

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 01st.

Parish Church	Sunday 01st Mass	10.30am
	Monday 02nd Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 04th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 06th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday Mass	11.00am
Colmcille Cemetery Mass	Tuesday	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.

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.

Weekday Masses may be altered due to circumstances.

Deaths and anniversaries: **Jennifer Grace**, Jerpoint Church (6pm Mass); **Bridget Power**, Grennan & her son **Michael Power** (6pm Mass); **Patrick & Larry Walsh**, Cappagh & **Mary Grant (nee Walsh)**, Cappagh & Slieverue (6pm Mass); **Paul Forristal**, Maudlin Court (10.30am Mass); **Thomas Tyrrell**, Kildare (10.30am Mass); **Biddy Kavanagh**, Jerpoint Hill: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **John Maher**, Durrow (6pm 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.

Congratulations Fr. Sean O'Connor, our neighbour in Ballyhale, who celebrates 25 years of priesthood this weekend.

Walk The Longest Day for Teac Tom

Every day can feel like the longest day for someone struggling with their mental health. On 21st June, gather your group, club, or workplace for a 30-minute walk to support Teac Tom. every €10 donated goes to directly funding Teac Tom's vital mental health and suicide prevention services. - To get your group involved, email events.teactom@gmail.com. - Let's walk for hope. Let's walk The Longest Day.

Planning for greater lay involvement in the life of the Church

*The revised **Constitution for the Ossory Diocesan Forum** was published recently. The greater involvement of laity in the life of the Church in Ossory at parish, pastoral area and diocesan level is the main theme of the new Constitution. **The Forum** consists of Parish Pastoral Councils, thirteen Pastoral Area Councils, an Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council and a Plenary Body consisting of all members of these three groups.*

***The Parish Pastoral Council** is a consultative leadership group through which priests and lay people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. As a group, they think, discern and plan for the parish on an ongoing basis to identify and respond to present and future pastoral needs.*

***The Pastoral Area Councils** will enable member parishes to both discern and work collaboratively and form a basis for the co-responsibility of priests, religious and lay people for the faith life of the pastoral area.*

SWEET HEART OF JESUS. fount of love and mercy,
today we come, thy blessing to implore;
O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful,
and make them, Lord, thine own for evermore.

Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore, O make us love thee more and more,

Sweet heart of Jesus, make us pure and gentle,
and teach us how to do thy blessed will;
to follow close the print of thy dear footsteps,
and when we fall, sweet heart, oh, love us still.

IN BREAD WE BRING YOU, Lord, our bodies' labour. In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour? But stand united now, one in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word, and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew, Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken, and it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken; make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil, take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we resist, Lord in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

***Jesus took the bread he broke, Jesus shared the bread he broke, and said;
Do this, do this in memory of me.***
***Jesus took the wine he poured, Jesus shared the wine he poured, and said:
Do this, do this in memory of me.***

I am the vine, you are the branches, and all who live in me will bear much fruit.

I am the bread come down from heaven, and all who eat this bread will have eternal life.

As I kneel before you As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours And fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

Ave Maria Gratia plena, Dominus tecum Benedicta tu.

As I kneel before you, And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word, Is lost in your embrace.

Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.