

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 29th.

Parish Church	Sunday 29 th Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 30 th Eucharistic Service	10.00 am
	Tuesday 31 st Vigil Mass	07.00 pm
	Wednesday 1 st All Saints Day Mass	10.30 am
	Wednesday Adoration	11.15-12.15 pm
	Thursday All Souls Day Mass	09.20 am
	Friday 03 rd Mass for the Dead	07.30 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.

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: Ingeborg Poloczek, Poland (6pm Mass); **Bridie Farrell**, The Rectory (6pm Mass); **Martin & Margaret Farrell**, Jerpoint Hill (6pm Mass); **Kathleen Barron**, Ballyconway (10.30am Mass); **Rita Teesdale**, Jerpoint Church: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Martin Roche, Grennan & his sister Mary Roche, recently deceased (6pm Mass).

The First Friday Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Communion on Friday 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.

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.

Thank you for your generous response to the **Collection for the Missions** at last Sunday's Masses. You contributed €800.

Congratulations to our hurlers on the great skill and energy shown in winning the Intermediate Hurling Title for 2023. Pope Francis was right – hearts on fire, feet on the move.

The Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, Mission. This past week, as the current phase of the Synod ends, delegates approved a two-page letter "to the people of God" by applauding. Synod members had voted last week overwhelmingly (355-11) in favour of publishing a letter to tell us, the rest of the Church not in attendance, what they have been discussing in these past four weeks. It is good that they are keeping us informed - synod by its very nature is about communication - listening and responding. In reading this letter we will listen and then we will get to respond. Bishop Niall will lead us in our discussions of this document in Ossory. In advance of reading, it is good to remember that this phase of the synod is about deliberations; decisions won't be made but certainly issues will be moved along and that is most welcome. After all we are, in this synod, merely listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage Did you know that some of the treasured stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage are now being told on YouTube? The Irish Dominicans, as part of the *Treasure Ireland Series* on their YouTube channel (youtube.com/irishdominicans), have visited ten sites in Co. Kilkenny, and are currently posting the videos they recorded. In this series you'll find videos about St Kenny's Well and the controversial statues of Jerpoint Abbey, the Black Abbey and Cantwell Fada, the huge defences of Kells Priory and the Franciscan Friar who reported on the Black Death in Kilkenny before succumbing to the disease.

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.