

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

04th May 2025

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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 First Eucharist	11.00am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday St. Columba's 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: **Jim Beck** recently deceased; **Jim Kearney**, Oldtown (6pm Mass); **Billy Stapleton**, Ladywell (6pm Mass); **Kit Rafferty**, Chapel Lane (6pm Mass); **Delia Roche**, Grennan (6pm Mass); **Pat Roche**, Logan St (6pm Mass); **Mollie Lannon & deceased members of the Lannon Family**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Bridget Bookle**, Bawnskeha (10.30am Mass); **Cornelius O'Neill**, Grennan & Cheekpoint, Co. Waterford & his son **Con O'Neill**, Grennan; **Brid Fanning**; **James & Bridget Brennan**, Powerswood; **Deceased members of the Fennelly Family**: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Marie Woods**, Cloughabrody (6pm Mass); **Richard & Andrew Forristal**, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); **Joe Murray**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place next weekend: Contact No: 087-4830988.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday at 7.30pm.

St Michael's Prayer Group will have their monthly **Holy Hour of Exposition** in the Mercy Chapel, at Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 6th May from 8.00-9.00pm. Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament

Jubilee Year of Hope – Pilgrimage for Mass to Blessed Edmund Ignatius Centre
Bishop Niall invites you in this *Jubilee Year of Hope* to join with him for the celebration of Mass in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Callan, Co. Kilkenny, on Tuesday, 6th May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. Theme: **Edmund Rice, a man of Hope.**

Information Evening on Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Friday, 9th May 2025, St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy. Come along to learn more about our *Jubilee Year of Hope* Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, from 30th May – 1st June 2025. All welcome. **Dúchas - Tullaherin Heritage Society** are hosting a lecture in Thomastown Community Centre on Wednesday, 7 May at 8 p.m. on *Violent Death and Rough Justice in 19th Century Kilkenny ~ Murders in Castlefield and Castlegannon*. Speaker: Donal Cadogan. Admission Free.

Thomastown GAA Club is holding its **Annual Golf Classic** in Gowran Park on Friday 16th May and Saturday 17th May. Enter a 4 ball and enjoy a delicious meal along with the chance to win fantastic prizes. €200 for team of 4 includes goody bag and meal. Contact Bernie on 086 3870322 to book or for more information.

God bids us welcome to his house, And he invites us to his feast.
Day of great joy and happiness. Alleluia.

Great was my joy when I was told Let us go forth to God's abode.
That's in the city of the Lord.

Christ is the sun which brings the dawn, He is the light of all the world,
Setting us free from death and sin.

Christ is alive with joy we sing, We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.

A new hymn of praise Let us sing to the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This is the day the Lord has made, Ransom for sin his life he gave.(Ref)

Bringing him gifts of bread and wine, we receive back, his life divine.(Ref)

So live within us, make us one, Stay with us Lord, till life is done (Ref)

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Taste and see, Taste and See The goodness of the Lord.

Oh taste and see, Taste and see The goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the angels and Queen of the May,
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.

Their lady they name thee, Their mistress proclaim thee,

O grant that thy children on earth be as true, As long as the bowers,

Are radiant with flowers, As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.