

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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| <b>Parish Church</b> | Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mass    | 10.30am |
|                      | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass    | 09.20am |
|                      | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mass | 09.20am |
|                      | Wednesday Adoration             | 10-11am |
|                      | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass    | 09.20am |
|                      | Saturday Vigil Mass             | 06.00pm |
| <b>St. Columba's</b> | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass   | 11.00am |
| <b>Chapel Hill</b>   | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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: Margaret Davis**, Logan St, recently deceased; **James Drynan**, Mall House: Month's mind (6pm Mass); **William Farrell**, Glenmore House (6pm Mass); **Julia Stapleton**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Mary Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Noreen Walsh** Dangan & deceased members of the Walsh family (6pm Mass); **John Roche**, Friarhill (10.30am Mass); **Mary Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **J.P & Brigid Monahan**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Michael & Ellen Fitzsimons**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Jim Delaney**, Newtown Tce; Agnes Schóden, Poland; **Patrick (Pa) Kelly**, Newtown Tce; **Margaret & Martina Galway**, Knockard: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Fr. Leonard Forristal**, Ballyconway (10.30am Mass); **Pat Forristal**, Ballyconway (10.30am Mass); **Jimmy Farrell**, The Rectory (10.30am Mass).

**Thomastown Parish Finance Committee** meeting will take place on Monday, 7.30pm.

**Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council** meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7.30pm.

The fourth season of **The Chosen** will begin on the big screen in Thomastown Community Centre this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January @ 3pm. Episodes 1 & 2 showing. Even if you haven't seen it before come and experience it now. Free admission, All welcome.

**Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club Search & Recovery Unit** will hold their annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January. Your support will be appreciated.

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

Thomastown Community Centre Presents **Celtaura**, performed by Thomas Keating. A celebration of Irish & Bulgarian traditional music on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January @ 8 pm. Admission €15. Concession €10. Doors open @ 7.30 pm.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture** 'Some Interesting South Kilkenny lives' With Donal Cadogan on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is held annually from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. In your prayer this week ask the Lord to further unity among the Christian Churches, specially in the face of atheism.

**Catholic Schools Week** is held this week, as we acknowledge the contribution of our Catholic Schools to religious and social life of the nation. Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. Sensitive to the age appropriateness of the various classes and years, the theme will explore how we exist for one another in Christ, building from the wellbeing of the individual, extending the notion of true wellbeing to others, to our families and communities, and to The Other, in God.

**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.