

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 16th.

Parish Church	Sunday 16 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 17 th Mass	09.20am
	Tuesday 18 th Funeral Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday 19 th Wednesday Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 21 st Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 18 th Mass	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Wednesday 19 th Mass	07.30pm
Mong	Thursday 20 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: **Kathleen Minogue** interred on Friday; **Anna Maher** whose funeral takes place on Tuesday; **Joe Comerford** Burrellspark (6pm Mass); **Angela O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road (6pm Mass); **Joseph Prendergast**, Market St (10.30am Mass); **Joseph Challoner**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Linda Doyle**, Berkley Lawn (10.30am Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **Michael Hayes**, Tramore (9.20am Mass Friday); **Shivaun Kavanagh**; **Esther & Jack Woods**, Newtown Tce; **Joe O'Hara**, Jackstown; **Dorakeen Comerford**, Jerpont Hill; **Nicholas Walsh**, Jerpont Abbey; **Mary Ryan**, Kilfane; **John Fennelly**, Boher: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Paddy Ryan**, Legan (6pm Mass); **Peg Lancashire**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

Father's Day On the third Sunday of June each year we celebrate Father's Day. Best wishes to all Dads.

Godly Play will take a break for the Summer, as school shuts and people, children and the adults who lead the Godly Play, take holidays. So, this is the last Godly Play until September. A big thank you to the adults who conduct Godly Play – and they are always looking to expand the team – and to the children who participate in it – and new girls and boys are always welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place this weekend. Thank you for your generosity. Contact for the Society: 087--4830988

Saint Brigid died in 524, fifteen hundred years ago. She founded a monastery at Kildare, and is greatly remembered there. The Parish Council will lead a **Pilgrimage** to Kildare on Wednesday 3rd July, and you would be very welcome to join us. Please contact the Parish Office, or one of the Parish Council members, to book a place on the bus. More details next week.

'Day for Life': a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life
Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned. The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE, you who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
Chorus:

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, on the last day.

The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever. You shall live for ever.

Unless you eat, of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life. You who believe in me even if you die, you shall live for ever.

SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE

Sweet Sacrament Divine, our shepherd and our king
around your earthly shrine, with grateful hearts we sing
Jesus to you our voice, we raise, In songs of love and joyful praise.
Sweet sacrament divine, Sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace, In you mankind is blessed
All pain and sorrow cease, And human hearts find rest.
Upon your promise we rely, Who eats this bread will never die
Sweet sacrament of peace, Sweet sacrament of peace.

Faithful is the Lord our King, Let us all in glory sing,
ever praise in song and word: Holy, Holy Holy Lord.

Holy Father, God of might, throned amid the hosts of light
take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and Heav'n above.

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where 'er I go, Christ around above below.