

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10th.

Parish Church	Sunday 10 th Mass	10.30am
	Sunday 10 th Baptism	11.30am
	Monday 11 th Mass	09.20am
	Monday 11 th Wedding	01.30pm
	Wednesday 13 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10:11am
	Friday 15 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Baptisms	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 12 th Mass	11.00am

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: **Alice O'Keeffe**, Smithstown (6pm Mass); **Tom, Mary & Maggie Barron**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Tom Dack**, Cloghabrody (10.30am Mass); **Hannah Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **Bessie Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **David Walshe**, Dysart; **Patrick Fanning**, Grennan; **Thomas Redmond**, Marshes St; **Kathleen Reddy**, Dangan; **Peter Lannon & Pakie Lannon & all deceased Members of the Lannon Family**, Newtown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Margaret Grace**, Grennan Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Pat Stapleton**, Dangan Tce: 20th Anniversary (6pm Mass).

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society holds its monthly collection this weekend. To contact the Society members, call 087- 4830988.

Thanks for your contribution to the Mission Sunday collection which came to €570.

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

Grennan College has a new Principal in Dr. Sharon Coffey. Coming from a similar post in Bagenalstown, we wish her well in her new undertaking and assure her of the support of the local community.

Christmas Mass Bouquets, with the recipient having a share in three Masses at Christmas, are available at the Church or at the Parish Office.

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm.

The Synod meeting at Rome has concluded and the Final Document from the Synod is available on the website of the Irish Bishops, and on www.catholicnews.ie Soon to be Cardinal, Timothy Ratchliffe commented that it will be some time before the Synod bears obvious fruit, describing it as the "greatest exercise of listening in the history of humanity". The Document evokes new ways of being a church in which we relate to each other much more profoundly in Christ and to Christ.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association annual holiday 2025

To West Clare - staying at the Falls Hotel Ennistymon from Sunday 11th May to Friday 16th May 2025 (5 nights). To include trip to Galway City, Aran Islands Bunnary Folk Park and a few surprises. Breakfast in the Arboretum on morning of departure, 5 nights B & B plus evening meal, entertainment each evening, dinner on return journey. Cost €550per person sharing - single room supplement €100. A nonrefundable booking deposit of 50 euro will secure your place. To book, call to Senior Citizens Shop, Community Hall Thursday or Friday 10 am to 1 pm.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger;
You who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Chorus:

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, on the last day.

The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever. You shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection; I am the life.

If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever.

Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God, who has come, into the world.

HYMN FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Stretch out your loving hands, O Lord, to souls that are so dear.
Take them O Lord to God on high, Release them from all fear.

Refrain:

*Grant mercy and love to the Holy Souls, O hear us, Lord, we pray!
May they be prepared to meet you, Lord, On their great Judgement Day.*

Be gentle, Lord, with all dear souls, Protect them with your Love!
Enfold your arms around them, Lord, 'till they reach Heaven above.

When my life's o'er and I depart, O listen to my prayer;
Take me, O Lord, to thy Sacred Heart, And those I love so dear.