

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 09<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 09 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> First Confession	07.00pm
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Friday Wedding	01.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</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:** **Nan Phelan**, The Ave, Piltown recently deceased; **Roly Colier**, Friarshill & his Mother **Alice Collier** (6pm Mass); **Ned Nevin**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Bridget Ryan**, Stoneyford; **Patrick & Emily Morrissey**, Ladywell; **Eamonn Morrissey**, London; **Trish Morrissey**, Dunamaggin; **John O'Rourke**, Newtown; **Mary Greene**, Pleberstown; **Seamie Minogue**, Cloughabrody; **Rose Morrissey**, Station Rd; **Josephine Ryan**, Bonnybrook: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Toddy Cassin**, Boher (6pm Mass); **Brian (Bun) Doolan**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Mary Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Gobnait Murphy**, Kilkenny (10.30am Mass Monday).

**First Confession:** the children preparing for First Communion in May will approach the Sacrament of First Confession on Tuesday at 7pm. Pray for them and their families.

**Taize Youth Night** – next Friday, 7pm, at the Cathedral Chapter House.

**Synod - a real reason for hope** Pope Francis has called on all on a synodal journey. For some time now the Church throughout the world has worked to ensure that the voices of all of its members are included. We have tried to do this in Ossory and throughout the Church in Ireland. It has not always been easy or without its setbacks - but much has been achieved. Please join us when Julianne Moran the General Secretary for the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland reflects on the challenges and hopes. At St Mary's Cathedral Chapter House on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm.

**Cake Sale** – after Mass next Sunday, to raise funds for the 5 young people who will go as helpers to Lourdes in May.

**GOD OF MERCY & COMPASSION**, look with pity upon me; Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not implore in vain; all my sins I now detest them, never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have abandoned Right and claim to heaven above,  
Where the saints rejoice for ever in a boundless sea of love.

**AG CRIOST AN SIOL**

Ag Croist an siol, ag Croist an fomhar, In iothalainn De go dtugar sinn.  
Ag Christ an mhuir, ag Croist an t-aisc, I lionta De go gcastar sinn.

O fhas go haois, is o aois go bas, Do dha laimh, a Christ anall tharainn.  
O bhas go críoch, ní críoch ach athfhas, I bParthas na nGrast go rabhaimid.

**CHRIST BE NEAR AT EITHER HAND**

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

Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined,  
Christ control my wayward heart; Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day;  
Christ be my unchanging friend. guide and shepherd to the end.

**CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE ROMHAT, A ÍOSA** Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa  
Céad míle fáilte romhat a Shlánaítheoir Céad míle míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa, a ÍOSA

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa, a Íosa Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa  
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaítheoir Glóir, moladh agus buíochas duit, a Íosa, a Íosa.

**Lord of all hopefulness**, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**Safeguarding Concerns** If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:  
Diocesan Designated Persons  
Ms. Ailish Higgins 085 8021633  
[safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or  
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330  
Garda National Protective Services  
01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302  
Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:  
Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

<b>Counselling Services</b>
<b>Towards Healing Confidential Helpline</b>
1800 313 316
<a href="http://www.towardshealing.ie">www.towardshealing.ie</a>
<b>Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service</b>
01 505 3028
<a href="http://www.towardspeace.ie">www.towardspeace.ie</a>