

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

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 24th

Parish Church	Sunday 24 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 25 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 27 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 29 th Eucharistic Service	09.20 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: Eamon Lawlor, Bennettsbridge; **Nan Hallissey**, recently deceased; **Seamus (Doc) Costelloe** (6pm Mass); **Nancy Carroll**, Ladywell St (6pm Mass); **Brendan Fitzpatrick**, Powerswood (10.30am Mass); **Laurence Holden**, Knockbrack; **Imelda Rimmer**, Mill St; **Teresa Sheehan**, Noreview Crescent; **Michael Manning**, Upper Kilmurry: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Dorothy Teesdale, Belmore, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Joe Challoner**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Frank Cullinane**, Berkley Lawn (10.30am Mass); **Pat O'Neill**, 38 Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

Season One of **The Chosen** (rated PG12+) will be shown on the big screen at the Community Centre on Sundays September 24th, October 8th & 15th & November 5th: 3.30-5pm telling stories of Jesus & the Disciples as you've never seen them before. It is powerful, thought provoking, and moving in so many ways as it touches on issues that are still relevant today. **Free Admission.** See Poster in Church.

Synod Gathering in our Diocese on **Sunday 24th September** we will gather as the People of God in Ossory at the **5.30pm Mass** united with the People of God across the world to pray for the Universal Synod. People from across the diocese are invited to attend.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw begins a new year of opportunity to support the Cathedral and win money while doing it. Over 8 years the Draw has raised over €700,000. Please support for the coming year. Subscription is €120: just €10 per month for twelve months. The first Draw is Wednesday, so Contact the Parish Office, or Murphy Victuallers or Liam Reddy on Tuesday.

Thomastown Folk Choir will sing in **Knock** Basilica on Sunday 1st October at midday Mass. They would love to have some of the community present on the day so they invite pilgrims from Thomastown to join them. Please book Monday.€25 per person, payable on booking. Contact Kate at 087 2507014, or Monika at 087 9020373.

An invitation is put out for **new Choir members** for our 10.30am Sunday Mass. Contact the current choir members. So while the congregation is invited to sing, a strong backing is necessary also. Consider joining the Choir please.

O PRAISE YE THE LORD

O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height; Rejoice in His Word, ye angels of light; Ye heavens, adore Him by Whom ye were made, And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him upon earth, In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; Praise Him Who hath brought you His grace from above, Praise Him Who hath taught you to sing of His love.

SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN,

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, bread, broken and shared as one, the living Bread of God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all, the living Cup, the living Bread of God.

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.

SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glory of God.

How we read the Parable this week will to some extent depend on those with whom we identify in the story. If we identify with the men who worked all day, we will be tempted to feel resentful at God's generosity towards those we consider less deserving. However, if we identify with the undeserving ones, we can allow ourselves to experience the thrill of divine generosity. (Martin Hogan)