

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 18th.

Parish Church	Sunday 18 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 19 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 21 st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 23 rd Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 24 th Wedding	01.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 20 th Mass and anointing of sick/elderly	11.00am
Mong	Wednesday 21 st Mass	07.30pm
Chapel Hill	Thursday 22 nd 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: Richard, Mena & John Lanigan, Jerpoint Church, **deceased members of the Lanigan Family & Phyllis Farrell**, Naas (6pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Joe Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (10.30am Mass); **Michael & Frances O'Shea**, Low St (9.20am Mass Wednesday); **Joe Walsh**, Low St; **Mary Doyle**, Kilfane; **Mick Minogue**, Coppengagh; **Mary Kenny**, Clossgregg; **Jim Minogue**, Cloghabrody; **William & Mary Grace**, Grennan: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

The annual **St Moling's Well Pattern Mass** in Mullinakill takes place on Sunday 25th August at 2pm. Come to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Moling's Well.

Kilkenny County Council are conducting a **survey of holy wells and Mass paths in County Kilkenny**. We also hope to hold workshops around the county over the coming months to hear your stories. To get involved in the project or to share information about your local holy well or mass path, please contact the Heritage Office at Kilkenny County Council at heritage@kilkennycoco.ie or 056 779 4923

Godly Play Camp for Primary School Children Join us for a morning of storytelling, wondering, creating and a real feast! This camp is suitable for children of primary school age and is led by parents of young children trained in this work. St Kieran's College Saturday August 31st 10am-12.30pm. Places are limited. To book please call 056 7753624 or email afd@ossory.ie

A Cois Nore Outreach worker will be visiting the Thomastown 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**.

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland

Friday 8th – 10th November 2024 - Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

The Catholic Marriage Enrichment program has been transforming marriages in Ireland for over 50 years and in 94 countries around the world.

The programme involves a Weekend experience that transforms the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other.

The Weekend experience allows one to develop a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. Sacramentally married couples are most welcome. While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on the ups and downs of married life.

Further information and online booking at: www.marriageencounter.ie

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.

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze,
When I walk or lie down you are before me: Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising, You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting you besiege me: In ev'ry moment of life or death you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have known its meaning through and through,
You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your spirit is upon me, Still I search for shelter from your light,
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, Gave me life within my mother's womb,
For the wonder of who I am I praise you: Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU, As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours, And fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, Ev'ry dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, Present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you, And I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word, is lost in your embrace