# St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistinge Parishes

## THOMASTOWN PARISH

Thomastown F	Parish Mass Times	Inistioge I	Parish	Mass	Times

Vigil:6.00pmVigil:The Rower:7.30pmSunday:10.00amSunday:Clodiagh:9.30am

St Columba's: 11.00am

Inistioge: 11.00am

Wednesday: 9.30am Tuesday: The Rower: 9.30am Friday: 9.30am Thursday: Inistioge: 9.30am

webcam: thomastownparish.ie webcam: inistiogeparish.ie

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Over the next three weeks we will be raising awareness about the Department of Education and Youth's Online Survey regarding school patronage — Survey deadline: 16th December, 2025: Catholic Primary Schools: Have Your Say The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.

See - https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

**Vocations**: The Diocesan Vocation Team is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations. Please try to join any of the following on Thursday 4th December at 7pm in: Mullinavat Parish Church;

St Canice's Church Kilkenny;

Castletown Parish Church.

Please join us for a time of prayer for Vocations in Ossory.

**Ossory Priests Society:** The Annual Church Door Collection for the Ossory Priests Society who care for sick, retired and invalided priests takes place this weekend. Your support will be much appreciated.

Catechist Ministry: Lest You Forget, we are still seeking volunteers to explore the Ministry of Catechist in our parish. Necessary information is contained in the bishop's Pastoral Letter and on the Diocesan Website. Those wishing to explore this ministry should give their names to Gemma Mulligan at: catechist@ossory.ie

#### **BEREAVEMENTS**

Recently deceased: Mary Farrelly, Castle Ave.

Month's Mind: Mary Tyrrell, Kildare.

**Anniversaries:** Joe & Josie Lannon, Dangan Tce; Chrissie O'Mahony, Jerpoint West; John Challoner, Newtown Tce & Bray; Martin & Bridget Moore, Ballydonnell: (6.00pm). Pat Higginbotham, Castle Ave; William & Mary Doyle, Friarshill & deceased members of the Doyle Family; Philip Kelly, Friarshill & Mill St & deceased members of the Kelly Family; Annie, Paddy & Leo Holohan, Ballylinch: (10.00am)

Anniversaries next w/e: Seán Forristal, Colmcille: Month's Mind; Dick Forristal, Colmcille; Paddy Skehan, Newtown Tce; Seán O'Sullivan, Station Road; Joe & Alice Minogue, Newtown Tce: 6.00pm. Jim Byrne, Newtown: Month's Mind; Eileen O'Mahony, Carrickmourne; Stephen Ryan, Stoneyford & his nephew Stephen Ryan, Galway: 10.00am.

**Advent**: Advent is the time in which we prepare for the memorial of Jesus Christ being born into the world. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the goal of Advent is to make present for ourselves and our families the "ancient expectancy of the Messiah ... by sharing in the original long preparation for the Savior's first coming."

For Advent Your Diary: Penitential Services: Thomastown – at all Masses: w/e Dec 13th. Inistioge – at all Masses: w/e Dec 20th.

Carol Services:

Thomastown: Wed, 17th Dec, 7.00pm. Inistigge: Sun. 14th Dec, 7.00pm.

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Parish Priest: Fr Frank Purcell - 086 601 0001

#### SAFEGUARDING:

If you have a safeguarding concern contact:

Deputy DLPs: Rose Brophy, 087 331 4331 & Cathal Cullen, 056 775 2448

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: TBA
Full Safeguarding policies & details: ossory.ie

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