

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14th.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Mass	02.00pm
	Baptisms	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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: Bobby Maher**, Smithstown (6pm Mass); **John Byrne**, Ballylinch (6pm Mass); **Eamonn Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Nancy Skehan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Ann Donnelly**, Jerpoint Church; **Mary O'Reilly**, Ladywell St; **Jack Galway**, Knockard; **John Comerford**, Burrellspark: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Mary O'Connor**, Mt. Juliet & her daughter **Susan O'Connor Behan** (6pm Mass);

**2025 Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Year:** At a ceremony in St Peter's Basilica on Ascension Thursday Pope Francis solemnly proclaimed the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025. This holy year, PILGRIMS OF HOPE, will run from the Christmas Day 2024 when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. It will conclude on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Everyone knows what it is to hope, and the Pope expressed his desire that the Jubilee year might be "an opportunity for us to be renewed in hope". The motto for the year, PILGRIMS OF HOPE, represents key themes of Pope Francis' time as pope: PILGRIMS and HOPE.

**Vocations Society of St Joseph** (formerly SJYPS) will hold Adoration for Vocations on Monday from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel. Our **Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island**, led by Bishop Niall Coll takes place on Sunday July 28th: Bus leaving the Quay car park at 12 noon. To book please contact Marian on 086-0693510.

**Every Life Counts** is a support network for parents whose unborn child is not expected to live beyond birth. They provide parents with information, comfort and every assistance as they journey together through the precious days of their baby's short life. Please give generously to Every Life Counts church gate collection next weekend, July 20/21.

**Safeguarding Concerns** If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:  
Diocesan Designated Persons  
Ms. Ailish Higgins 085 8021633  
[safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or  
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330  
Garda National Protective Services  
01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302  
Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:  
Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

**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?

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1800 313 316

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