

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 7th**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30 am
	Monday 08 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 am
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Service	09.20 am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11 am
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass	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 am; 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 and Anniversaries:** Anna Tickle née Minogue, Jerpoint West, who died this week in the UK, Kieran Wemyss, Noreview Crescent (6pm Mass); Seamus Cullen, Dangan Terrace (6pm Mass); Michael Fitzsimons Senior, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); Michael and Marie Kearney, Oldtown; Michael Walsh, Friars Hill; Edward and Mary Fenlon, Bridge House; Sandra Brett, Cloghabrody; Noel Dempsey, Bawnskeha; Dick, Mary and Con Moore, Colmcille; Margaret and Martina Galway, Knockard; Eileen O'Neill, Dangan Terrace; John Butler, Pleberstown.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Alice Minogue, Newtown Terrace (6pm Months Mind Mass); Joe Minogue, Newtown Terrace (6pm Mass); Catherine (Kitty) Begley, Castle Avenue; (6pm Mass); Frances and Patrick Lannon, Station Road, (6pm Mass); John Roche, Friars Hill (10.30am Mass); Toby Cody, Bawnskeha 7pm Mass Thursday).

**Do this in Memory;** next Sunday we hold our parish Mass for the children preparing for First Communion.

First two episodes of Season Two of award-winning show **The Chosen** about the life of the disciples and Jesus will be shown on the big screen of Thomastown Community Centre this Sunday at 3.30pm. Free Admission and refreshments. All welcome.

A big week ahead and bigger weekend as **Thomastown Intermediate Hurling team** play for All Ireland glory. You've given us a great year, and all the best on Saturday.

**Thomastown GAA** will run a supporter's bus to Croke Park for the Intermediate All Ireland Club Final on Saturday 13th January. The match is at 7pm. All support will be greatly appreciated. To book your seat on the bus, contact Valerie Cullen - 086 8837283 - by Tuesday evening.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens annual holiday** to the Riverside Court Hotel, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (4 nights). Cost €400 per person sharing, €500 for single room. To book your place call to Senior Citizens Shop, Community Hall Thursday or Friday between 10 am and 1 p.m. €50 non-refundable deposit will secure your place.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society** lecture - Water Diviner Experiments in Ireland, 1891 and 1899. The Speaker is Brian White, on Friday 19th January 2024 at 8pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall.

**Anam Cara Southeast** will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 9th January at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**GLORY AND 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.

**MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light, And where there's sadness ever joy.  
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*A meditation for this week: Repeat the last sentence of today's gospel, becoming aware of God speaking these words to you: 'Your, \_\_\_\_\_, are my beloved daughter/son, with you I am well pleased'.*