

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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.

For your personal safety and protection, the Parish Church is under CCTV surveillance

### **Bereavements**

**Recently Deceased:** Bernie O'Neill, Cloughabrody recently deceased.

**Anniversaries:** Bobbie & Annie Power, Grennan View (6pm); Margaret Walshe, Castle Ave (10.00am); John O'Neill, Jerpoint West (10am); William & Mary O'Keeffe, Kilmurry (10am).

**Next weekend:** Sim Langton, Kilcullen Month's Mind (6pm); Seamus 'Doc' Costelloe, Colmcille (6pm); Martin Langton, Kilcullen (6pm); Josie Follis, Ballydonnell (6pm); Brendan Fitzpatrick, Powerswood (10am).

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph** will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life. All welcome.

**The Chosen:** Season 5 begins on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm in the Community Centre. See the first two Episodes. Free entry. All welcome. Refreshments available at the interval. Further Episodes will follow on 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Put it in your Diary.

**Baptisms** will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 4.30pm in the Parish Church.

**Thomastown GAA** will hold a Benefit night for the upkeep of Grennan GAA Grounds at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium on Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Raffle on the night. Tickets €10.

### **Art and Architecture - A pilgrimage exploring God's Gifts**

Next year the Adult Faith Development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Northern Italy (Padua, Venice & Bologna) March (20th-26th). This pilgrimage will explore faith by means of reflecting upon some of the many wonderful pieces of art scattered throughout these cities. Italy is blessed with a remarkable array of religious art - frescos, paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stuccos. This pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Further details in parishes on posters or by email [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) or call 057 93 55050.

**Bishop Niall Coll** writes to acknowledge once again the importance of the Monthly Draw for the **Cathedral Restoration Fund**, one which is firmly established in the life of the Cathedral Parish and wider Diocese. The funds raised are essential to ensuring the fabric of the Diocese's mother church is both maintained and improved in a fitting manner. The coming year will see ongoing attention to the outside space between the Cathedral and the Chapter house.

A special word of thanks to all the Parishes which do so much every year to support and encourage the Draw. Over the past ten years the Draw has raised over €800,000 a figure which testifies to the generosity and commitment of so many people around the Diocese. As we now prepare to launch the Draw for the next year, Bishop Coll asks for our renewed support for the enterprise. Please see the Poster at the back of the Church.

**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 hosts 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 'er I go, Christ around above below.

**God's Spirit is in my heart**, He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

He sent me to give the Good News to the poor, tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see, And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come, (2)

Just as the Father sent me, So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world, The whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say, Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart, Will speak in your heart.

**CHRIST BE BESIDE ME**, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be in all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.