

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Wedding	02.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday Mass	11.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	07.30pm

**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:** **Walter (Wattie) Dunne**, Dangan Tce; **Francis McCarron**, Redhills, Co.Cavan recently deceased; **Ellen Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Siobhán Stapleton**, Kilfane (6pm Mass); **Eileen Costelloe**, Monteen (10.30am Mass); **John Costelloe**, Galway (10.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **James O'Brien**, Mong (7.30pm Mass in Mong); **Patrick Lennon**, Legan; **Billy Keating**, Ballydonnell; **James, Mary, Thomas & Patrick Cassin**, Coolroemore: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Jennifer Grace**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Paul Forristal**, Maudlin Court (10.30am Mass).

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph** (formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) will hold their annual **Collection** next weekend 31<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> for the education of students for Priesthood. Our Society supports Seminarians in thirty countries around the world. Our parish Group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in the Mercy Chapel to pray for them. Please call in even if only for a few minutes. All welcome.

**You are invited May 25<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fest!** Thomastown Community Network (TCN) are inviting the whole community to engage in a relaxed evening of food and music at the beautiful Watergarden in the heart of the town. Enjoy an evening filled with BBQ, gourmet pizza, ice cream, hot chocolate, coffee, and sweet treats from top local producers like Breaghagh Valley Meats, Blásta Pizza, Rockfield Ice Cream, and Truffle Fairy Chocolatier. The event takes place on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May from 5 to 8pm at the Watergarden, Lady's Well Street, Thomastown. Suggested Entry donation: €2 per person. Come hungry, bring your favourite tippie, and let's make it a night to remember. See you there!

**Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre:** Thomastown Community Centre each Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Call in for a chat or to hear more about their Services.

Jubilee Year of Hope – Young Adults

**Dare to Hope** – Conference for Young Adult from the age of 18-35 yrs. – Knock Shrine – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

This event is for all Young Adults but there will be a special welcome for those who are travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth and will be part of their preparation; however please know that it is open to all Young Adults. Cost: €20 Register via Eventbrite.

**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.

**Ag Croist an siol**, ag Criost an fomhar, In iothalainn De go dtugar sinn.  
 Ag Chriost an mhuir, ag Criost an t-iasc, I lionta De go gcastar sinn.

O fhas go haois, is o aois go bas, Do dha laimh, a Chriost anall tharainn.  
 O bhas go críoch, ní críoch ach athfhas, I bParthas na nGrast go rabhaimid.

**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.

**Lord of all hopefulness**, Lord of all joy,  
 whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
 Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
 whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
 Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.