

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 06th.

Parish Church	Sunday 06 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 07 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 09 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 11 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday 12 th Wedding Ceremony	01.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 08 th 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.

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: **Simon Langton** recently deceased; **Paddy Aylward**, Bawnskeha: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Nancy Skehan**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Margaret Murray**, Stoneyford (6pm Mass); **Mitchell Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **John Morrissey**, Clossgregg; **Willie & John Walsh**, Cappagh; Deceased members of the **O'Leary Family**, Pleberstown; **Mary O'Reilly**, Ladywell St: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **John Comerford**, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); **Eamonn Byrne**, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); **John Byrne**, Ballylinch (6pm Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place next weekend. Contact Number for the Society: 087-4830988.

Peters Pence: thank you for €650 which you contributed last weekend. Your contributions will help to address and support the Charities supported by Pope Leo.

Fr. Billy Hoyne, Franciscan and native of Thomastown, will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood with Mass followed by a reception at the Community Hall on Wednesday 16th July at 7pm. Be sure to note the date and join us that evening at the Parish Church.

Bake Sale: Four of our own, students at Presentation in Kilkenny, are going to Chicago with their law team for an international competition. They go to the Chicago criminal courts and present mock trials to a jury and judge where they must convince them to come to a verdict sympathetic with their presentation. Not only excellent at law, but they are also great bakers too and will hold a bake sale next Sunday to raise funds for their trip.

Matt Talbot, role model of all who suffer from addictions, died a hundred years ago, 7th June 1925. Buried in Glasnevin, his remains were transferred to Sean McDermott Street Church later. Join members of the Pastoral Area on a visit to his burial place and a walking tour of the area associated with him on Wednesday 23rd July. A bus will collect pilgrims outside St. Colmcille Church in Inistioge at 9am and outside Supervalu in Thomastown at 9.15am. Contact 056-7793191, 056-7758581, thomastown@ossory.ie or inistioge@ossory.ie before Thursday 17th.

How we treat our families and the people we live with should be governed by a peace that comes from a deep respect for the other and a willingness to listen, to understand and to help. The peace we nurture at home will extend to all we meet. In Jesus' vision, it goes hand in hand with hospitality.

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)

Gifts of Bread and Wine

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered, fruits of labour, fruits of love
Taken, offered, sanctified, blessed and broken, words of one who died.

Take my body, take my saving blood, Gifts of bread and wine
Christ Our Lord.

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.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.