

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.00 am
	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Baptism	04.00pm
	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: Maura Waugh**, Castle Avenue died this past week; **Jack Lanigan**, Badger Rock (6pm Mass); **Siobhán Stapleton**, Kilfane (6pm Mass); **Michael & Stasia Collins**, Norelands (6pm Mass); **Phil Ryan**, Thomastown & Dublin (10.30am Mass); **Michael Dunne**, Cherrymount (10.30am Mass); **Ellie Roche**, Jerpoint Church (10.30am Mass); **William (Billy) Keating**, Ballydonnell; **James O'Brien**, Mong. **Patrick Lennon**, Legan : may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend: Larry Aylward**, Castle Ave Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Thomas Tyrell**, Kildare (6pm Mass); **Paul Forristal**, Maudlin Court (10.30am Mass); **Niall Walsh**, (10.30am Mass); **Mary Cassin**, Coolroebeag (10.30am Mass) **Mgr. Jim Cassin** (10.30am Mass).

**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 - 7793191.

**Baptism Mass:** We invite all the families of the children baptised in 2022 to our Sunday Mass this weekend, as we recall the coming of the Spirit in the early Church community and the coming of the Spirit of God on the children. As the children are baptised we invite one of the godparents to light the Baptismal candle and the call is to 'keep the flame of faith alive' in the lives of the children. The second godparent is asked to throw a party on the anniversary of the baptism so that the child will know the date of his/her Baptism.

**Dates for June:** With the Feast of Pentecost, the fifty days of Easter are concluded. We return on Monday to the eighth week of 'Ordinary time' in the Church's calendar.

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Mass at Colmcille Cemetery – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Confirmation Mass – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

Confirmation in Thomastown – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, at 11am.

Corpus Christi – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time – 18<sup>th</sup> June.

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> we mark the amazing mission of three Treacy Sisters at 6pm Mass, as between them they celebrate, with their family, over sixty years of Religious Life.

The Folk Choir will celebrate the Sunday Mass on RTE.

**Grennan Graduation:** Leaving cert. students graduated from Grennan College on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at a wonderful celebration with families and staff. Congratulations, and every blessing for the next chapter of your journey. Congratulations and blessings too on all our parishioners who have graduated in the other second level schools.

**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](mailto: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.

*'Joy has its home in God. From him it comes down into the world to take possession of each person, spirit, mind and heart. When this joy has taken hold it expands, carries each one along and causes closed doors to spring open. Joy has different forms. There is joy that has not been tested by the heart's pain, distress, or anxiety. It has no stability; it stuns and excites only for a short time. God's gift of joy came through the poverty of the crib and the anguish of the cross. This joy can't be silenced or conquered. It does not deny the reality of struggle but has learned to find joy amid that struggle. It does not deny the reality of sin but has learned how to meet forgiveness there. It looks death in the eye and finds life there. True joy is the joy that has prevailed through many difficult circumstances. This is the only kind of joy that is credible. It is joy that gives support, it is the only brand of joy that saves.'* Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

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