

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area, comprising Inistioge and Thomastown
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 23rd

Parish Church	Sunday 23 rd Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 24 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 26 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10.00-11.00 am
	Friday 28 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Baptism	4.00 pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Mong	Thursday Mass	7.30 pm

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: Eva Kelly, Kilmacow who died during the week; **Mattie Lawlor**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **David O'Neill**, 37 Beechlawns, Kilkenny & Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Margaret O'Carroll**, Hillview (10.30am Mass); **Edward (Ned) Walshe**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Deceased Members of the Blanchfield Family** (10.30am Mass); **Baby Ella Brennan**, Copenagh; **Edward Holohan**, Oldtown; **Patsy Bolger**, Castle Ave; **Jim Delaney**, Newtown Tce; **Brid Fanning**, Grennan; **Cornelius O'Neill**, Grennan & Cheekpoint; **John Dempsey**, Chapel Hill; **Hannah Cotterell**, Brownsbarn; **Daniel Kenny**, Clossregg; **Thomas Morrissey**, Stoneen : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **May Southey (nee Lanigan)** Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Margaret Beck**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Paddy Carroll**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (10.30am Mass).

Do This in Memory: the girls and boys, and their families, join us for Mass this Sunday. They will receive First Communion on Saturday 13th May, with Mass at 11am.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Collection for the education of students for priesthood takes place at Masses next weekend. Please support generously. We support around 700 students around the world each year.

Thomastown Parish Pastoral Council met on Tuesday. The members invite parishioners to submit suggestions by leaving a note in the letterbox at the Sacristy door. The Parish Council seeks to look after the pastoral needs of the parish – some ways in which we can further God's interests for the people of Thomastown. So, the letter box doubles as a Suggestion Box.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society contact number is 086-2664669.

Trocaire: Don't forget to return the Trocaire boxes, either directly to Trocaire or to the Parish. We will forward your contributions to the Diocesan Office, for forwarding to Trocaire. And a gentle reminder too of the **Easter offering** envelopes.

Synodality has been much spoken of during the past two years, with its theme 'Communion, Participation, Mission. Each diocese has a listening process. The contributions from the Irish Dioceses were compiled into a Synthesis. In turn this was presented at a gathering in Prague in February. The final document from the European Continental Assembly (5 to 12 February) has now been published. It has been published in English and Italian with the English section beginning on page 36. Read the document on www.associationofcatholicpriests or on <https://prague.synod2023.org/en/> The document published today, in Italian and English, is a concluding dossier and contains:

1. The Final Considerations that were approved by the European Continental Assembly during its final session of work (9 February) and immediately circulated. They constitute a kind of executive summary of the more extensive Final Document.
 2. The final document, accepted in draft by the European Continental Assembly during its final session on 9 February and subsequently supplemented by the Drafting Committee with amendments gathered in written form following the Assembly exchange.
 3. The Bishops' concluding note, approved at the concluding session of the Meeting of the Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences (11 February) and immediately circulated.
 4. The list of participants (Appendix A)
 5. The working programme (Appendix B)
- This document, along with 6 more from the other continental assemblies, was sent to Rome where the work is beginning on the preparation of the official working document for the Synod which will take place in the autumn.

