

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 04th.

Parish Church	Sunday 04 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 05 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 07 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 09 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Wedding	01.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm

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 and anniversaries: Anne Cassin, Boher (6pm Mass); **Michael Kennedy**, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Charlie Foy**, Dublin (10.30am Mass); **Anna Power**, Smithstown; **Eileen Kirwan Burns**, Hounslow, Middlesex; **Declan Fennelly**, Oldtown; **Anna Doyle**, Legan; **Ned O'Reilly**, Powerswood; **Canon Michael Carroll PP**: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Joe Teesdale, Belmore & Dunmore East (6pm Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly **Holy Hour of Exposition** in the Mercy Chapel, off the main altar, Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 6th August, Feast of the Transfiguration, from 8.00-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Grásta is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating Pre-Marriage Courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church.

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential course available. 20-22 September 2024. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Trust in God: *Lord, I've no idea where I'm going.*

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself.

And the fact that I think I'm doing Your will,

Doesn't mean that I'm actually doing it.

But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You.

And I hope that I have this desire.

Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadows of death,

I will not fear for You are with me

And You will never leave me face my perils alone. Thomas Merton.

The Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the **Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes** on the weekend of 21st/22nd September 2024. Saint Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, will kindly accommodate the visit of the Relics to Ossory Diocese. "This is an initiative to bring a small piece of Lourdes to Ireland and make it possible for more people to experience something of what is close to the hearts of those who travel on our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year."

A Cois Nore Outreach worker will be visiting the Thomastown Community Centre Hall every Thursday morning between 10am and 12pm. Starting on Thursday the 22 August 2024 and every Thursday thereafter. This will be a local haven to call for information about **Cois Nore Cancer Services and Support**.

Day trip to Kilkenny on Wednesday 28th August 2024, to include a trip on the road train, free time for shopping etc and lunch in the Hoban Hotel, cost 10 euro. For further details call to the Senior Citizens Shop Thursday and Friday 9 am to 2 pm. Names taken from Thursday 1st August 2024.

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.

Come to me, Lord, and live within me. Fill my soul with your life and love.

Free from sin this day, Lord, preserve me, True to your word, give me your peace.

Bring quick relief to all who suffer, comfort and strength to all those who mourn,

You are the vine, and we are the branches, Though we are many, in you we are one.

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God Through all our lives be near us,

With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,

And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills In this world and the next.