

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
22nd December 2024

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 22nd.

Parish Church

Saturday 21st Mass with Reconciliation:	0600pm
Sunday 22nd Mass:	10.30am
Monday 23rd Mass:	09.20am
Tuesday 24th 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 27th Mass:	10.00am
Saturday 28th Baptism:	04.00pm
Saturday 28th Vigil Mass:	06.00pm
Sunday 29th Mass:	10.30am
Monday 30th Mass:	10.00am
Wednesday 1st January Mass:	10.00am
Friday 3rd January Mass:	10.00am
Saturday 4th January Mass:	06.00pm
Sunday 5th January Mass:	10.30am
Monday 6th January Mass:	10.30am
St. Columba's:	
Sunday 22nd Mass:	11.00am
Wednesday Christmas Mass:	11.00am
Tuesday 31st January Mass:	11.00am

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: Eoin Corr, recently deceased; **Christian Friel**, Cloghbrody Heights (6pm Mass); **Conor Doyle**, Jerpont West (10.30am Mass); **Julia O'Keefe**, Cloghbrody (10.30am Mass); **Lenny & May Fennelly**, Noreview Crescent; **Canice & Mary Fennelly**, London & Boher; **Fr. John Fennelly**, Knock & Boher & **Lucy Fennelly**; **John Challoner**, Bray & Newtown Tce; **Eamonn O'Farrell**, Smithstown; **John Sheehan**, Cork; **John Maher**, Ladywell; **Kathleen Holden**, Knockbrack; **Mary Kelly**, Newtown Tce; **Dan Shanahan**, Noreview Crescent; **Ellen & Richard Moran**, Bennettsbridge; **Seamus Kavanagh**, Tom Kavanagh, **Michael & Joan Kavanagh**, Jerpont Church; **James & Mary**

Kelly, Maureen, Maudy & Liam Kelly; **Jacqui Doyle**, Carrickmoure(10.30amMass 25th); **December 28th /29th:** **Thomas & Margaret Tyrrell**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Teresa Lee**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Trevor & Gerry Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Bridie Minogue**, Cloghbrody (6pm Mass); **Christine Bergin**, Waterford (6pm Mass); **Breda Burke**, Newtown & Dublin (10.30am Mass); **John Butler**, Pleberstown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

The Parish Office won't be staffed until Tuesday 7th January. To make contact, if urgent call Fr. Dan on 087 6644858. Otherwise send an email to thomastown@ossory.ie or leave a written message into the Office post-box.

Carol Service: thank you to all who joined us and a special thank you to all who sang. You were wonderful, and the evening was a wonderful parable showing the many talents in the Parish and the willingness of people to share them.

A collection for the **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** was held at the Service and the Society is very grateful for your generosity in giving them €1088.53.

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

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.

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.

Wishing a Happy Christmas 2024 to all in our Parish. Enjoy the Festivities and be safe.