

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area – Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

THOMASTOWN PARISH

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am
St Columba's: 11.00am

Inistioge Parish Mass Times

Vigil: The Rower: 7.30pm
Sunday: Clodiagh: 9.30am

Inistioge: 11.00am
Tuesday: The Rower: 9.30am
Thursday: Inistioge: 9.30am
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 14TH DECEMBER 2025

Gaudete Sunday:

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means a Sunday of 'Joy' or 'Rejoicing'.

The opening Antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice.

In other words, we are encouraged to pre-empt the joy of Christ's coming; or we can't 'contain ourselves' at the joy we're about to embark on at Christmas.

Indeed, the Lord is near. Today, on our Advent Wreath, we light our pink candle to mark this day of 'Gaudete' or joy.

Have Your Say:

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start:

Many parents, teachers and Board of Management members have not, as of yet, responded to the Primary School Survey. It is really important that we all do so before the closing date of 16th December.

During this last week before the closing date **NEXT TUESDAY**, the Catholic Communications

Office will continue to raise awareness about the Department of Education and Youth's online survey

regarding school patronage. See - gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 24 th December	Christmas Eve:	5.00pm and 8.00pm.
Thursday 25 th December	Christmas Day:	10.00am.
Friday 26 th December	St. Stephen's Day:	10.00am.

BEREAVEMENTS

Funeral Mass: For Jim Maher, Monday 15th December, Church of The Assumption, followed by burial in St. Mary's New Cemetery; (11.00am).

Recently Deceased: Liam Doolan, Late of Cloughabrody & England.

Anniversaries: Pip Fardy, Wexford; Bernie Stapleton, Maudlin St; Tom Roche, Bohilla; Kathleen Cahill, Smithstown; Séan Ryan, Bonnybrook; (6.00pm). Dr. James Drynan, Mall House; Maggie Morrissey Clossgregg; Mary Walsh, Dysart; Elizabeth Fanning, Grennan; Ned Ryan, Friars Hill; (10.00am).

Anniversaries next w/e: William Farrell, Glenmore House; Mary Delaney, Pipe Street; (6.00pm).

Month's Mind next w/e: Josie Lannon, 26 Dangan Tce; (6.00pm).

Festival of Carols:

Our Annual Carol Service will be presented to the parish next Wednesday, 17th, at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church at 7.00 pm. Come along for a lovely night of Traditional Christmas Carols by a number of Choirs. Don't forget to bring along the family to enjoy the event.

Thank You:

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