

# THOMASTOWN PARISH

## Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am

St Columba's: 11.00am

Wednesday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am

webcam: [thomastownparish.ie](http://thomastownparish.ie)

## 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

webcam: [inistiogeparish.ie](http://inistiogeparish.ie)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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/primaryschoolsurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey)

### Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Eve:** 5.00pm and 8.00pm.

**Christmas Day:** 10.00am.

**St. Stephen's Day:** 10.00am.

## BEREAVEMENTS

**Funeral Mass:** For Jim Maher, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

To all the Envelope Distributors, who accept the 'unenviable' chore of distributing the envelopes for The New Year, we say a very sincere 'Thank You'. Although it's not an exciting task, don't underestimate it, because it's a major contribution towards maintaining the standards and level of service that we are privileged to experience in this parish.

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### SAFEGUARDING:

**If you have a safeguarding concern contact:**

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