

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 01st

Parish Church	Sunday 01 st Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 02 nd Eucharistic Service	09.20 am
	Wednesday 04 th Eucharistic Service	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 06 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday 7 th Wedding	02.00 pm
	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 – 086 6010001.

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: John Prendergast, Killarney, died this past week; **Dorothy Teesdale**, Belmore, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Joe Challoner**, Newtown Tce (6pm Mass); **Frank Cullinane**, Berkley Lawn (10.30am Mass); **Pat O'Neill**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Mairéad O'Hara**, Jackstown; **Noel O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Road; **Brian Burke**, Ladywell; **Joe & Ann Challoner**, Cavan & Newtown Tce: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Kathleen Finan, Kilmurry (6pm Mass); **Liam Burke**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Martin Langton**, Kilcullen (6pm Mass); **Jack & Bridie Burris**, Dangan Tce (10.30am Mass).

The **AGM** of the **Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Association** will take place on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm in the local community hall. All welcome.

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.

October Stations Please look to the Station envelopes – for the income of the priest. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Do this in Memory is the parish preparation for First Confession and Communion. The girls and boys wishing to receive the Sacraments in 2024 will be enrolled in the programme next Sunday at our 10.30am Mass.

Synod 2023 The Synod on Synodality which takes place in Rome in October is officially the 16th ordinary assembly of bishops. The theme of the synod is **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission**. Pope Francis has said that it is not a parliament with winners and losers but rather an attempt to discern how the church can better fulfil its mandate to preach the good news in every place and culture for the benefit of all God's people. The general assembly will take place in two sessions, one in October 23 and the second in October 24.

Who will be there?

First, the people in charge in the various Roman departments and the five patriarchates of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem.

Second, those who are elected to the synod by the episcopal conferences or by the synods or councils of the 23 Oriental (Eastern Rite) Catholic churches. Five men religious and five women religious will also attend – elected by the Unions of Superior Generals that represent men and women religious.

Third, several members were nominated by Pope Francis – 50 in all. He has also chosen 70 members (35 men and 35 women) from a list of 140 given to him by the seven continental synods. 363 will have the right to vote.

Bishops Brendan Leahy of Limerick and Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Raphoe (Donegal) will represent the Irish Bishops and the Irish Church.

1. Faithful is the Lord our King, Let us all in glory sing,
 ever praise in song and word: Holy, Holy Holy Lord.

Holy Father, God of might, throned amid the hosts of light
 take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and Heav'n above.

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand.
 Christ with me where 'er I go, Christ around above below.

2. Lord, accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast,
 bread and wine to be transformed now through the action of thy priest.
 Take us too, Lord, and transform us, be thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless as the host of wheat so fine;
 may all stain of sin be crushed out, like the grape that forms the wine,
 as we too, become partakers in the sacrifice divine,.

3. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, And his righteousness,
 And all these things shall be added unto you; allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;
 knock, and it shall be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia.

4. As I kneel before you, As I bow my head in prayer
 Take this day, make it yours, And fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, Ev'ry dream and wish are yours
 Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, Present them to my Lord.
 As I kneel before you, And I see your smiling face,
 Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word, is lost in your embrace.