

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 07th.

Parish Church	Sunday 07 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 08 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 09 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 11 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 08 th 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: **Mary Bridget Conway**, England & **Teresa Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey & London recently deceased; **Martin Morrissey**, Station Road (6pm Mass); **Rita Kirwan**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **John Morrissey**, Clossgregg (10.30am Mass); **Angela & Gerard McEvoy**, Jerpoint Church; **Patrick Kelly**, Newtown Tce; **James, Mary & Thomas Cassin**: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Bobby Maher** (6pm Mass); **John Byrne**, Ballylinch (6pm Mass); **Eamonn Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Nancy Skehan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place next weekend: Contact No: 087-4830988.

Thank you: You contributed €505 at the **Collection for the Holy Father** – Peter's Pence- last weekend. In 2023, €48,000,000 came from donations from around the world. Allocations for "direct assistance to those most in need," charitable projects picked by the pope, totalled 13 million euros in 2023, spread across 236 projects in 76 countries. In 2023 Ireland contributed €900,000 to the Collection.

The Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage took place from the 22nd to the 27th of May, engaging with the 2024 Pastoral Theme; "Come here in Procession". A group of 180 departed from Ossory, including 40 Youth Helpers from schools throughout the Diocese, who were accompanied by Fr Dan and Bishop Niall Coll, alongside teachers, Diocesan Priests, medical staff, parishioners and assisted pilgrims. Throughout their time in Lourdes, Youth Helpers had the opportunity to take part in several events, including the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, the Torchlight Procession, the Water Service, Penitential Service, Sacrament of the Sick and the Stations of the Cross. All petitions and prayers from the

parish were collected and placed into the petition box at the Grotto by the students from Grennan College, who greatly enjoyed their time in Lourdes and are very thankful for the support shown for their fundraising, which enabled them to carry out their important work. Many placed roses by the Crown Statue, a sign they will return to Lourdes in the future. The unique experience of Lourdes allowed for the creation of friendships not only between the Youth, but also with their adopted Grannies and Grandads, and will be an experience they carry forward on their faith journeys.

Thomastown Parish Calendar: In recent years, the Parish Pastoral Council has produced calendars celebrating those individuals and groups who form part of our local parish community. For our 2025 calendar, we would like to recognise all of those who have left our parish to live elsewhere but who still call Thomastown home. If you have family or friends residing in another part of Ireland or abroad who would like to have their photograph included in our 2025 calendar, we would love to do so. In particular, we would be delighted to include photos of family members who have received the sacraments of baptism, communion, confirmation or marriage in recent years. Please email your photos to thomastown@ossory.ie accompanied by a short description ... who is in the photos, what special occasion took place where relevant, and when and where the photo was taken. By sending photos, you will be giving permission for them to appear in the 2025 calendar. If including photographs of children, please also attach consent from parents/guardians when sending to us.

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears To those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of Him, who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done, In every heart that sings.

In his wisdom, He strengthens us, Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, Our God is there to save.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord, I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them, Whom shall I send?