

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13th.

Parish Church	Sunday 13 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 14 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 16 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 18 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Baptism	04.00 pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 15 th 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: Deceased Members of Thomastown Senior Citizens Association (6pm Mass); **Martin Langton**, Kilcullen (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Finan**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Lynn Patricia Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Larry Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Josie Beck**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass); **Maura Byrne**, Carrickmourne; **Bridie Farrell**, The Rectory: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Thomas Murray, Stoneyford Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass);

Do this in Memory; we hold our Enrolment Mass for the children preparing for First Communion next Sunday. First Communion will be on Saturday 10th May at 11am.

Confirmation: Bishop Coll will hold the Sacrament of Confirmation in Thomastown on Saturday 29th March.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society holds its monthly collection this weekend. To contact the Society members, call 086 2664669.

The Chosen – this Sunday The Chosen, episodes 3 and 4 will be shown on the big screen in Thomastown Community Centre, 3- 5 pm. Free admission. All are welcome, and admission is free.

World Mission Sunday is 20th October. The theme this year is 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. A Church door collection will be held next weekend to support the work of mission financially.

October Stations: a gentle reminder that the October Stations are one of five collections for the support of the priest in each parish. Your financial support is greatly appreciated – and needed.

The Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association will be 46 years in existence on 14th October 2024. It is wonderful that over those years the Seniors in the area have got together to organise activities for themselves. Well done, thank you, and good wishes for the future.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture on Francis MacManus: County Kilkenny's Greatest Novelist by Willie Nolan on Friday, September 25th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall.

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.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.

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.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art.

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.