

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Baptisms	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 19 <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: Maureen Forristal**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **John O'Neill**, Jerpoint West (10.30am Mass); **Margaret (Peggy) Walsh**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **William & Mary O'Keeffe** (10.30am Mass); **David Guest & Colin O'Brien**, Friarshill (10.30am Mass); **Mary Fitzsimons**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Alice Power**, formerly Kilmurry (10.30am Mass); **John Walsh**, Powerswood; **Eily Butler**, Pleberstown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Seamus (Doc) Costelloe** (6pm Mass); **Nancy & Paddy Carroll**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Brendan Fitzpatrick**, Powerswood (10.30am Mass); **John Costelloe**, Galway & **deceased members of the Costelloe Family**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass).

**The Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**St. Bernadette Relics**, at the Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Saturday midday – formal reception of the Relics with Mass.

3pm Rosary

6pm Water Gesture Ceremony

7.30pm Ceremony of light and concluding prayers

Sunday 11am Mass

3pm Rosary

5.50pm Sunday Mass

7.30pm Farewell ceremony.

Meanwhile while the Cathedral is open on those two days you will be welcome to call to see the Relics and say a prayer.

**Faith Seeking Understanding** We were first brought to our faith, probably as infants, by our parents or guardians. On that day they professed faith on our behalf. Throughout our lifetime many of us live that faith in varying ways and often the only education we received was that which we got in school.

This course aims, in a gentle fashion, to allow people the opportunity to learn in, an adult way, what it is that we believe. The Course ask of you two hours per week, October 2024 to March 2025.

For information and to download the application form go to [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) , email [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie), tel 056 7753624 or get an application form at the back of the Church. The closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**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.

**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.

<b>Counselling Services</b> <b>Towards Healing Confidential Helpline</b> 1800 313 316 <a href="http://www.towardshealing.ie">www.towardshealing.ie</a> <b>Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service</b> 01 505 3028 <a href="http://www.towardspeace.ie">www.towardspeace.ie</a>
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