

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</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:** Johnny Kelly, Castle Ave recently deceased.

**Anniversaries:** Sim Langton, Kilcullen Month's Mind (6pm); Seamus 'Doc' Costelloe, Colmcille (6pm); Martin Langton, Kilcullen (6pm); Ann Phelan, The Quay (6pm); Brendan Fitzpatrick, Powerswood (10am); John Walsh, Powerswood (10am); Josie Follis, Ballydonnell; Laurence Holden, Knockbrack; John & Catherine Doody, Colmcille; Elizabeth Vallely, Cloughabrody; John Kenny, Kilcullen; John & Elizabeth Doolan, Mill St.

**Next weekend:** John Joe Phelan, Boher Month's Mind (6pm); John Prendergast, Killarney (6pm); Caroline Dalton, The Mall, Month's Mind (10am); Frank Cullinane, Berkley Lawn (10am); The Costelloe Family, Pipe St & John Costelloe, Galway (10am).

**The Chosen:** Season 5 begins this 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.

The recent **ProLife Church Gate Collection** came to €341. Thank you very much for your support.

**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.

**Kilkenny MABS**  
**4 The Parade, Kilkenny, R95 V052.**  
**Tel: 0818 072610**

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent Money Management & Advice Service. MABS assist people in dealing with their existing debt problems, who have difficulty paying a mortgage, or those facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services including free Debt Relief Advice under the Personal Insolvency options.

For more information or an appointment, contact MABS on 0818 072610.

Reminder: **Bishop Niall Coll** writes to acknowledge the importance of the Monthly Draw for the **Cathedral Restoration Fund**: First draw for this new year is next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.