

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area, comprising Inistioge and Thomastown
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 21st

Parish Church	Sunday 21 st Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 22 nd Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 24 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10.00-11.00 am
	Friday 26 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Baptism	4.00 pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	6.00 pm
Mong	Tuesday 23 rd 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: Ann Forristal, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Joe Murray**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Con O'Neill**, Grennan (10.30am Mass); **Gerry & Minnie Meegan**, Ballyduff & their daughter **Maureen Hennessy**, Ballyduff & London: May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Jack Lanigan, Badger Rock (6pm Mass); **Phil Ryan**, Thomastown & Dublin (10.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **Ellie Roche**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass).

Sister Mary Shanahan spoke with us at weekend Masses about the work of her congregation, the **Franciscan Missionaries of Mary**, in 77 countries. You contributed €1875 to her mission appeal. She wrote to express her gratitude for your generosity.

Lehigh University Choir (USA) will give a **concert in St Mary's Cathedral** on Wednesday May 24th at 7pm. Entry is Free. Singing a variety of classical, folk and barbershop pieces the choir welcomes you to this evening of song. Donations on the night will go toward the Music Programme in Mother of Fair Love School Kilkenny.

This Saturday evening (Vigil of the Ascension) we begin our **Diocesan Novena for Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood**. As the Irish Church has now begun a special year of prayer for Vocations please join with us in praying for the needs of our own Diocese. You can pray the Novena at home and we will pray it at our daily Masses here in the Parish. Copies of the Novena prayers are available here in the Church. You can also access the Novena on the Diocesan Website or on the following social media platforms: Twitter [@vocossory](https://twitter.com/vocossory) or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/vocationsossory21>

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Wednesday 23rd to Sunday 28th. Be united in prayer.

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life. The novena **begins next Tuesday 23rd May and ends on Wednesday 31st May**. The aim of this novena is to help nurture a culture that respects all human life and to promote the protection of life in its entirety from the moment of conception to its natural end.

If you are praying the novena as a group, parish or family, go to www.prayforlife.ie. Prayer for each day of the novena will be delivered to you each morning.

Thomastown Parish WhatsApp group. This is to enable Fr. Dan and the Parish Office to share information of interest directly to a large audience.

To join, you need to be using WhatsApp already. Open the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below. You may need to install a QR Code scanner app if you have an older smartphone. If you're having trouble, you may be able to ask a friend or relative for assistance. Once scanned, you will be brought directly to the WhatsApp group and invited to **Join Group**. Please note that this is a private group. Only administrators of the group can post messages, so your phone won't be beeping with the sound of lots of replies. It's just a handy way to keep informed and you can join or leave at any time.

Thomastown Parish
WhatsApp group



"The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true human, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God". Pope Francis