

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mass	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	07.30pm
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 21 <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

**Deaths and anniversaries:** Thomas Kelly, Kilfane West (6pm Mass); Jim Minogue, Cloughabrody (6pm Mass); Joe Murray, Jerpoint Abbey (10.30am Mass); Josie Challoner, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass); Michael & Frances O'Shea (9.20am Mass Wednesday); Joe Walsh, Low St; Percy Ryan, Bonnybrook; Declan Fennelly, Oldtown; Mary Kenny, Clossgregg; Mary Doyle, Kilfane; Michael Piert, Ladywell: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Jonathan Hynes, Newtown (6pm Mass); Richard, Mena & John Lanigan, Jerpoint Church & Phyllis Farrell, Naas (6pm Mass).

To mark the occasion of **Fr. Dan's retirement** and departure from Thomastown parish on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and Fr. Dan himself invite you to join him for his final weekend Mass in Thomastown on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am, and immediately afterwards in St. Mary's National School for light refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome.

The annual **St Molings Well Pattern** Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. The Mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny, and indeed from other parts, come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Molings Well on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**St Columcille's Pastoral Area**  
**THOMASTOWN & INISTIOGE PARISHES**

**Mass Time Changes Effective From Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2025**

**THOMASTOWN PARISH**

**Saturday (Vigil):** 6.00pm  
**Sunday:** 10.00 am

Monday: No mass

Tuesday: No mass

**Wednesday:** 9.30am

Thursday: No mass

**Friday:** 9.30am

**INISTIOGE PARISH**

**Saturday (Vigil): The Rower** 7.30pm  
**Sunday: Clodiagh** 9.30am  
**Inistioge** 11.00am

Monday No mass

**Tuesday** (The Rower) 9.30am

Wednesday No Mass

**Thursday** (Inistioge) 9.30am

Friday: No mass

**The Day Is Almost Nigh**

It seems almost like an eternity ago, but on 20<sup>th</sup> June, the bishop announced a number of clerical changes for our diocese - one of which impacts the 'St Columcille's Pastoral Area', i.e., Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes, and which comes into effect on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Within living memory, these two parishes, once administered by six priests, are now reduced to one active priest, who will depend upon the good graces of retired priests in order to provide the above generous schedule of masses. However, please note that this timetable can change at short notice depending on the availability of help.

**Faithful is the Lord Our King**

Faithful is the Lord Our King, Let us all in glory sing  
 Ever praise in song and word, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy Father God of might, Throned amid the host of light  
 Take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and heav'n above

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand  
 Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around above below.

**How Great Thou Art**

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works thy hands have made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art (x2)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
 Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim, my God how great Thou art.