

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 29th.

Parish Church	Sunday 29 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 30 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 02 nd Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 04 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 01 st Mass	11.00 am

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: **Josie Follis**, recently deceased; **Thomas Kelly**, Kilfane West Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **John Prendergast**, Kilarney (6pm Mass); **Frank Cullinane**, Berkley Lawn (10.30am Mass); **Michael (Mick) Manning**, Kilmurry; **Teresa Sheehan**, Noreview Crescent; **Dorothy Teesdale**, Belmore: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Joe & Ann Challoner**, Newtown Tce & Cavan (6pm Mass); **Pat O'Neill**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Liam Burke**, castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

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

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.

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly **Holy Hour of Exposition** in the Mercy Chapel, Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 1st October, from 8.00-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

Friday is the **First Friday**, and Communion will be brought to the homebound. If you are not on our list, please contact Fr. Dan or the Office and we will be happy to include you.

The **Parish Council** acknowledges and celebrates the many **community groups** in the parish that provide essential services and social outlets for all of us. We invite them to join us at **Mass** next Saturday at 6pm. We hope you can join us also.

Anam Cara, supporting bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Support Evening on Wednesday 2nd October at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. We also offer an online support group meeting. For more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 29th June to Sunday 6th July 2025. This an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. Bringing people together is also the essence of Taize. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will made the trip to Taizé next year.

The programme runs from November 2024 to July 2025 and is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date for applications is Friday 25th Oct. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

*'No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well
your neighbours running faster than you you have to understand,
that no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land
no one burns their palms under trains beneath carriages
no one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck
feeding on newspaper unless the miles travelled
means something more than the journey.*

No one crawls under fences no one wants to be beaten pitied

I don't know what I've become but I know that anywhere is safer than here'.

This weekend we hold **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. The poem is an excerpt from 'Home' by Warsan Shire, born in Kenya of Somali parents and now living in Britain. See the full poem on www.facinghistory.org

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.