

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21st.

Parish Church	Sunday 21 st Mass	10.30am
	Monday 22 nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 24 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 26 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's Mong	Tuesday 23 rd Mass	11.00am
	Thursday 25 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: Mary O'Connor & Susan O'Connor Behan, Mt. Juliet (6pm Mass); **Vanessa McGarry**, Jerpont West (6pm Mass); **Declan Roe**, Kilfane East (10.30am Mass); **James & Margaret Kelly**, Knockbrack (10.30am Mass); **Deceased Members of the Kelly Family**, Jerpont Church (10.30am Mass); **William Butler**, Cloughsgregg; **Joe Challoner**, Cloghabrody; **Maria Hogan**, Bawnskeha: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Peter Meegan, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Catherine Walsh**, Newtown (10.30am Mass).

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

This is the schedule of weekend Masses in our neighbouring Parishes:
Inistioge: 7.30pm Saturday in The Rower, 9.30am in Clodiagh and 11am in Inistioge. **Tullaherin:** 8pm Saturday in Tullaherin and 10.30am in Bennettsbridge.
Graignamanagh: 7.30pm Saturday and 11am; Skeaghvosteen at 9.30am.
Ballyhale: 7.30pm Saturday in Ballyhale, 9am in Knockmoylan, 11am in Knocktopher. **Aghavillar:** 6.30pm Saturday in Stoneyford, 8pm Saturday and 10am in Hugginstown

Prophets of a future not our own.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for

the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. Bishop Ken Untener.

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?