

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
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THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 02nd.

Parish Church	Sunday 02 nd Mass	10.30am
	Monday 03 rd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 05 th Ash Wednesday Mass	09.20 am and 7pm
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 07 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 04 th Mass	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: Margaret & Jamie Minogue, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass); **Patty Ryan**, Friarshill (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**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **Mary Roche**, Logan St & her parents Bobby & Statia Grace: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Roly Collier, Friarshill & his Mother **Alice Collier** (6pm Mass).

The Chosen This Sunday 02nd March @ 3pm the 6th & 7th episodes of season 4 of **The Chosen**, will be shown on the big screen in Thomastown Community Centre. Free Admission, come and see it even if you haven't seen **The Chosen** before.

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly Holy Hour of Exposition in the Mercy Chapel, Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 4th March from 8.00-9.00pm. Spend some time with the Lord in preparation for Lent.

The First Friday of March comes about next Friday. Sister Anna and Fr. Dan will bring Communion to all who can't come to the Church. Unable to come to Church, if you would like to receive Communion at home please contact the Office – 056 7793191.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will hold its monthly collection at Masses next weekend. If you wish to contact the Society, call 087 4830988.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage Direct Flight to Mostar Medjugorje 4th – 11th June 2025. A Hotel near the Church cost €875. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. For bookings – contact Ann on 086-1991620 or 086-8825622

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is more than just “giving something up” and **fasting** from meat on Fridays. In fact, Pope Francis challenges us to think about fasting as something more powerful than we normally consider it, **describing it** as “learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to ‘devour’ everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.” It is about saying ‘no’ to myself so that I may more readily say ‘yes’ to God and to others. What are you going to do for Lent? Think of prayer, doing without something, such as managing television time and social media time, and being generous with others – think Trocaire or one of the other aid agencies. See Pope Francis’ message at www.vatican.va

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.