

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area – Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

THOMASTOWN PARISH

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am
St Columba's: 11.00am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am
webcam: thomastownparish.ie

Inistioge Parish Mass Times

Vigil: The Rower: 7.30pm
Sunday: Clodiagh: 9.30am
Inistioge: 11.00am
Tuesday: The Rower: 9.30am
Thursday: Inistioge: 9.30am
webcam: inistiogeparish.ie

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 26th APRIL 2026

Good Shepherd / Vocations Sunday

This Sunday, 26 April, our parish marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This day invites us all to reflect on the call God extends to each of us, and to pray especially for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and committed Christian living in the world. Pope Leo XIV encourages us to see vocation as a “path of beauty,” rooted in a personal encounter with the Risen Jesus “the Good Shepherd”, who knows us and calls us by name. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray that Christ will guide many hearts to recognise and respond generously to God’s loving call, and that our parish community continues to support and encourage one another on our journey of faith.

Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese requires a Nurse to provide a support service to Priests in our Diocese which comprises of 42 parishes in Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time and initially for a three-year period. The candidate must be: A registered General Nurse. Self-motivated and be able to work in a community environment. Possess excellent communication skills. Have a full driving licence and own transport. Email your application to admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Office, James’s St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60. Closing date is Friday, 29th May 2026.

BEREAVEMENTS

Anniversaries: Larry Aylward, Castle Ave; Billy Stapleton, Ladywell; Kit Rafferty (nee Stapleton), Chapel Lane; Patsy Bolger, Castle Ave: (6.00pm). Dick & Lena Murphy, Jerpoint West; Edward Holohan, Oldtown; Hannah Cotterell, Brownsbarn; Joseph O’Reilly, Ladywell: (10.00am).

Anniversaries Next w/e: Jim Kearney, Oldtown; Mary Lannon, Newtown & deceased members of the Lannon Family; Jim Beck, Noreview Crescent; Bridget Bookle, Bawnskeha: (6.00pm). Jose Inacio Fernandes; Joaquim Filomeno Barretto; ana Caetano Cardozo; Joseph Maher, Ladywell: (10.00am).

Daily Mass

Mass on Wednesday and Friday of this week will be replaced by a Eucharistic Service comprising of a Liturgy of The Word and the distribution of Holy Communion.

Darkness into Light

Inistioge will host a Darkness into Light event on Saturday May 9th. The walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

Address: Chapel Lane, Thomastown, County Kilkenny R95 T6N7

Email: thomastown@ossory.ie **Website:** thomastownparish.ie **Radio:** fm108

Parish Office: 056 779 3191 **Open:** Tues, Thur, Fri: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

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: Fintan Fanning.

Full Safeguarding policies & details: ossory.ie

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