

**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

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

**Congratulations!** This weekend, the parish unites in congratulating and praying for the thirty-six children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We wish them every blessing and continued growth as members of their natural families and the wider Christian family, the Church. Great credit is deserved to the children's families who have guided them along the road to this stage of development. We also appreciate the faithful work that all the staff of St Mary's School provide in maintaining its Catholic ethos, under the leadership of Mr Moran. We thank the children's teachers, Ms Stapleton and Ms Hogan, and all those involved in the children's preparation for the sacrament, including those who gave of their time and energy to the Sunday preparation liturgies during the school year.

### 'GRÁSTA' Preparation for Marriage;

Pre-Marriage Courses 2026/27: Weekend residential courses available: 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2026 and 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2027.

Married Couples' Courses: Weekend residential courses available:

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2026 and 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February 2027.

Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

## BEREAVEMENTS

**Anniversaries:** Joe Murray, Castle Ave; Richard & Andrew Forristal, Ballyconway; Jack Lanigan, Badgerock; Michael & Elizabeth Dempsey, Newtown Tce: (6.00pm) Michael Joyce, Dangan Tce; Tom & Breed Skehan, Newtown & their daughter Breda Burke, Dublin; Jim Minogue, Coppengh : (10.00am).

**Anniversaries Next w/e:** Recently deceased: Veronica (Ronnie) Nolan, New Jersey; Eileen Costelloe, Monteen House; Cornelius O'Neill, Grennan & his son Con, Kilkenny & Thomastown: (10.00am).

### Cemetery Mass Reminder

The Annual Cemetery Mass at St Mary's New Cemetery will be celebrated on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

### Kilkenny Fire Service Charity Car Wash: May 30<sup>th</sup>2026:

In memory of Kyle Comerford:  
Raising Funds for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust.  
Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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**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](http://ossory.ie)

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