

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
30th March 2025

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 30th.

Parish Church	Sunday 30th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 31st Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 02nd Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 04th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation	05.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday & Thursday 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: **Rene & Mikey Kelly**, Kilfane West (6pm Mass); **Michael O'Reilly**, Bridge Brook Arms & his daughter **Kay Walsh** (10.30am Mass); **T. J. McCarron & Fr. Peter Orr** (10.30am Mass); **Martin & Nellie O'Hara**, Ballylinch & Cloghabrody Heights; **Bridie O'Keeffe**, Smithstown; **Dick Brennan**, Powerswood; **Larry & Mark Butler**, Castle Ave; **Denis Treacy**, Powerswood: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Jim Blanchfield**, Jerpoint Abbey (6pm Mass); **Hannah Lillie Roche**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Johnny (Riordan) Kelly**, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); **Edward Walshe**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

Next Friday is the **First Friday of April**. Those who are unable to come to Church will receive Communion at home. If not on our 'regular' list and wishing to receive the Sacrament, please contact the Office or Fr. Dan.

Reconciliation: St. Paul wrote 'Be reconciled to God'. Lent is a valued time to 'give up sin' and be faithful to the Gospel'. Until Easter we will have the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish to celebrate it and have some time to talk with the priest on Saturdays at 5pm. Next Saturday we will incorporate the Sacrament into our Saturday evening Mass.

Confirmation 2025: Those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend: Georgie Rose Begley; Konnie Begley; Ojars Bluzma; Olivia Caffrey; Gracie Cassin; Ellen Davis; Emma Dollard; Aaron Doyle; Noah Doyle; Charlotte Drynan-Gale; Rachel Dunne; Lara Fargie; Adam Fitzgerald; Aadison Gibbons; Faye Gleeson Byrne; Alana Grace; Seán Hoynes; Freddy Kavanagh; Julia Kedra; Seán Kennedy; Cian Lanigan; Daniel Loughman; Mia Magnez; Jack Moran; Dylan Murphy; Sophia McDonagh; Kobi Nolan; Ava O'Callaghan; Hollie O'Neill; Martha O'Shea; Noah Pearson; Troy Pereira; Aaron Phelan; Arianna Pinto; Carter Rigby; Alison Ryan; Charlotte Ryan; Polly Jean Shanahan; Sadie Smyth; Sophie Somers; James Tierney; Borys Tylicki; Oisín Walsh; Bernard Ward; Lara Webster; Saoirse Wemyss.

Columbarium: We have received planning permission from Kilkenny County Council and approval from Bishop Coll to proceed with the building of the Columbarium in St. Mary's Cemetery. It is expected that the work will take approximately six months to complete. This will allow an alternative resting place for people considering cremation. Details will be available nearer completion date.

Come to the final episode of **The Chosen** – Palm Sunday - in Thomastown Community Centre, this Sunday 30th March @ 7pm. Free Admission & Refreshments. All welcome.

Mother's Day is this Sunday. Thank you to all Mothers, A blessing to your families – may they be a blessing to you too.

GOD OF MERCY & COMPASSION, look with pity upon me;
 Father, let me call thee Father, 'tis thy child returns to thee.

*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy; let me not implore in vain;
 All my sins I now detest them, never will I sin again.*

By my sins I have abandoned Right and claim to heaven above,
 Where the saints rejoice for ever in a boundless sea of love.

Ag Croist an siol, ag Criost an fomhar, In iothalainn De go dtugar sinn.
 Ag Christ an mhuir, ag Criost an t-iasc, I lionta De go gcastar sinn.

O fhas go haois, is o aois go bas, Do dha laimh, a Christ anall tharainn.
 O bhas go críoch, ní críoch ach athfhas, I bParthas na nGrast go rabhaimid.

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand,
 Christ with me where'er I go, Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined,
 Christ control my wayward heart; Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day;
 Christ be my unchanging friend. guide and shepherd to the end.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
 whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
 Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
 whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
 Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.