

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Baptism	04.00pm
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass St. Columba's	11.00am
<b>Mong</b>	Thursday 17 <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:** John Comerford, Burrellspark (6pm Mass); Eamonn Byrne, Carrickmourne (6pm Mass); John Byrne, Ballylinch (6pm Mass); Jack Galway, Knockard; Anne Donnelly, Jerpoint Church & her daughter Mary Tennyson: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Vanessa McGarry, Jerpoint West (6pm Mass); Catherine Walshe, Newtown (10.30am Mass).

**Mission Awareness Programme:** Fr. Brendan Carr, Provincial of the Spiritans, formerly known as the Holy Ghost Missionaries will speak at Masses next weekend.

**Thomastown Parish Senior Citizens Shop** will hold a **Summer Sale** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July all items greatly reduced. Come along: you never know what treasure you might find!

**Thomastown Parish Senior citizens Day Trip** to Clonmel on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 Bus departs from the Community Centre at 10.30 a.m. sharp with a guided tour of the refurbished 17<sup>th</sup> century courthouse which was later used as a military barracks and became known as the Main Guard. Free time in Clonmel. Leaving Clonmel at 4 pm to return to the Hoban Hotel for dinner. Cost 15 euro. Please leave your name into the Seniors Shop in the Community Centre from next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fr. Billy Hoynes**, Franciscan and native of Thomastown, will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood with Mass followed by a reception at the Community Hall on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**. Be sure to note the date and join us that evening at the Parish Church.

**Matt Talbot**, role model of all who suffer from addictions, died a hundred years ago, 7<sup>th</sup> June 1925. Buried in Glasnevin, his remains were transferred to Sean McDermott Street Church later. Join members of the Pastoral Area on a visit to his burial place and a walking tour of the area associated with him on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. A bus will collect pilgrims outside St. Colmcille Church in Inistioge at 9am and outside Supervalu in Thomastown at 9.15am. Contact 056-7793191, 056-7758581, [thomastown@ossory.ie](mailto:thomastown@ossory.ie) or [inistioge@ossory.ie](mailto:inistioge@ossory.ie) before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>.

***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)

**Gifts of Bread and Wine**

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered, fruits of labour, fruits of love  
Taken, offered, sanctified, blessed and broken, words of one who died.

Take my body, take my saving blood, Gifts of bread and wine  
Christ Our Lord.

**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.

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.