

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 06 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 07 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 09 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Wedding	01.30pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 08 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Wednesday 09 <sup>th</sup> Mass	07.30pm
<b>Mong</b>	Saturday Baptism	

**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:** **Jim Blanchfield**, Jerpoint Abbey (6pm Mass); **Hannah Lillie Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Johnny (Riordan) Kelly**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Joe Dunphy**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); **Edward Walshe**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Tom Cronin**, Charleville ( 9.20am Mass Monday); **Mary & Pat Hanrahan**, Powerswood; **Mary Walsh**, Powerswood; **Paddy Greene**, Pleberstown; **John & Margaret Dempsey**, Ballyhale; **Margaret & Thomas Begley**: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **James O'Neill**, Ballinamona: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Paddy O'Keeffe**, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); **Breda Delaney**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Jim Lannon**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Gerry Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **John & Martha Darcy**, Waterford (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Mattie & Pat Lawlor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Stephen Behan**, Cloghabrody (10.30am Mass).

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society** collection takes place next weekend: To contact Society members: 087-4830988

**Every Life Counts** thanks everyone for their very generous contribution to our Church Gate Collection last weekend, which amounted to €433.37. May God bless you.

**St. Mary's N.S.** are holding a **used clothing collection** which will go towards funding the 'Music Generation Lessons' (music classes in the school). Please leave any unwanted clothes, sheets, blankets, curtains, shoes, handbags & belts (not pillows or duvets) to the school from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Thomastown GAA Big Breakfast.** Join us at Thomastown Community Centre on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, from 9:30am - 12:30pm for a delicious breakfast. €10 and €7 for Under 12s. Cake Sale and Raffle too. Come along - enjoy good food, great company and support your local club.

**Pastoral Area:** Bishop Coll has been visiting the 13 Pastoral Areas – parishes joined together to promote the life of the 'joined' parishes. We are joined in the St. Colmcille Pastoral Area with Inistioge. On 19<sup>th</sup> March the Bishop spoke with members of the Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees, emphasising the Church community as the People of God, a huge insight rising from the Second Vatican Council, 1962 – 1965. So, part of the People of God, we all, baptised, whether as laity, religious or priests, are called to active membership of the Church. This, joined with the scarcity of priests and religious, means that there is an urgency to 'put flesh on words'.

**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.

**GOD FORGAVE MY SIN** in Jesus' name. I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
 And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.

**He said: 'Freely, freely you have received: freely, freely give.**  
**Go in my name and because you believe others will know that I live'**

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.  
 And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his pow'r as he told me to.

**HERE I AM LORD**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom Shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. It is I Lord I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them, Whom shall I send?

**Lord, dismiss us** with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound:  
 may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound!  
 Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.