

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 01st

Parish Church	Sunday 01 st Mass	10.30am
	Monday 02 nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 04 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 06 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 07 th Wedding	02.30pm
	Saturday Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 03 rd 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: Dominique Bell, Legan Close Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Frances White**, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Pat Higginbotham**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Seán O'Sullivan, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); **Dick Forristal**, Colmcille (6pm Mass); **Billy McMahon**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Alice & Joe Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Ben Hennessy**, Low St (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Cahill**, Smithstown (6pm Mass); **Anna Hoban**, Clossgregg, Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Eileen O'Mahony**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass).

This Sunday, 1st December, we begin a new Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. In the Lectionary we begin the year of evangelist Luke, cycle C. For weekday Mass readings we begin cycle 1.

Notice that the 2nd Sunday of Advent falls on the 8th of December and takes precedence over the Immaculate Conception Feast Day which will be celebrated on Monday 9th instead but will not be a Holy Day of obligation.

Ossory Priests Society: The Annual Church Door Collection, to support priests of the Diocese in infirmity, sickness and old age takes place this weekend. Your support will be much appreciated.

The Parish Finance Committee meets on Monday at 7.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Collection takes place next weekend. Contact number for the Society: 087-4830988.

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly Holy Hour of Exposition in the Mercy Chapel, Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 3rd December from 8.00-9.00pm. An opportunity to prepare to welcome the baby Jesus at Christmas.

Monster Table Quiz organised by Thomastown Athletics, Camogie, GAA & Ladies Football takes place at the Community Centre on Wednesday next 4th in aid of Friends of St. Columba's: €400 in prizes: Teams of four @€10 per person: Winning Team: €100: Runners up: €60 & Raffle on the night: come along and have great fun!

Book Launch - Art and Life of Mildred Anne Butler by Tom Duffy. The Community Centre, Thursday, 5 December, 7.30 p.m. Special price on the night - €28.

Friday is the **First Friday** of December so Sister Anna and Fr. Dan will bring Communion to the homebound on Friday. If not among those we call to monthly and you would like to receive Communion at home, please let us know.

Christmas Craft Fair takes place on Saturday 7th Dec and Sunday 8th Dec from 11am to 5pm daily at Thomastown Community Centre. Enquiries: 087 7728 170
Support Local This Christmas.

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel To free your captive Israel.
That mourns in lowly exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice o Israel, To you shall come Emmanuel.

O royal branch of Jesse's tree, redeem us all from tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free. And over death win victory.

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel, To you shall come Emmanuel.

Come, O Lord

Promised Lord and Christ is he; may we soon his kingdom see.

Come O Lord, quickly come, Come in glory, come in glory, come in glory, quickly come.

Teaching, healing once was he; May we soon his kingdom see.

Come O Lord, quickly come, come in glory, come in glory, come in glory, quickly come.

Christ, circle round us

Come, O Radiant Dawn, splendour of the morning light.
Come Son of justice, turn away the pow'r of night.

*Refrain: Christ, circle round us. Christ may your light surround us.
Shine in our living. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving.*

Come, O Flow'r of Love, holy branch of Jesse's tree.

Come, Bough of Blessing, bloom for all the world to see. *Refrain:*

Come, O Word of ~Truth, font of knowledge from on high.

Come, Holy wisdom, be our faithful friend and guide. *Refrain:*

ABIDE WITH ME; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see— O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.