

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
02nd JULY 2023

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 2nd

Parish Church	Sunday 02 nd Mass	10.30am
	Monday 03 rd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 05 th Eucharistic Service	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 07 th Wedding Mass	01.30am
	Saturday 08 th Wedding Mass	01.00pm
	Saturday 08 th Baptisms	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm.

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: Peg Lancashire, Castle Avenue; **Bobby Maher**, Smithstown; **Pat Doherty**, Cloghabrody, recently deceased; **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); **Mary Ryan**, Maudlin St; **Mitchell Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey (9.20am Mass Monday); May they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: John Morrissey, Clossgregg (6pm Mass); **Nancy Skehan**, Newtown Tce (6pm 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.

Godly Play, our Sunday prayer for the young children, will take a break after this weekend, and will resume when schools reopen. We're very grateful to the people who have taken this initiative for the children on Sundays.

Recent Baptisms: Daisy Ann Gaule Coveney; Darragh Henry McConway; Emily Catherine Heather White; Tomás Patrick Freyne; Paddy Brian Murphy; Owen Meyler; Rian John Cassin; Maeve Elizabeth Marie Dempsey; Aoife Rose Spicer; Luan Rio Dooley; Jonah Patrick Conway; Skylar Eleanor Maisie Rigby; Edith Johanna Moore; Cillian James Russell; Micheál O'Hara; Luz del Carmen Oliveros Comiskey.

Dates for July: as we enter the second half of 2023, on 1st July the Church calls to mind St. Oliver Plunkett, executed in Tyburn, London, on 1st July 1681, and canonised in 1975.

On 2nd July we celebrate the thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

On 9th July we celebrate the fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

On 16th July we celebrate the fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

On Monday 17th July Bishop Coll will celebrate the 9.20am Mass. Since he became Bishop of Ossory he has been visiting the parishes for a weekday Mass. He had celebrated Mass at St. Columba's in February to mark World Day of the Sick.

On 23rd July we celebrate sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. This Sunday is celebrated as World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.

On 30th July we celebrate the seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The Cemetery Mass comes about on the Friday of the August Bank Holiday, and this year will be held on Friday 4th August at 8pm.

South Kilkenny Historical Society: Members of the society will join locals and others, on July 9th, for the annual climb of Tory Hill on Fraochan Sunday. This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughanasa. Michael Fortune of Folklore.ie will give a talk, on the summit of the hill, on the traditions associated with Fraochan Sunday at 2pm. Climbing/walking to the summit takes, on average, one hour. The society would like to thank Kilkenny County Council for financial assistance received for this event, under the Community Events Grants Scheme 2023.

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.