

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 01 <sup>st</sup> Cemetery Mass	07.30pm
	Saturday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Wedding Mass	01.00pm
	Saturday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Baptisms	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Columba's	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 31 <sup>st</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.

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:** **Peter Meegan**, Cloughabrody Heights (6pm Mass); **Michael O'Keeffe**, Smithstown; **Margaret Doyle**, Newtown Tce; **Anna Power**, Smithstown; **Eileen Kirwan Burns**, Middlesex; **William Butler**, Clossgregg : may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Our **Cemetery Mass** at St. Mary's New Cemetery takes place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm. in preparing your family grave, please keep an eye on graves nearby which may have no family members to take care of them. And please take away old wreathes, etc.

There will be a collection on the day to defray the costs of maintaining the graveyard.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Day Trip** to Clonmel on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. Bus departs from the Community Centre at 10.30 a.m. sharp with a guided tour of the refurbished 17<sup>th</sup> century courthouse which was later used as a military barracks and became known as the Main Guard. Free time in Clonmel. Leaving Clonmel at 4 pm to return to the Hoban Hotel for dinner. Cost 15 euro. Please leave your name into the Seniors Shop in the Community Centre asap.

**Inistioge Parish Choir** has built a well-deserved reputation over the years as a choir with clout! The group is now seeking an accompanist (organ/piano) to join the team from early September. Calling all interested parties in the region to contact Choir Director Philip Hardy at [philiphardy0@gmail.com](mailto:philiphardy0@gmail.com) or 087 2790956 to discuss details.

This Sunday we celebrate the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**: a day to recognise their wisdom, love, and the faith they have passed on to us.

Yet, these gifts deserve to be recognised every single day. **Their presence enriches our lives and teaches us the value of family.**

Let us pray for all grandparents and elderly people, for those who are with us and those who have gone before us, asking God to bless them with peace and joy.

***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.