

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 24th.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding	01.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 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:** James Lee, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); Joe & Josie Lannon, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); Una Kelly, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); Peggy Murphy, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); Kathleen Walsh, Jerpoint Abbey; Josephine Butler, Pleberstown; Patrick Butler, Cloughsgregg; John & Lily Mackey, Cloughsgregg: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Dominique Bell, Legan Close Month's Mind (6pm Mass); Francis White, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); Pat Higginbotham, Castle Ave (6pm Mass).

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

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

**Eucharistic Adoration** this Sunday for the Feast of Christ the King in Inistioge Parish Church from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

**The Feast of St. Francis Xavier** will be celebrated on this Tuesday with Bishop Coll coming to Thomastown for Mass with the local Indian community at St. Columba's Hospital Chapel at 7pm. All are welcome.

**General Election Day** is Friday. Day of responsibility and opportunity!! Embrace it.

Ossory Vocations will hold a **Holy Hour for Vocations** in St. John's Church, Kilkenny, on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm to celebrate the arrival of the Monstrance for Vocations (one of six) blessed by St. Pope John Paul II in 2004. All welcome.

**ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION** four Thursday evening reflections on the Gospels for the Sundays of Advent, which will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, from 7.15 p.m. – 8.30 p.m., in the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, facilitated by Father Stephen Cummins, O.P. Further information please contact 056 7721279 or by email [blackabbey@dominicans.ie](mailto:blackabbey@dominicans.ie) All welcome.

Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association **Christmas Dinner** will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1 pm. Please leave your name into the Seniors Shop at the Community Hall on Thursday or Friday between 10 am and 1 pm.

**The Ossory Priests Society** is responsible for the financial provision for the care of priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place next weekend.

### 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.