

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area, comprising Inistioge and Thomastown
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
16th April 2023

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 16th April

Parish Church	Sunday 16 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 17 th Mass	9.20am
	Wednesday 19 th Mass	9.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 21 st Mass	9.20am
	Saturday Baptism	4.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	6pm
Chapel Hill	Thursday Mass	7.30pm

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.

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: Joe Dunphy & Peter Donovan recently deceased; **Eileen Davis (nee Murray)** who died on April 6th 2023 in Congressbury, Somerset, UK (10.30am Mass); **Brian (Bun) Doolan**, Dangan Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Sheamie Minogue**, Cloghabrody Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Grace**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Martin Morrissey**, Station Road (6pm Mass); **Gerry Minogue**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **John & Martha Darcy**, Waterford (6pm Mass); **Jim Lannon**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Billy & Nellie O'Reilly**, Market St; **Margaret O'Reilly**; **Margaret Beck**, **Ladywell & Los Angeles** : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: David O'Neill, 37 Beechlawns, Kilkenny & Thomastown (6pm Mass); **Mattie Lawlor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Deceased Members of the Blanchfield Family** (10.30am Mass); **Edward (Ned) Walshe**, 4 Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Adoration for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life Wednesday 19th at 7.30pm. All welcome

Recent Baptisms: Rosie Elizabeth Murphy, Mallfield; **Rose Ellen McDonald**, Mong; **Kailen Charlie Keane**, Dúnán; **Ivy Mary Reid-Daly**, Grennanwoods; **Finn Marc Kavanagh**, Kilmurry.

Jerpoint Glass has very kindly gifted us with a Baptism Jug and Bowl for use at the Sacrament of Baptism.

Trocaire: Don't forget to return the Trocaire boxes, either directly or to the Parish. And a gentle reminder too of the **Easter offering** envelopes.

The Belfry Cemetery and the CYMS: Damage was done recently to the CYMS building, with a window broken and doors into the lower floor of the building and the boiler house broken also. It has been decided to lock the gates to the Cemetery and to the building to protect the building and to seek to ensure safety for people. If you require access to the Cemetery please contact Fr. Dan, sacristan Tom Walsh or the Office for the key.

Clothes Collection supporting **Friends of Calcutta** (CHY No. 13218) on Friday 21st April. All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains etc most welcome and can be left in the church car park at any stage up to end of collection at 3pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 who will be delighted to arrange a home collection if requested.

Monastic Vocations Weekend for women discerning religious life, 6th-7th May, St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork. Contact Mother Prioress: 021 4811354
cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Concerns If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:
Diocesan Designated Persons
Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 8021633
safeguarding@ossory.ie
Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330
Garda National Protective Services
01 6663430/35

Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302
Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish are:
Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office.

*Pope John Paul II wanted this Second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as **the Feast of Divine Mercy**. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:*

*A – Ask for his Mercy. God wants us to approach him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking him to pour his mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
B – Be merciful. God wants us to receive his mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as he does to us.
C – Trust in Jesus. Our reception of the graces of his mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.*

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

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