

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Mass	01.00pm
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Mass	01.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Cemetery 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:** **Anna Maher** interred this week: **Paddy Ryan**, Legan (6pm Mass); **Peg Lancashire**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Maura Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (10.30am Mass); **Mary Kate Doolan**, **Johnny Doolan**, **Ben Doolan**, **Tusa Doolan**, Newtown (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen O'Brien**, Mong; **Teresa Dunne**, Knocktopher; **Declan Heafey**, Mallfield; **Patrick Doolan**, Castle Ave: may they rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Pat Doherty**, Cloghabrody; **Jenny Teesdale**: Month's Mind: (6pm Mass); **Brendan Griffin** (6pm Mass); **John & Ellen McGrath** (6pm Mass); **Gabrielle Schmidt**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Eileen Costelloe**: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Mary Ryan**, Maudlin St (10.30am Mass).

Our Mass on Tuesday will be – weather permitting – at the **Cemetery at the Hospital**, as we remember all who have died at the Hospital and those buried at the Cemetery.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**School Mass:** we will be joined by the girls, boys and staff of the National School on Wednesday as they thank God for the school year that is concluding and say farewell to the girls and boys moving on to continue their education in second level schools.

The annual Collection for the Holy Father – **Peter's Pence** – will be collected at the door on your way into Mass next weekend.

The Report of the **Parish of Thomastown Finances 2023** is available at the back of the Church.

**Mount Juliet International Chamber Choir** will sing at our Mass next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Choir won the IBEC Workplace Choir of the year award at the Cork International Choral Festival. The Choir is indeed international, with four Irish members, two members from Croatia, one from Ukraine, one from England, two from Germany and two from India.

**Saint Brigid** died in 524, fifteen hundred years ago. She founded a monastery at Kildare, and is greatly remembered there. She has a message for our times. The Parish Council will lead a **Pilgrimage** to Kildare on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

We will leave from the SuperValu carpark at 9.30am. At Solas Bhríde, built by the Brigidine Sisters, one of the Sisters will talk with us and tell us about Brigid and her significance for us today. We will then have Mass, followed by tea, sandwiches and scones. After that we will go to St. Brigid's well, and from there visit the Parish Church, where the relic of St. Brigid is. We will head for home from there, stopping at Apple Green off the motorway for a brief stop, for a toilet break/ cuppa, ice cream or whatever, and get home in good time for dinner. The cost will be €25. Children, accompanied by an adult, will be free.

Why not visit [www.solasbhríde.ie](http://www.solasbhríde.ie) if you plan to come on the Pilgrimage, and even better still visit solasbhríde.ie if you are not travelling with us.

**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.