

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
25th June 2023

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 25th

Parish Church	Sunday 25 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 26 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 28 th School Mass	11.30 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 30 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 01 st Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm.
Mong	Thursday 29 th Mass	7.30 pm

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: Peg Lancashire, Castle Avenue; **Fr. Frank Maher**, Johnstown; **John Buckeridge**, Thurles recently deceased; **Maura Waugh**, Castle Ave Month's Mind (10.30am Mass); **Michael & Kathleen O'Brien**, Mong; **Jacob Harry Lannon Coone**; **Dedan Heafey**; Mallfield; **Patrick Doolan**, Castle Ave: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Brendan Griffin, Colmcille (10.30am Mass); **John & Ellen McGrath & Gabrielle Schmidt**, Colmcille (10.30am Mass); **Celine Farrell**, Pleberstown (10.30am Mass); **Mary Pelcott** (nee Challoner) Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass).

St. Mary's National School shuts this coming weekend. An end of year Mass will be held on Wednesday, 11.30am. All best wishes to staff and students. Have a good summer. Take good care on the roads, at home, at the river, and everywhere else too! Good wishes too to the young people who have completed the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams.

'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in today's reading, set in the context of a mission sermon preached by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows.

Sisters **Margaret, Maeve and Joan Treacy** are members of the Institute of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. 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. Since last week we discovered other areas of mission, like Rome, Brazil, St. Louis Missouri., and even Dublin. Congratulations. Continue building the Kingdom.

July 1st **Prolife Rally** in Dublin 2023. A bus will leave at 9.30am outside Loughboy Shopping Centre Kilkenny. This is an important rally as TD's debate the 3-day waiting limit, TD's also recently supported a new abortion bill that is seeking 6-month abortion on demand for any reason. To book your seat (€20 hopefully), contact Ron 0866696632

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

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/ booking, contact Kieran Troy at 057 9355050.

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
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.

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.

Céad míle fáilte romhat Íosa, a Íosa,
Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa. Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Shlánaítheoir,
Céad míle míle fáilte romhat, Íosa, a Íosa.

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa, a Íosa, Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa.
Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaítheoir, Glóir, moladh agus buíochas duit, 'Íosa, a Íosa.

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