

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
28th JULY 2024

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 28th.

Parish Church	Sunday 28 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 29 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 31 st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 02 nd Wedding Mass	01.30pm
	Friday 02 nd August Cemetery Mass	07.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 30 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: **John Murphy**, Kilmacshane & **Michael Doolan**, Ontario, Canada recently deceased; **Peter Meegan**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Catherine Walsh**, Newtown (10.30am Mass); **Margaret Doyle**, Newtown Tce; **Michael O'Keeffe**, Smithstown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Anne Cassin**, Boher (6pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass).

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.

Our annual **Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cemetery on Friday 2nd August at 7.30pm. Thank you for taking good care of your family grave. As you prepare the grave for the Cemetery Mass you may notice graves that are unattended, and you might consider tidying them up also..... please.

The First Friday of August: Sister Anna and Fr. Dan will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Office on Tuesday - 7793191.

Day trip to Kilkenny on Wednesday 28th August 2024, to include a trip on the road train, free time for shopping etc and lunch in the Hoban Hotel, cost 10 euro. For further details call to the Senior Citizens Shop Thursday and Friday 9 am to 2 pm. Names taken from Thursday 1st August 2024.

Every Life Counts thanks everyone who so generously contributed to last week's church gate collection which came to €380. May God bless you for your kindness.

A Cois Nore Outreach worker will be visiting the Thomstown Community Centre Hall every Thursday morning between 10am and 12pm. Starting on Thursday the 22 August 2024 and every Thursday thereafter. This will be a local haven to call for information about **Cois Nore Cancer Services and Support**.

***Grandparents** bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part. Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure. The founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, grandparents keep a family close at heart.* Author unknown

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.

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.

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.
O may this bounteous God Through all our lives be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.