

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 11th.**

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| <b>Parish Church</b> | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass                            | 10.30am |
|                      | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Baptism                         | 11.30am |
|                      | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass                            | 09.20am |
|                      | Wednesday: No Adoration today                           |         |
|                      | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass of the Assumption | 07.00pm |
|                      | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass of the Assumption        | 10.30am |
|                      | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass                            | 09.20am |
|                      | Saturday Wedding  | 12.30pm |
|                      | Saturday Vigil Mass                                     | 06.00pm |
| <b>St. Columba's</b> | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass                           | 11.00am |

**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: Joe Teesdale**, Belmore & Dunmore East (6pm Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Paddy Geoghegan**, Formerly Chapel Hill; **William & Mary Grace**, Grennan; **Monica Villalard**, Surrey; **Una Long**, Perth: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Richard, Mena & John Lanigan, Jerpoint Church & **Phyllis Farrell**, Naas (6pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Joe Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (10.30am Mass); **Andrew Denieffe** (10.30am Mass August 15<sup>th</sup>).

**Thank you** for your contributions at the Cemetery Mass, which came to €3302.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society** Heritage Week 2024 Event A Mystery Tour of Carrigeen with tour Guide: Eoin Walsh Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Starting point and time: St. Kevin's Church, Carrigeen at 2pm. Free - all welcome

**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](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

The annual **St Moling's Well Pattern Mass** in Mullinakill takes place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. The mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Moling's Well on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Seeking, Serving and Sharing Christ in a Synodal Church**

*The Priory Institute two-week on-line Summer School* takes the very practical theme of looking at where we can discover how to be intentional in seeking, serving and sharing Christ with others so that the Church will be alive with hope and vision. *is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 19<sup>th</sup> August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)*

### **A Prayer for those awaiting exam results**

God our Father, may your presence be felt as young people receive exam results at this time. May they know that their worth and value is based on your great love for them. Help them to trust in your goodness, fix their eyes firmly on you, and guide their steps along the path before them.

Thank you for the doors open to them.

Give them wisdom and hope in the challenges and opportunities that lie in the future. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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.