

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

09th April 2023

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 09th

Parish Church	Sunday 09 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 10 th Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 12 th Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday Adoration	10.30 – 11.30am
	Friday 14 th Mass	10.30am
	Saturday Baptisms	4.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00pm

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.

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.

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Deaths and anniversaries: Johnny (Riordan) Kelly, Maudlin St (8pm Mass); **Bridget (Bridie) O'Keeffe**, Smithstown (8pm Mass) **Mary Hayes Gibbons; John & Mary Challoner**, Newtown Tce; **Edward & Annie Cahill**, Smithstown; **Bridie Cahill**, Smithstown; **Larry O'Keeffe**, Market St: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Brian (Bun) Doolan, Dangan, Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Sheamie Minogue**, Cloghabrody Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Gerry Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **John & Martha Darcy**, Waterford (6pm Mass); **Jim Lannon**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass).

Easter morning changed everything. Death that was seen as the end, the silencer of words, the quenching of the spark of life, the termination of relationships, lost its power. Jesus transformed death into a gateway to new life. He brought a new dawn, a new day that has no evening. Death becomes an event where there is communication of life and hope. Jesus has given certainty about the last things. Those who keep their eyes focused on His light will never be overwhelmed by darkness. Martin Drennan

Thomastown Ladies Gaelic Football Club will have a Cake Sale on Easter Sunday after Mass.

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 11th April at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

The Blood Transfusion Unit will be in Thomastown on Thursday, 15.45-20.00. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment.

Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 29 April.

ALONE are seeking volunteers to provide companionship to an older person locally in your area. Full training and support provided. Please contact Emma on 086 083 4393 or via email emma.heslin@alone.ie *If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.*

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Sunday 23rd April 2023. €499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Thomastown Camogie Club welcomes new u6's for first training session Wed next April 12th 6:30 - 7:30 in Grennan and all new players/members are always welcome.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Michael Collins: The Formative Years. Speaker: Patrick Mannix. On Thursday, April 13th, at 8pm at Mullinavat Parish Hall.

New Nuncio in Dublin: Pope Francis has appointed Argentinian, Archbishop Mariano Montemayor, as the new apostolic nuncio to Ireland. He will represent the Holy See to the Irish government and draw up shortlists of candidates to be appointed as bishops. The new nuncio is an experienced Vatican diplomat. He served as papal nuncio in the Democratic Republic of Congo from 2015 to 2018. In 2018 he was recalled to Rome after the President, Joseph Kabila, declared him 'unwelcome' because of his support for pro-democracy protests and his criticism of Congo's political leaders. He has recently served as nuncio in Colombia; he had previous postings in Ethiopia and Brazil and in 2008 he was appointed nuncio to Senegal, Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau, along with serving as apostolic delegate to Mauritania.

Happy Easter!! Buona Pasqua!! Frohe Ostern!! Maligayang Pasko!!
Easter Ashamsak!!! Fu huo jie kuai le!! Joyeuses Paques!!
Wesolych swiat wielkanocnych!! Beannachtai na Casca!! Shchaslyvoho Velykodnya!!