

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 1st

Parish Church	Sunday 01 st Mass	10.30am
	Monday 02 nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 04 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 06 th Mass	09.20am
	Friday Wedding	01.00pm
	Saturday Wedding	01.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 03 rd 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: **William Cotterell**, Kilcullen interred this week; **Elizabeth Kenny**, Dangan Tce Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Michael Dunne**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Bobby & Annie Power**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Betty Kiely**, Ballydonnell: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Bernie O'Hanrahan**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Alphonsa Thersa** (6pm Mass); **Declan Carey**, Kilmurphy (10.30am Mass); **Betty Comerford**, Burrellspark (10.30am Mass).

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly Holy Hour of Exposition in the Mercy Chapel at the Parish Church, on Tuesday, 3rd September, from 8.00-9.00pm.

The **AGM** of the **Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association** will take place on Wednesday 4th September 2024 from 7pm, in the local community hall. All welcome.

COIS NORE – OUTREACH CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE is available from 10 am to 12 noon on Thursdays at the Community Centre Tel. 087 4833941 or email outreach@coisnore.ie for an appointment or drop in during the above times.

First Friday visits will take place on Thursday and Friday.

Godly Play will return to Sunday Mass on Sunday 8th September. All are welcome, especially pre-First Communion children.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly collection next weekend. To contact the Society members, call 086 2664669.

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. 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.

The Relic of St Charbel will visit the Dominican Black Abbey on Sunday, 1st September 2024, from 4 pm to 6 pm. There will be a talk on the life of St. Charbel and novena prayers concluding with Mass at 6 p.m. and blessing with the relic after Mass. For further information please contact Fr. Willie Purcell, 087 6286858.

A Mystic and Maronite hermit, St Charbel was born in 1828 in Lebanon and at the age of 20 became a Maronite monk at Annaya Abbey. As a hermit, Charbel was famous for his spiritual gifts. He spent almost a quarter century displaying many miraculous abilities and was noted for his love of the Holy Eucharist.

St Charbel died in 1898. He canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI.

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Faithful is the Lord our King, Let us all in glory sing,
ever praise in song and word: Holy, Holy Holy Lord.

Holy Father, God of might, throned amid the hosts of light
take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and Heav'n above.

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where 'er I go, Christ around above below.

God's Spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

He sent me to give the Good News to the poor, Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see, And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come, (2)

Just as the Father sent me, So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world, The whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say, Don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart, Will speak in your heart.

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.