

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 22nd.

Parish Church	Sunday 22 nd Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 23 rd Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday 25 th Mass	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 27 th Mass	09.20 am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00 pm
Mong	Thursday 26 th Mass	07.00 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: Vincent Walsh, Powerswood (6pm Mass); **John Stapleton**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Dixie Doyle**, Carrickmourne (10.30am Mass); **Peter Fitzsimons**, Newtown Tce (10.30am Mass); **Billy & Mary Hogan**, Newtown Tce & Wales (9.20am Mass, Monday); **Pat Heffernan & Deceased family members** (7pm Mass, Thursday; Mong); **Kathleen Holohan**, Oldtown: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Ingeborg Poloczek, Poland (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway (10.30am Mass).

Do this in Memory; this Sunday we hold the second of our parish Masses for the children preparing for First Communion.

Junior Certificate: Well done to the young people who received result this past week. You are already committed to Transition Year or fast forwarding to Fifth year. All the best wishes for the year ahead.

Intermediate County Final: all the best to Thomastown as you encounter Mooncoin this weekend in Nowlan Park.

The Chosen: Episodes 5 & 6 this Sunday at 3.30pm at the Community Centre.

The November Mass offered for all who have died during the past year, and for all the dead, will be held on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm. We invite families of the deceased since last November to give us a photo, before then, which we will place in the Church for November.

Confirmation 2024: Bishop Coll will come to this parish to confer the Sacrament on Thursday 18th April.

Mission Sunday is this weekend, when we are reminded that we all are a people on mission, whether at home or abroad. We are asked to support people serving in mission areas, with our prayers, our support, and our finances. Pope Francis picked a theme: **Hearts on fire, feet on the move.** Read his message on www.catholicbishops.ie

The Synod on Synodality this past week discussed mission and a central aspect of that discussion, it seems, focused on the role of women in the Church. The question of gender was introduced right away with questions that we read – “Most of us are men. But men and women receive the same Baptism and the same Spirit. The Baptism of women is not inferior to the Baptism of men. How can we ensure that women feel they are an integral part of this missionary Church?” Participants, most of whom are ordained men, were challenged to examine whether they feel “enriched or threatened” when sharing responsibility for the Church’s mission with women. So, the women’s voice is being heard... remember the Synod does not do decisions, it does deliberations and it is deliberating... Discussion also took place on authority, structures, and processes and what would a synodal Church really look like? The difficult conversations—for which there are not easy answers—are being addressed.

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. 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.