

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomastown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15th.

Parish Church	Sunday 15 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 16 th Funeral Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday 18 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Carol Service	07.00pm
	Friday 20 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 21 st Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sunday 22 nd Mass	10.30am
	Monday 23 rd	09.20am
	Tuesday 24 th Children's Mass	05.00pm
	Tuesday Christmas Mass	08.00pm
	Wednesday Christmas Day Mass	10.30am
	Thursday St. Stephen's Day Mass	10.00am
	Friday 27 th Mass	10.00am
	Saturday 28 th Vigil Mass	06.00pm
	Sunday 29 th Mass	10.30am
St. Columba's	Tuesday 17 th Mass	02.00pm
	Sunday 22 nd Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday Christmas Mass	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Thursday 19 th Mass	07.00pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after Saturday evening Mass or any other time on request. **The Sacrament of Forgiveness** will be incorporated into the 6pm Mass, Saturday 21st. Masses celebrated at the Parish Church are available on webcam and 108fm.

Deaths and anniversaries: Peter Fardy, Station Road; **Bernie Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Kay Sheehan**, Cork (6pm Mass); **May Delaney**, Pipe St (6pm Mass); **Ned Ryan**, Friars Hill (6pm Mass); **Mary Hogan**, Coolroebeag (10.30am Mass); **Niall Hogan**, Ruppá (10.30am Mass); **Maura Collins**, Knocknabooley (10.30am Mass); **Maggie Morrissey**, Clossgregg; **Thomas Morrissey**, Coolroemore; **Michael & Margaret Madigan**; **Mary & Larry Costelloe**; **Jimmy, Betty & Seamus Byrne**, Dangan Tce; **Patrick Doyle**, Kilfane; **Seán Ryan**, Bonnbrook; **Nora & Jackie Dunphy**, Dangan Tce: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Conor Doyle, Jerpoint West (10.30am mass).

Do this in Memory Mass for the children preparing for First Communion on Sunday.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph Adoration for Vocations Monday from 6.30pm.

The annual **Carol Service** will take place on Wednesday 18th at 7pm.

2025 Calendars, with various parish details, are available free for every home. Please take one and bring one for the neighbours also.

The residents and staff are holding their final **Christmas Staff Mass** in **St Columba's Hospital** on Tuesday 17th at 2pm in the Chapel with light refreshments afterwards before transitioning in 2025 into the new Thomastown Community Care Unit.

Don't be alone this **Christmas Day**. If alone or elderly, the Community Centre invites you to **Dinner** at 12.30. Please call 087 7728170 if you would like to come.

Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas? **Senior Line** is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Senior Line's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

Holy Year of Hope: On Christmas Eve the Holy Year begins with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Bishop Coll will inaugurate the Holy Year in this Diocese with 5.30pm Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 29th. All are invited.

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 o Israel, 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.