

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 18th

Parish Church	Sunday 18 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 19 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 21 st Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 23 rd Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 24 th Wedding	01.30pm
	Saturday 24 th Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
Chapel Hill	Thursday 22 nd Mass	07.30pm

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.

Weekday Masses may be altered due to circumstances.

Deaths: Nicholas White, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Esther, Jack & Brohna Woods**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Angela O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road (6pm Mass); **Linda Doyle**, Berkeley Lawn (6pm Mass); **Paddy Ryan**, Legan (6pm Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass); **Mary Kate Doolan, Johnny Doolan, Ben Doolan, Patrick (Tusa) Doolan**, Newtown (10.30am Mass); **John Dooley**, Bennettsbridge (10.30am Mass); **Shivaun Kavanagh**, Berkeley Lawn; **Mary Donnelly Tennyson; John Fennelly**, Boher; **Maura Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Martin & Bridget Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Nicholas Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Mary Ryan**, Kilfane: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society hold their monthly Church door collection this weekend. To contact the Society call 086-2664669.

Camphill Community at Jerpoint will hold an Open Day on Sunday 18th June, from 12pm to 3pm. Please support this very worthy cause.

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

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

The Cemetery Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery will take place on Friday 4th August – the August bank holiday weekend at 8pm.

Sisters by blood **Margaret, Maeve and Joan Treacy** are members of the Institute of the Religious of the **Sacred Heart of Mary**. (The nearest house to us is in Ferrybank.) Together they have served for over 180 years, in various parts of the world, such as New York, Los Angeles, France, Mali, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Next Saturday June 24th they, their family and friends will join us at our 6pm Mass as they celebrate their years of service.

St Mary's Church of Ireland, Inistioge Saturday 24th June, 12 Noon: Fr Peter McVerry S.J., social activist, will speak on helping the marginalised in our society. This is followed by an illustrated talk by Larry Scallan (Retired Commandant) on Inistioge and the Great War. The event is organised by the Inistioge George Brown Commemoration Committee. All are welcome.

Thomastown is going on mission. On Sunday 25th June we will celebrate the **RTE Television Mass** – from Donnybrook, at 11am. The Folk Group will provide the music. This is a form of outreach to those, throughout the country, who are unable to come to Mass in their parishes.

*A person in misery does not need
a look that judges and criticises, but a comforting presence.
Jesus looked at the ordinary people,
and seeing how needy they were,
he had compassion on them and began to minister to them.
Compassion means that I suffer with you;
I accept into my heart the misery in yours; I become one with you in your pain.
I may not be able to relieve that pain, but by understanding it and sharing it,
I make it possible for you to bear it.
Lord, give us warm and generous hearts so that we may be agents of your
compassion to others. (Flor McCarthy)*

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME.

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand; Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting; Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

GLORY & PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*Glory and praise to our God, Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears, to those who trust in his ways.*

We, the daughters and sons of Him, who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done, In every heart that sings.

In his wisdom, He strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails, Our God is there to save.