

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 20th.

Parish Church	Sunday 20 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 21 st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 23 rd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 25 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Wedding	02.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 22 nd Mass	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Thursday 24 th Mass	07.00pm

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: Margaret Nolan, Friars Hill & **Margaret Grace**, Grennan interred this week; **Thomas Murray**, Stoneyford Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth Walsh**, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Bishop Larry Forristal**, Jerpont Church (6pm Mass); **Josie Follis**, Boher Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Peter Fitzsimons**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Kathleen Holohan**, Oldtown (10.30am Mass); **Billy & Mary Hogan**, Newtown Tce & Wales (Monday 9.20am Mass): may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Joe & Ann Challoner, Newtown Tce & Cavan (6pm Mass); **Vincent Walsh**, Powerswood (6pm Mass); **Molly Lawlor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Mick Condon**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Stephen, Margaret, Charlie & Phyllis Behan**, Cloghbrody (10.30am Mass).

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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society: we've been giving out an old number for the Society. Apologies! To contact the members, call 087- 4830988.

World Mission Sunday is 20th October. The theme this year is *'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'*. A Church door collection is held this weekend to support the work of Mission financially. Of course we support the Missions by our prayer, and by the example of our own following of Jesus.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) will hold one hour of Adoration for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life on Monday evening from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel. Please join us even for a short while. All welcome.

November approaches, when we think of all who have gone before us. We seek to be supported on our pilgrim way by their example and prayers, and we think of them prayerfully. Saturday 2nd November is **All Souls Day**, and we will hold our **Mass for the Dead** at 6pm on that day. We invite the families of those who have died since last November to provide us with a **photograph** of the deceased. This will be placed in the Church, and returned to you afterwards. Please leave the photographs in the letter box at the Sacristy or at the Parish Office.

One of the duties of the Parish Priest is to offer nine Masses for the deceased during November, and Fr. Dan will do that also.

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.