

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 26 <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:** **Luke Murtagh**, Nenagh; **Seamus Doc Costelloe** (6pm Mass); **Nancy&Paddy Carroll**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill St (6pm Mass); **Billy O'Brien**, Friarshill (6pm Mass); **Brendan Fitzpatrick**, Powerswood (10.30am Mass); **John Costelloe**, Galway & **deceased members of the Costelloe Family**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **John & Elizabeth Doolan**, Mill St; **Laurence Holden**, Knockbrack; **John & Catherine Doody**, Colmcille; **Mary & Peter Challoner**, Smithstown; **Mary O'Reilly**, Dangan; **Eddie Nolan**, Newtown; **Ellen Lee**, Newtown Tce; **John Kenny**, Kiljames; **Marian Lennon**, Legan: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Thomas Kelly**, Kilfane Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **John Prendergast** (6pm Mass); **Frank Cullinane**, Berkely Lawn (10.30am Mass).

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture titled **Murder and Justice in 19th Century Kilkenny**, with speaker Donal Cadogan on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.  
 Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). All welcome.

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)** will hold its monthly Hour of Adoration for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in the Mercy Chapel from 6.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.

Reminder that **Parish Adoration** takes place each Wednesday after Mass in thanksgiving for Graces and Blessings received and for the needs of our Parish Community. Please come even if only for a short while. All welcome.

Season 3 of 'THE CHOSEN' is coming to Thomastown Community Centre starting Sunday September 29th on the big screen from 3pm to 5pm. Two Episodes each fortnight. Free admission. Refreshments available. Rated 12+ PG. All welcome: Spread the News.

**First Communions 2025.** Parents of children who commit to First Communion in 2025 are asked to attend a talk at the National School on Monday at 7pm. Ms. Maeve Mahon will speak about the Sacrament and these important weeks leading to First Communion and First Confession.

**Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Saint Vincent de Paul** is one of the best known and best loved saints. Born in 1581 in France, he died on 27th September 1660. He writes of two years as a slave, and on getting his freedom and returning to Paris he became chaplain to the galleys. He gathered a number of people around him who assisted in attending to slaves and the poor. This led to the establishment of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, whose mission was to look after the needy. He gathered a group of priests about him who busied themselves with priestly formation and parish missions. In 1883 Frederick Ozanam set up a group of people who would minister to the needy, and in looking for a patron he picked St. Vincent de Paul. To this date the Society serves in this parish and in 153 countries worldwide.

**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.