

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
11th May 2025

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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 11th.

Parish Church	Sunday 11 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 12 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 14 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 16 th Mass	09.20am
	Baptism 17 th	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm

St. Columba's	Tuesday 13 th Mass, with Sacrament of Anointing	11.00am
Chapel Hill	Wednesday 14 th Mass	07.30pm

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.

For your personal safety and protection, the Parish Church are under **CCTV** surveillance.

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: Marie Woods, Cloughabrody (6pm Mass); Joe Murray, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); Richard & Andrew Forristal, Ballyconway (6pm Mass); Paddy Kennedy, Abbeyview & deceased members of the Kennedy Family (6pm Mass); Danny McPherson, Maudlin St (6pm Mass); Harry O'Reilly, Dangan & his daughter Bridie O'Mahony: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: Judith (June) Prendergast who died in the US in January. Her family will bury her ashes in the family grave after Mass on Saturday evening; Jim Doyle, Jerpoint West: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); Jack Lanigan, Badger Rock (6pm Mass); Tom & Bríd Skehan, Newtown (10.30am Mass).

St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection takes place this weekend. The Society can be contacted on 087-4830988.

Anointing of the Sick and Elderly: On Tuesday at the 11am Mass at St. Columba's.

Trocaire Lenten Collection: Thank you for your generosity in a world of need. You've contributed €2606 so far through the Parish, while some of you may have forwarded your contributions directly to Trocaire.

Cead Mile Failte to Pope Leo XIV. Do please pray for him as he begins his Ministry.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes sets off on Monday 19th. The students who will travel as helpers will bring your prayer intentions to the Shrine and remember you there. They will leave a box at the back of the Church for your intentions and remove it on Sunday 18th afternoon.

The list of the girls and boys who receive **First Communion** this weekend:

Kim Beck; Manuel Brophy; Joey Buckley; Billy Byrne; Alex Cotter; Freya Coleman; Darren Cuddihy; Dearbhla Dack; Hannah Davis; Julianne Doyle; Hannah Fennelly; Nyhan Gibbons; Erin Hanrahan; Zoe Hughes; Freya Kelly Cody; James Kennedy; Ethan Keohan; Charlie Lehane Brennan; Lydia Loughnane; Mikey Madigan; Cillian Maher; Tadhg McDonnell; Larry O'Neill; Lily O'Neill; Jamie Power; Elijah Reid-Veldhuis; Thomas Reilly; Naoise Rice; Holly Sexton; Orlaith Stapleton; Eddie Tennyson; Nathan Walsh; Tony Ward; Layla-Mai Waugh; Páraic Whitty; Dominik Witkowski.

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.

Bring flowers of the rarest, Bring blossoms the fairest,

From garden and woodland and hillside and dale, Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.

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.