

St. Colmcille Pastoral Area
comprising Thomstown and Inistioge
THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER 24
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THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 24th.

Parish Church	Sunday 24 th Mass	10.30am
	Monday 25 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday 27 th Mass	09.20am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 29 th Mass	09.20am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
St. Columba's	Tuesday 26 th 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

Deaths and anniversaries: Louise Paton, Legan Grange & Brian Phelan, Newtown Park interred this week; **Jonathan Hynes**, Newtown (6pm Mass); **Richard, Mena & John Lanigan**, Jerpoint Church & **deceased Members** of the **Lanigan Family & Phyllis Farrell**, Naas (6pm Mass); Michael Kennedy, Brownsbarn (6pm Mass); **Thomas & Margaret Begley**, Newtown Tce: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses next weekend: **May Forristal**, Jerpoint Church & Galway (6pm Mass); **Elizabeth (Betty) Kiely**, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass); **Billy Daly**, Castle Ave (10.30am Mass).

The annual **St Moling's Well Pattern** Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher takes place on Sunday 24th August at 2pm. The Mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny, and indeed from other parts, come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Moling's Well on August 24th.

Summer holidays are coming to an end for all our young people as schools re-open. Firstly, all good wishes to the young people who have received your Leaving Certificate results. We ask the Lord to guide you in the decisions you are now enabled to make.

And to the young people beginning or resuming primary and secondary level education, and to the staffs who will play a big part in your formation, we wish all the very best also.

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area THOMASTOWN & INISTIOGE PARISHES Mass Time Changes Effective From Sat. 30th Aug 2025			
THOMASTOWN PARISH		INISTIOGE PARISH	
Saturday (vigil):	6.00pm	Saturday (vigil):	The Rower 7.30pm
Sunday:	10.00am	Sunday: Clodiagh	9.30am
		Inistioge	11.00am
Monday: No Mass		Monday: No Mass	
Tuesday: No Mass		Tuesday: (The Rower)	9.30am
Wednesday:	9.30am	Wednesday: No Mass	
Thursday: No Mass		Thursday: (Inistioge)	9.30am
Friday:	9.30am	Friday: No Mass	

REMINDER: Drama group Morsceal have 3 One Act Plays called Memories in the Concert Hall on 23rd and 24th 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.

Saint Fiacre lived at Sheestown for some time. He is patron saint of gardeners. He wanted to be hermit in Ireland, but people came to him for his healing herbs he grew. So, he travelled to France to be a hermit there. Even when people came in multitudes to him for his healings and curings, making the long pilgrimages to his site, Saint Fiacre accepted his role. He built a hospice, a chapel and garden for these travellers. Just like Saint Fiacre, God may be calling you to step out into a role to do his will that his out of your quiet and comfort zone.

The Gardener's Prayer

I have worked in the fertile earth and planted a garden;
so I know what faith is.

I have listened to the birds carolling in the morning and at dusk;
so I know what music is.

I have seen the morning without clouds after showers; so I know what beauty is.
I have seen the miracle of spring, the fruition of summer and the beauty of autumn,
followed by the repose of winter; so I know what life is.

Because I have perceived all of those things, I know what God is. Amen.