

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

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**THOMASTOWN CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>.**

<b>Parish Church</b>	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mass	10.00am
	Wednesday 03 <sup>rd</sup> Mass	09.30am
	Wednesday Adoration	10-11am
	Friday 05 <sup>th</sup> Mass	09.30am
	Saturday Vigil Mass	06.00pm
<b>St. Columba's</b>	Tuesday 02 <sup>nd</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

**Deaths and anniversaries:** John Joe Phelan, Boher & Caroline Dalton recently deceased; May Forristal, Jerpoint Church & Galway: Month's Mind (6pm Mass); Elizabeth (Betty) Kiely, Ballydonnell (6pm Mass); Michael Dunne, Castle Ave (6pm Mass); Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family, Newtown (6pm Mass); Billy Daly, Castle Ave (10.00am Mass); Ellen Walsh, Cappagh; Jamie Walsh, Ashbourne & London; Miss Latour, London: may they and all our dead rest in peace.

**Anniversary Masses next weekend:** Bernie O'Hanrahan, Colmcille (6pm Mass); Declan Carey, Upper Kilmurphy (10.00am Mass).

**Canonisation of Saints Pier Giorgio Fracatti and Carlo Acutis** by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, in Rome Sunday, 7th September 2025 :9.00 am. – 12 noon: Live stream presentation in the Chapter House, St Mary's Cathedral, organised by lay Dominicans. (Light refreshments in aid of Teach Tom).

**First Friday:** usual arrangements apply.

There will be a Church Gate **ProLife Collection** next weekend 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

**St Michael's Prayer Group** will have their monthly Holy Hour of Exposition in the Mercy Chapel, off the main altar, Thomastown Parish Church, on Tuesday, 2nd September, from 8.00-9.00pm. An opportunity to come together to pray for peace in the World.

*The Long Goodbye Draws To A Close!*

On the Newsletter of June 22nd last, we published the bishop's "Clerical Changes in The Diocese of Ossory" indicating that "eighteen priests are mentioned in the latest set of Clerical Changes published on Friday just gone."

That news came to us over two months ago, and this weekend these changes take effect, and thus the Long Goodbye draws to a close.

Obviously, as these changes involve Thomastown and Inistioge parishes we thank, in a special way, our outgoing Parish Priest, Fr Dan Bollard who retires from Thomastown after eighteen years of ministry as he now goes to live in Kilkenny.

We also thank Fr Jim Murphy who retires from St Canice's Parish following .... years of ministry and who now makes himself available to assist in Thomastown and Inistioge parishes whenever possible.

This weekend Fr Jim will celebrate the Saturday 6.00pm and the 10.00am in Thomastown while there will be no change of Celebrant in Inistioge until next w/e.

Please try to remember the Mass-time changes below - there are not very many actually - but enough, perhaps, to confuse at times!

THOMASTOWN		INISTIOGE	
<b>Saturday (Vigil):</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Saturday (Vigil): The Rower</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday: Clodiagh</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
		<b>Inistioge</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Monday:	No mass	Monday	No mass
Tuesday:	No mass	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> (The Rower)	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>	Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday:	No mass	<b><u>Thursday</u></b> (Inistioge)	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>	Friday:	No mass

**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.

**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.