

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 10th.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Thursday Vigil Mass	07.00pm
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mass	10.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mass	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.

Weekday Masses may be altered due to circumstances.

**Deaths and anniversaries:** **Michael (Mick) Minogue**, Coppenagh (6pm Mass); **Paul Stapleton**, Legan (10.30am Mass); **Catherine Burke**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass); **Joseph Teesdale** & his father **Leonard Teesdale**; **Michael Walsh**, Jerpoint Abbey; **Úna Long & Derek Long**, Perth, Western Australia: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** **Andrew Deneeffe**, Jerpoint West (10.30am Mass August 15<sup>th</sup>); **Thomas Kelly**, Kilfane West (6pm Mass);

**St. Vincent de Paul Collection** takes place next weekend. Contact number for the Society: 087-4830988.

**Thomastown Creative Arts Festival** takes place Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. 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':** reputed to have been brought from Spain circa 1650, Mary Lincoln, widow of wine merchant Patrick Lincoln presented the statue to the Parish of Thomastown. Come to a Talk on the statue and discover its amazing story on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the Parish Church.

**Drama group Morsceal** have 3 One Act Plays called **Memories** in the Concert Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August. Proceeds are in aid of Friends of St. Columba's Thomastown. Tickets are on sale in Reddys gift shop / O' Keeffe's Daybreak and online on gr8events: see link on poster at back of the Church or cash on the night.

### **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.