

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 03rd.

Parish Church	Sunday 03 rd Mass	10.30am
	Monday 04 th Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 06 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 08 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm

St. Columba's Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/ Elderly 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.

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.

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Deaths and anniversaries: **May Forristal**, Jerpoint Church, interred this week; **Elizabeth Kenny**, Dangan Tce (6pm Mass); **Ned O'Reilly**, Powerswood; **Anne Cassin**, Boher: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **Michael (Mick) Minogue**, Coppenagh (6pm Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

Thank you for your contribution of €731.40 to the **Spiritan Mission Appeal**, when Fr. Brendan Carr spoke with us at weekend Masses.

Thomastown Creative Arts Festival will take place Friday 8th August to Sunday 17th. Local artist Bernadette Kiely will exhibit some paintings at the Parish Church. They depict the fragility of the natural world and humanity's interaction within it. Bernadette connects the care of the environment with social justice, supporting the thought of Pope Francis.

'Our Lady of Thomastown': come to a talk on the statue and discover its amazing story on Friday 15th August at 7pm in the Parish Church.

Faithful is the Lord Our King

Faithful is the Lord Our King, Let us all in glory sing

Ever praise in song and word, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy Father God of might, Throned amid the host of light

Take our life, our strength, our love, King of earth and heav'n above

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand

Christ with me where e'er I go, Christ around above below

Ag Croist an siol, ag Criost an fomhar, In iothalainn De go dtugar sinn.

Ag Chriost an mhuir, ag Criost an t-aisc, I lionta De go gcastar sinn.

O fhas go haois, is o aois go bas, Do dha laimh, a Chriost anall tharainn.

O bhas go crioch, ni crioch ach athfhas, I bParthas na nGrast go rabhaimid.

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.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fulness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied,

For every sin on his was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave he rose again.

And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am his and he is mine, Brought with the precious blood of Christ.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the works thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, How great thou art, how great thou art (x2)

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim, my God how great Thou art.

Safeguarding Concerns If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the

following: Diocesan Designated Persons

Ms. Ailish Higgins 085 8021633

safeguarding@ossory.ie

Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or

Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330

Garda National Protective Services 01

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Civil Authorities: Tusla Child & Family

Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617

7302 Safeguarding Reps. for this Parish

are: Brigid Cassin Begley and Nellie Doherty. Contact them through the Parish Office

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316

www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service

01 505 3028

www.towardspeace.ie