

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 30th.

Parish Church	Sunday 30 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 01 st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 03rd Mass in Kildare	12.00am
	Friday 05 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 6 th Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
St. Columba's	Tuesday 02 nd Mass and Anointing	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: **Jenny Grace**, Jerpoint Church, Month's Mind(6pm Mass); **Brendan Griffin**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **John & Ellen McGrath**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Gabrielle Schmidt**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Eileen Costelloe**, Monteen Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Mary Ryan**, Maudlin St (10.30am Mass); **Nancy Murphy**, Pleberstown; **Jacob Lannon Coone**, Dangan; **Mitchel Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Michael & William Walsh**, Cappagh; **Deceased Members of the O'Leary Family**, Pleberstown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Rita Kirwan**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **John Morrissey**, Clossgregg (10.30am Mass).

Parish Adoration in thanksgiving and for the needs of our Parish will take place in the Main Church on Monday evening from 6.30pm-7.30pm instead of Wednesday morning. All welcome.

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly **Holy Hour of Exposition** in the Mercy Chapel, off the main altar, Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 2nd July, from 8.00-9.00pm. July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

The annual Collection for the Holy Father – **Peter's Pence** – collected at the door on your way into Mass this weekend. Your contribution goes to support some of the Pope's charities.

Anointing of the Sick and Elderly will be held on Tuesday at our 11am Mass at St. Columba's Hospital.

Welcome to the **Mount Juliet International Chamber Choir** who enhance our 10.30am Mass this Sunday. 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.

We go on Pilgrimage on Wednesday to Kildare, and to Solas Bhride, dedicated to **Saint Brigid**. Please contact the Parish Office, or one of the Parish Council members, to book a place on the bus, departing at 9.30. from the SuperValu carpark. At Solas Bhride, 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.solasbhride.ie if you plan to come on the Pilgrimage, and even better still visit solasbhride.ie if you are not travelling with us.

Friday is the **First Friday of July**, so Sister Anna and Fr. Dan will bring Communion to the homebound either on Thursday or on Friday.

St. Mary's Cemetery Mass will be held on Friday 2nd August at 7.30pm. When you are preparing your grave for the occasion you might consider tidying up graves near yours who may have nobody to look after them – please.

Please come and support the **March for Life** which will take place in Dublin on Saturday, July 6th, leaving Parnell Square at 1.30pm and walking down O'Connell Street and the Quays. Let's show the world how much we care.

Members of the **South Kilkenny Historical Society** will join locals and others, on Sunday July 14th, for the annual climb of Tory Hill on Fraochan Sunday. This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughanasa. John Dwyer, who has written extensively on Pilgrim Paths of Ireland, will give a talk, on the summit of the hill, on the traditions associated with Fraochan Sunday and Mass will be celebrated, by the Bishop of Ossory Dr. Niall Coll, at 3.30pm.

The Church's new **Child Safeguarding Policy** is now LIVE and was launched by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland on the 11th June 2024. *A Safe and Welcoming Church –Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2024.*

The policy reminds us that - Safeguarding is core to the Mission of the Church. Consistent with Gospel values, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus. You can access the policy by visiting the Diocesan website ossory.ie or via the National Board website at this link <https://www.safeguarding.ie/policy/doc>