

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	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:** **Ann Marie Delaney (nee Caulfield)**, Cullohill & Thomastown recently deceased; **Eddie O'Hanrahan**, Colmcille: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Nancy Stapleton**, Maudlin St: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Catherine O'Byrne**, Jerpoint West (6pm Mass); **Anne O'Callaghan**, Killeady, Limerick (6pm Mass); **Bridget & Paddy Dunphy & Family**, Newtown Tce & England (6pm Mass); **Billy Woods**, Cloughabrody (6pm Mass); **Toddy Kelly**, Kilfane (6pm Mass); **Brendan Walsh**, Clossgregg: Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Thomas & Michael Hogan**, Coolroebeag (10.30am Mass); **Carmel & Eileen Ryan**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Albert Townsend**, Jerpoint (10.30am Mass); **June Prendergast**, Market St; **James (Dottie) Power**, Smithstown; **Michael Dempsey**, Newtown Tce; **Margaret Fennelly**, Boher: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Margaret & Jamie Minogue**, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass); **Nellie Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **Kit Behan, Stephanie Behan, May Behan & deceased members of the Behan Family** (10.30am Mass); **Padraic Kirwan**, Goatsbridge (10.30am Mass).

Thank you for 600 euro contributed to the **Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**.

"Did it ever cross your mind that God might be calling you to the **Poor Clare** way of life. If so, you are welcome to our Monastic Experience on March 1st from 2p.m. to 4p.m. If interested, please contact us before the day at [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com) - Poor Clare Monastery, Carlow"

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Assoc.** will hold their St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Community Centre on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1 pm. If you would like to attend, please leave your name into the Seniors Shop on Thursday or Friday from next week.

"You are invited to an evening of **Palestinian Food and Music** in St. Canice's Hall, Butts Green, Kilkenny, on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Doors open at 7.00pm. Donations welcome to support humanitarian projects in Gaza."

**OSSORY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025**, 19–24 May 2025 | 5 nights direct from Cork Airport. Booking; [www.joewalshtours.ie](http://www.joewalshtours.ie) - [info@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie)  
Telephone: 01 241 0800 (ask for Martin Culleton)  
Prices per person sharing: Hotel Agena €949, Hotel la Solitude or Hotel Padoue €995. Cost to include Bus from Castlecomer or Loughboy Shopping Centre Kilkenny to and from the airport. **BOOKING PROCEDURE for SPECIAL ASSISTED/SICK SECTION** contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

**Faithful is the Lord Our King**

Faithful is the Lord Our King, Let us all in glory sing  
Ever praise in song and word, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy Father God of might, Throned amid the host of light  
Take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and heav'n above

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand  
Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around above below

**Gifts of Bread and Wine**

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered, fruits of labour, fruits of love  
Taken, offered, sanctified, blessed and broken, words of one who died.

Take my body, take my saving blood, Gifts of bread and wine  
Christ Our Lord.

**The King of Love**

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never  
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, with gentle care He leads me  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with heav'nly food He feeds me.

An so through all the length of days, Your goodness fails me never  
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise, within Your house forever.

**Taste and See**

Taste and see, Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
O taste and see, Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
Of the Lord

**How Great Thou Art**

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee  
How great thou art, how great thou art (x2)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God how great Thou art.