

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area, comprising Inistioge and Thomastown
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 14th

Parish Church	Sunday 14 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 15 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 17 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10.00-11.00 am
	Friday 19 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 20 th Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Chapel Hill	Wednesday Mass	7.30pm
Mong	Saturday 20 th Baptism	2.00pm

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: Marie Woods, Cloghabrody (6pm Mass); Delia Roche, Grennan (6pm Mass); Danny McPherson, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); Joe Dunphy, Dangan Tee Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); Harry O'Reilly Dangan Tee & his daughter Bridie O'Mahony: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Ann Forristal, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); Joe Murray, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); Con O'Neill, Grennan (10.30am Mass).

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold Adoration for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life on Wednesday next 17th from 7.30pm in the Mercy Chapel. All welcome.

Congratulations to the girls and boys who received First Communion this weekend in Thomastown. Couples preparing for 'the big day', sometimes forget that the work has to be put into the 50 years following their wedding day. Likewise, we hope that First Communion leads to frequent expression of 'Holy Communion' with Jesus and with his people.

Sarka Beck, Amelia Borza, Leon Butler, Alfie Challoner, Jake Clifford, Sarah Collins, Alexia Conway, Siofra Croke O'Neill, Alice Cullen, Luke Culverhouse, Leah Darcy, Fiadh Doherty, Kyle Dunne, Aoibhinn Fennelly, Donnacha Fitzmaurice, Shay Hanrahan, Lucy Hart, Aoife Hosey, Sarai Hughes, Leah Kealy, Nadia Kedra, Jack Kelly, Claire Kirby, Caoimhe Lanigan, Erin Lee, Joe Manning, Joshua McDowell, Senan McMahon, Aoibhinn Muldoon, Ava Murphy, Lauren O'Donoghue, Lucy O'Sullivan, Jake O'Sullivan, Corey Rigby, Dylan Sheridan, Ivy Shanahan, Keena Sherry, Molly Spence, Ella Tennyson, Liam Tierney, Ada Walpole, Elliott Walsh, Micheál Walsh, Amelia Watson.

Welcome to Sister Mary Shanahan of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who speaks with us this weekend about the missionary work of her congregation. She will be asking for your prayers, and your financial support also.

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

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.

St. Columba's Hospital: during Covid visitors were not invited to Mass because of the danger of infection. The HSE is now happy to have people join the Hospital community for Mass at 11am on Tuesdays.

Godly Play was founded by The Rev. Jerome Berryman over 40 years ago. Practised in Church with children, Godly Play explores the mystery of God's presence in our lives. It is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance. It explores God inviting us into Scripture and spiritual experience. Some parents wish to introduce our youngsters, for whom Sunday Mass with its readings and reflections may be a bit advanced, to Godly Play. Last Sunday at our 10.30 Mass was a first time, and they hope to lead the children into the mystery of God at a level and pace the children can cope with. Read about it at www.godlyplayfoundation.org

Key to the Belfry: the key is available at the Parish Office or at the Sacristy, for those who would wish to visit the Cemetery.

Pop-up Volunteer Centre, Thomastown Supervalu. This National Volunteering Week, Kilkenny Volunteer Centre will be hosting a pop-up information stand in Thomastown Supervalu on **Thursday 18th May from 10am – 1pm.** Come along to meet the staff of your local Volunteer Centre and find out about all the wonderful ways you can volunteer to support your community. All welcome. W: www.volunteerkilkenny.ie E: info@volunteerkilkenny.ie Ph: 087 1165658.

We tend to believe that God will love us only if we are good. God loves us, not because we are good, but because he is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. God's unconditional love for us is the Good News. Our response is to try to return that love.