

**St. Colmcille Pastoral Area**  
**comprising Thomstown and Inistioge**  
**THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Funeral Mass	11.00am
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mass at the Hospital Cemetery	11.00am
<b>Chapel Hill</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 is 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.

Weekday Masses may be altered due to circumstances.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Brigid Doyle**, Friarhill & **Mgr. Kieron Kennedy PP** recently deceased; **Jim Beck**, Noreview Crescent: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); **Linda Doyle**, Berkeley Lawn (6pm Mass); **Nicholas White**, Knocknaboola (6pm Mass); **Angela O'Reilly**, Kilkenny Rd (6pm Mass); **Shivaun Kavanagh**, Berkeley Lawn; **Joseph O'Hara**, Jackstown; **Esther & Jack Woods**, Newtown Tce; **John Fennelly**, Boher; **Nicholas & Teresa Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Peg Lancashire**, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); **Paddy Ryan**, Legan (6pm Mass); **Michael & Stasia Collins**, Norelands (6pm Mass); **Maura Murray**, Jerpoint Abbey (10.30am Mass); **Tommy Delaney**, Pipe St (10.30am Mass).

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph Annual Pilgrimage to Knock** on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Donal McKeown: Bus from St. Fiacre's at 7am: To book: 086-0693510.

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph** will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday from 6.30pm for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life. All welcome.

**Do This in Memory** – next weekend, Feast of Corpus Christi, we hold our Sunday Mass with the children who received First Communion.

**St Mary's Cemetery Mass** will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm. A gentle reminder to you to prepare your family graves. If neighbouring graves are neglected because there are no surviving family members, please tidy up a grave nearby.

**Godly Play** takes a break. Huge thanks to Marie and the team who have run Godly Play during the last few months. Pleas God things will resume in the Autumn.

Congratulation to **John Donnelly** and the Thomastown players on the Kilkenny panel. It was a joy to see a John receive the Bob O'Keeffe Cup as Kilkenny won the Leinster Final last weekend.

*When we consider the Trinity, we are dealing with a great mystery. Yet any child can grasp it in such a way as to be able to pray it and live it. We think of God as our Father (and Mother), a parent who loves us deeply. We think of Jesus as our Brother who gave his life for us. And we think of the Holy Spirit as a friend who helps us to live like Jesus, and who binds us together as brothers and sisters in a community of faith and love. As Christians, this is the atmosphere in which we live, and move, and have our being. (Flor McCarthy)*

**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.

*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.*