

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area of Thomastown and Inistioge Parishes

THOMASTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER – 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

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Thomastown Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am
St Columba's	11.00am
Wednesday	9.30am
Friday	9.00am

View on webcam: thomastownparish.ie

Adoration after Mass on Wednesday

Inistioge Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	The Rower	7.30pm
Sunday	Clodiagh	9.30am
	Inistioge	11.00am
Tuesday	The Rower	9.30am
Thursday	Inistioge	9.30am

View on webcam: inistiogeparish.ie

Adoration after Mass on Thursday

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Johnny Kelly, Castle Ave; Jack Norris, Ballyhale, formerly Danesrath.

Month's Mind: John Joe Phelan, Boher (6.00pm); Caroline Dalton, The Mall (10.00am).

Anniversaries: John Prendergast, Killarney; Michael Manning, Upper Kilmurry & Clonsilla; Teresa Sheehan, Nore View Crescent; Brian Burke, Ladywell; (6.00pm). The Costelloe Family, Pipe St & John Costelloe, Galway; Frank Cullinane, Berkley Lawn (10.00am).

Next weekend: Kathleen Finan, Kilmurry; Joe & Ann Challoner, Newtown Tce & Cavan (6.00pm); Patrick O'Neill, Castle Ave (10.00am).

An Invitation from Pope Leo XIV. Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace; personally, in the family, in the community.

Grásta Upcoming Pre-Marriage Courses taking place from 21st -23rd November 2025 and 7th-8th March 2026. See Noticeboard.

Planning A Baptism

Please note and, maybe pass on to your family/friends: **Baptisms take place once a month in this Parish, and once a month in Inistioge Parish.**

Thomastown Baptisms take place on the **1st Saturday of each month at 4.30pm.** In Inistioge Parish, Baptisms take place in the church of your choice (provided you happen to be the first booking that month). All other Baptisms in that month will be at the same time, and in the same church. This is to be fair to all three functioning churches-areas of Inistioge Parish.

The time options are as follows:

The Rower — Saturday 6.30pm;

Inistioge — Sunday 11.45 am;

Clodiagh — Sunday 12.30 pm.

Please note that parishioners from either Parish are free to choose a date or weekend in the other Parish of the cluster if it's more suitable — simply contact the secretary re. availability of space. **Please try to accept these guidelines in advance to avoid unnecessary 'stress', especially if families or relatives are travelling within Ireland, or from countries further afield.**

New Baptism Ministers: If you have some time to spare and would like be involved in visiting families and accompanying them for baptism we would be delighted to welcome you to our Team: for further information please contact Marian: 086-0693510.

PPC: Meeting takes place on Monday 29th September at 7.30pm.

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 hosts 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 'er I go, Christ around above below.

God's Spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

He sent me to give the Good News to the poor, tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see, And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come, (2)

Just as the Father sent me, So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world, The whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say, Don't worry because on that day
God's Spirit will speak in your heart, Will speak in your heart.