

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 07 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 09 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 08 <sup>th</sup> Mass and Anointing	11.00 am
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	07.00 pm

**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:** **Pat O'Neill**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Liam Burke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Noel O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road; **Paul Kavanagh**, Berkley Lawn: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Martin Langton**, Kilcullen (6pm Mass); **Lynn Patricia Roche**, Jerpont Church (6pm Mass); **Larry Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Josie Beck**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass).

**A Taizé Prayer Service** will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We are gathering around the Taizé cross to pray in communion with the ecumenical prayer in Rome, during the second session of the Synod on Synodality of the Catholic Church. Come join us for a short time in prayer, silence and chant. All are welcome.

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

A **Public Rosary** will be held in **Inistioge Square** on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3.00 pm in honour of our Lady of Fatima. We thank Our Lady for her continued intercession for all our families. We pray especially for Peace throughout the World at this time. The Church will be used if the weather is bad. All are very welcome.

"**St. Mary's Cathedral Café** is now open every Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm, All profits from the café support the vital work of Teac Tom, providing suicide prevention and mental health services. [www.facebook.com/stmaryscathedralcafe](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscathedralcafe)"

Thank you to the **Goan Community** who have made a generous contribution of €341 to the Parish, money left over after the Sunday Morning party for Our Lady's Birthday.

**St. Luke's General Hospital Remembrance Mass** will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. The Mass can also be viewed via the following link: <https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/>

Some dates for your diary:

**Do this in Memory**, the Parish preparation for First Confession and Communion, begins with an Enrolment Ceremony at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**First Communion** will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The Ossory **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

We await from the Bishop's Office the date for **Confirmation** in Thomastown in 2025.

### **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.

### **HOW GREAT THOU ART.**

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.*  
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And when I think: that God his Son not sparing Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.*  
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When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home – what joy shall fill  
my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim: My God, how great thou art.