

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area, comprising Inistioge and Thomastown
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
30th April 2023

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 30th April.

Parish Church	Sunday 30 th Mass	10.30 am
	Sunday 30 th Baptism	11.30am
	Monday 1 st Mass	10.00 am
	Wednesday 3 rd Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 5 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 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: Isabella Doyle, Jerpoint Church; **May Southey (nee Lanigan)**, Listerlin Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Margaret Beck**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Dick & Lena Murphy**, Jerpoint West (6pm Mass); **Paddy Carroll**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (10.30am Mass); **Brigid Bookle**, Bawnskeha; **James & Bridget Brennan**, Powerswood; **Pat Power**, Logan St: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Molly Lannon & Family, Newtown (6pm Mass);

Richard & Andrew Forristal, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Joe Maher**, Ladywell & Castlenock (10.30am Mass).

Thomastown Parish Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

The First Friday Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Communion this week to the people on the 'regular' list. If we haven't been calling to you and you, a family member, or neighbour would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Dan at 0876644858, or the Office on Tuesday or Thursday - 7793191.

At the recent Church Gate Collection for **Epilepsy Ireland**, you contributed €330. Thanks to everyone.

Inistioge will once again host a **'Darkness into Light'** event on Saturday May 6th 2023. Each year 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. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the river Nore. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by: 1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the Radio Maria IRELAND App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Listen live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 9th May 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.

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.*

A **'Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood'** begins with the theme: *Take the Risk for Christ*. The National Vocations Office will host vocation events in parishes and at pilgrim sites around the country and provide vocations resources for homes and schools. Please register directly on www.vocations.ie, ***Ever Thought of being a Priest?*** Did that thought stay with you even for the shortest time? Maybe you are being called to a way of life that is certainly different but is also a life worth living. The mission of a Priest, Pope Francis reminds us, is to bring God's Love, Mercy, and Hope to People, to accompany them on their search for God, to help them discover their true mission to be active partakers in the life of the Church. You can only do this when you have discovered God's Love for you and when Jesus Christ is at the centre of your life. The journey to priesthood is first a journey of discovery - discovering who God really wants you to be and how your mission will unfold. So, would you like to explore further... ask more questions....at your pace? Take a risk for Christ. Why not drop an email to Fr Kieran O' Shea, Diocesan Vocations Director for further information or to arrange a chat.

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