile 087 6644858 Email: bollarddan@gmail.com Website www.thomastownparish.ie Radio: fm108 Diocese of Ossory Reg. Charity No. 20015831.	Parish Office: Tel No 056 7793191 Opening Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 - 1pm Email: thomastown@ossory.ie Facebook: Thomastown Parish
---	---

THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 26th.

Parish Church	Sunday 26 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 27 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 29 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 31 st Mass	09.20am
	Friday 31 st Wedding	12.30pm
	Saturday 1 st June Baptisms	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 28 th Mass	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Thursday 30 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: Paddy O'Keeffe, Cloghabrody: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Ellen Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Siobhán Stapleton**, Kilfane (6pm Mass); **Jim & Maura Waugh**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne** Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **Statia Collins**, Norelands (10.30am Mass); **Marie Hayes** (9.20am Mass Wednesday 29th); **Bridget Power & her son Michael Power**, Grennan: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Paul Forristal, Maudlin Court (10.30am Mass).

Do this in Memory; next Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi, we hold our parish Mass with the children who have received First Communion in May.

June beckons, and for many in education, this means many varying things. Third level students have completed their exams, and some will make the most of J1 visas, while others work in this country. Junior cert exams loom for third years, and Leaving Cert exams loom for sixth years, who now complete their second level education and look to choices for the future. To all we wish the very best for the summer. School may end for the summer. However, education continues, even if in a different setting, whatever age we are.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cemetery Mass will be held in Colmcille on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm.

Cemetery Mass will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery on Friday 2nd August at 7.30pm. Please note the earlier time. In other years we held the Mass at 8pm.

Corpus Christi Procession 2024

On the weekend of the 2nd June we will celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Jesus**. This year we are going to move the celebration of the 5.30 p.m. Mass from St Mary's Cathedral to the grounds of St Kieran's College. Hopefully, the weather will oblige, and the Mass will be on the front lawn with a Corpus Christi Procession afterwards in the grounds of the College. Our celebration will be led by Bishop Niall. This gathering in faith will help us recall the days when many of the people of Kilkenny used to go to the College on that June weekend for the first blessings of the newly ordained priests.

Thought for the Day: One of the key challenges today is that of individuality – when 'I' comes first, without thought for the other. I am not surprised that we have lonely young people and lonely elderly people; it's not surprising we have racist divisions – if 'I' is all that matters, I don't need to worry about connecting to anyone else or understanding anyone else or being on the side of anyone else. Thinking about the Trinity brings us into a different way of thinking about ourselves and the world. When we enter into the mystery of the relationality of the Trinity, we can no longer exclude people. All are equally loved and valued by God.

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.