

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 12th.

Parish Church	Sunday 12 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 13 th Eucharistic Service	09.20am
	Wednesday 15 th Eucharistic Service	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 17 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 14 th Eucharistic Service	11.00am
Mong	Thursday 16 th 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: June Prendergast, Los Angeles, California; **Jim Quinn**, Castlecomer, recently deceased; **Walter Walsh**, Grennan House (6pm Mass); **Breda Murray**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Patrick & Francis Lannon**, Station Road (6pm Mass); **Tess Donnelly**, Danesrath (10.30am Mass); **Billy Walsh**, Graigueamanagh (10.30am Mass); **Kitty Begley**, Castle Ave; **Edward Cahill**, Smithstown; **Margaret Culleton**, Smithstown; **Sandra Brett**, Cloghabrody; **Noel Dempsey**, Bawnskeha; **Andrew Hoban & Josephine Hoban**, Bawnskeha; **Nancy Piert**, Ladywell: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: William Farrell, Glenmore House Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Julia Stapleton**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Noreen Walsh**, Dangan & deceased members of the Walsh family (6pm Mass); **John Roche**, Friarshill (10.30am Mass); **Mary Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **J.P & Brigid Monahan**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass).

The Chosen will be shown in Thomastown Community Centre, 3- 5 pm, Sunday 19th. Free admission. All are welcome.

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Almighty God, Lord of the cold and snow, whose Son's voice ruled the wind and waves when he lived with us on earth, and whose Spirit gives us courage, hear a few prayers from us today.

Let the predicted three feet be two feet, let two feet be one foot, let one foot be a few inches, and let a few inches be a dusting. And if, for some mysterious reason, that's not what you had in mind, keep the power on, the pipes from freezing, the tires moving and public transit from stopping. Keep my feet from slipping, my wrist from breaking and my patience from coming to an end. Most of all, open our hearts to protect those most vulnerable in a storm. That is, open my own heart to help those most in need: the homeless, the poor, the sick, the aged, the ill, the shut-in, the lonely.

Give me, most of all, as much patience and cheerfulness as there are snowflakes. And, help me to enjoy, in the midst of my annoyance, the beauty of your creation.

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days.

Many are the blessings he bears To those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of Him, who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done, In every heart that sings.

In his wisdom, He strengthens us, Like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, Our God is there to save.

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour. In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.

We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour? But stand united now, one in belief.

Oh we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word, **and** now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring. Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew, Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken, and it becomes for us our spirits' food.

Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken; make it your gift to us, your healing blood.

Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil, take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream, the chances we have missed, the graces we resist, Lord in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me bring your love Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there's despair in life let me bring hope Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, master grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving to all men that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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.