

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 16th.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Mass	10.30am
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 20 <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:** James O'Neill, interred this week; **Toddy Cassin**, Boher (6pm Mass); **Brian (Bun) Doolan**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Mary Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **Jim Challoner**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Gobnait Murphy**, Kilkenny (10.30am Mass Monday); **Deceased members of the Kavanagh Family**, Ballyconway; **Nora Morrissey**, Coolroemore; **Patrick Lannon**, Station Road; **Patrick & Bridget O'Neill**, Smithstown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Cha Whelan**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Jack Cahill**, Smithstown & his daughter **Ann Grey** (6pm Mass).

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

Bishop Coll will confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. This week Sister Sally, a John of God Sister, will speak to the parents/guardians of those presenting for the Sacrament on Tuesday at 7.45 in the Community Hall.

On Wednesday and Thursday, she will work with the girls and boys of 6<sup>th</sup> Class at St. Mary's School.

**Lenten Dues Collection** now being taken up for the support of our priests.

**Laos Open Door Theatre** present the Hilarious Comedy '**Play On!**' in Thomastown Community Centre on Fri 21st March. @ 8pm. Tickets €12/€10.

**Trocaire:** Caoimhe de Barra will explore the reasons why this work is making a difference – and hope still shoots forth in our world today at St. Kieran's College on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: all welcome. See Poster at the back of the Church or Facebook.

**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.