

**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  
Wednesday: 9.30am  
Friday: 9.30am  
webcam: 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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 08<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

### *St Vincent de Paul Collection:*

Will take place next weekend: Your support is greatly appreciated: Contact number for the Society: 087-4830988.

### *A Woman on The Margins*

This week, we hear the familiar story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. As with many familiar stories, it is easy to dismiss. We've heard it before. But like many other stories we have heard before, it may have something new just waiting for us to uncover. We know that in the act of speaking to the woman, Jesus broke many taboos; speaking to a woman alone, speaking to a Samaritan, engaging with a woman of questionable sexual morality. We know that this woman was an outcast even among her own townspeople. She was at the well at noon. The other women of the town would have come in the cool of the day – she couldn't join them. She was a woman on the margins of her society. Jesus himself lived at what Father Richard Rohr calls, "the edge of the inside," – near the margins himself. Jesus comes to her, as he always comes to those on the margins. He doesn't condemn her or judge her but offers her the gift of faith and she and her fellow townspeople accept it with joy.

## BEREAVEMENTS

**Anniversaries:** James O'Neill, Ballinamona; Roly Collier, Friarshill & his Mother Alice Collier; Rose Morrissey, Station Road; Shamie Minogue, Cloughabrody; Christy Kirby, Dangan Tce: (6.00pm). Kit Behan, Mary Behan, Stephanie Behan & deceased members of the Behan Family, Cloughabrody; John O'Rourke, Newtown; Josephine Ryan, Bonnybrook; Mary Roche, Logan St; Patty Ryan, Friarshill; Mary & Paddy Greene, Pleberstown: (10.00am).

**Anniversaries Next w/e:** Willie O'Keeffe, Smithstown: Month's Mind; Tony Kehoe, Edinburgh & Jerpoint West; Eddie & Anne Minogue, Bawnskeha; Bun Doolan, Carrickmourne; Mary Byrne, Carrickmourne: (6.00pm)

### *Prayer*

Lord, as we hunger and thirst to build the kingdom of Heaven here on earth –to be a more loving spouse, a more patient parent, a more compassionate friend, a more generous coworker – we turn to you this Lent, to be filled by "the love of God that has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us," so we might be able to, like the Samaritan woman, share the Good News and the Living Water with everyone around us. AMEN.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Frank Purcell – 086 601 0001

### **SAFEGUARDING:**

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

Deputy DLPs: Rose Brophy, 087 331 4331 & Cathal Cullen, 056 775 2448

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