

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
04th June 2023

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 04th

Parish Church	Sunday 04 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 05 th Bank Holiday Mass	10.00 am
	Wednesday 07 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Wednesday 7 th Confirmation Mass	07.30pm
	Friday 09 th Sacrament of Confirmation	11.00 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: **Larry Aylward**, Castle Ave Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Margaret Kelly**, Station Road (6pm Mass); **Thomas Tyrell**, Kildare (6pm Mass); **Paul Forristal**, Maudlin Court (10.30am Mass); **Niall Walsh**, Station Road (10.30am Mass); **Mary Cassin**, Coolroebeag (10.30am Mass); **Mgr. Jim Cassin** (10.30am Mass); **Patrick & Larry Walsh**, Cappagh (10.30am Mass); **Mary Grant (nee Walsh)**, Cappagh & Slieverue (10.30am Mass); **Bridget Power & Michael Power**, Grennan; **Maureen & Donal Cullinane**, Clonakilty; **Dorakeen Comerford**, Jerpoint Hill : May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Gerry Meegan**, Cloghabrody Month's Mind (6pm Mass).

Confirmation: Best wishes to all our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday: please remember them in your prayers this week.

Names of Confirmation Candidates: Valeriia Almina; Aoife Bambrick; Mikey Barron; Amelia Begley; Harry Begley; Patrycja Blaszczyk; Martyna Blaszczyk; Zoé Brandon; Mia Brennan; Georgia Callery; Catalina Carlin; Meabh Cassin; Sean Collins; Ava Connelly; Lily Cullen; Katie Davis; Fionn Dempsey; James Denieffe; Shauna Doherty; Ava Dollard; George Doody; Lucy Dunne; Esmé Dunne; Dylan Fargie; Daniel Gaine; Jamie Haughney; Daniel Holohan-White; Alicia Hughes; Noah Hughes; Adrian Lanigan; Tom Lawler; Roksana Lubowicz; Emma Manning; Leah Mason; Sophia McCabe; Conor Muldoon; Charlie Mullins; Conor Murphy; Evie Murphy; Hannah O'Reilly; Aoife Ravenhall; Isla Ridout; Daragh Ryan; Lisa Ryan; Alex Ryan Kirwan; Alan Salamon; Patrick Sheridan; Kasia Szymborska; Caoimhe Tallis; Harry Thomas; Laura Tiffert; Sophie Vallely; Katie Walshe; Lauren Wemyss.

The sun shines so wonderfully these days. Enough indication to remind us that it is time for **Leaving and Junior Certificate examinations**. We wish the young men and women all the best of luck during these challenging days. Here is a prayer that may help them or can be paraphrased for you to pray for them:

Prayer for those preparing for exams Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today, you are there with me. Amen.

Report of the Parish of Thomastown Finance 2022. The report is available at the back of the Church this weekend, so please take a copy if you haven't already got one. As well as paying for the day-to-day costs, like electricity, we need to think to of maintenance of our Churches. Thank to all who support the parish financially.

Ossory Adult Faith Development **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** 19th -26th February 2024. The Pilgrimage organisers are Myriam Tours, and the leaders are Fr. Dermot Ryan and Fr. Kieran O'Shea, of this Diocese. The pilgrimage will cost €1615. That sounds a lot, but a good Christmas present for a loved one would be part payment. For information, check www.myriam.ie For information or booking, contact Kieran and Laura Troy at 057 9355050.

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 13th June 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.

When we consider the Trinity, we are dealing with a great mystery. Yet any child can grasp it in such a way as to be able to pray it and live it. We think of God as our Father (and Mother), a parent who loves us deeply. We think of Jesus as our Brother who gave his life for us. And we think of the Holy Spirit as a friend who helps us to live like Jesus, and who binds us together as brothers and sisters in a community of faith and love. As Christians, this is the atmosphere in which we live, and move, and have our being. (Flor McCarthy)