

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th April 2025

Parish Priest: Fr. Dan Bollard Mobile 087 6644858 Email: bollarddan@gmail.com Website www.thomastownparish.ie Radio: fm108 Diocese of Ossory Reg. Charity No. 20015831.	Parish Office: Tel No 056 7793191 Opening Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 - 1pm Email: thomastown@ossory.ie Facebook: Thomastown Parish
---	---

THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 27th.

Parish Church	Sunday 27 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 28 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 30 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 02 nd Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 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.

Parish of Inistioge Fr. Francis Purcell is the Parish Priest of Inistioge.

WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistioge 11.00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES (weekday Masses may occasionally change due to circumstances)

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m. Inistioge: Wed & Friday 9.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses may be altered due to circumstances.

Deaths and anniversaries: **Pope Francis**; **Bernard Grogan**, Castle Ave: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Larry Aylward**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Ann Forristal**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Patsy Bolger**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Jimmy & Josie Long & their daughter Joan Long** (6pm Mass); **Margaret & Michael O'Carroll**, Hillview & Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **Daniel Kenny**, Clossgregg: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (6pm Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Kit Rafferty**, Chapel Lane (6pm Mass); **Delia Roche**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Bridget Bookle**, Bawnskeha (10.30am Mass).

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Monday at 7.30pm.

Ministers of the Eucharist, old and new, are asked to meet at the Parish Church on Wednesday at 7pm.

Next Friday is the **First Friday of May**. Those who are unable to come to Church will receive Communion at home. If not on our 'regular' list and wishing to receive the Sacrament, please contact the Office, Sister Anna or Fr. Dan.

First Communion will be held in this Parish at 11am on Saturday 10th May. Please keep all the children, and their families, in your prayers.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend **Adoration** in Inistioge Church from 2pm to 4pm. all welcome.

Inistioge will once again host a **'Darkness into Light'** event on Saturday May 10th 2025. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the river Nore. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

St. Luke's General Hospital **Remembrance Service** for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child during pregnancy, shortly after birth or in Childhood years will take place on Wednesday 30th April at 730pm in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy.

*As we recall **Pope Francis**, look to the four banners in the Parish Church reminding us of four important themes of his papacy – 'Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message', 'Care of Creation', 'Please, Thanks, and I'm sorry' from the World Meeting of Families, and the reminder this Jubilee year that we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope.*

God bids us welcome to his house, And he invites us to his feast.
 Day of great joy and happiness. Alleluia.

Great was my joy when I was told Let us go forth to God's abode.
 That's in the city of the Lord.

Christ is the sun which brings the dawn, He is the light of all the world,
 Setting us free from death and sin.

Christ is alive with joy we sing, We celebrate our risen Lord,
 Praising the glory of his name.

A new hymn of praise Let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This is the day the Lord has made, Ransom for sin his life he gave.(Ref)

Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, we receive back, his life divine.(Ref)

So live within us, make us one, Stay with us Lord, till life is done (Ref)

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
 My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Taste and see, Taste and See The goodness of the Lord.
 Oh taste and see, Taste and see The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Sing, sing, sing Alleluia, This is the day the Lord has made.
 Dance, Dance, Dance Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad, This is the day the Lord has made.
 Let us rejoice and be glad, This the day.

Play music to honour God's name, This is the day the Lord has made.
 Sing psalms and songs of praise, This is the day.