

**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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

### *Divine Mercy Sunday*

A TIME MAGAZINE in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another and spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy St. Faustina witnessed, the Divine Mercy we celebrate and hopefully learn from on Divine Mercy Sunday.

*Every Life Counts* sincerely thanks all who generously contributed to their recent church gate collection in Thomastown and Inistioge, raising a total of €772.

## BEREAVEMENTS

**Recently deceased:** Liam Challoner, Marshes St.

**Anniversaries:** Catherine Heffernan, Achill; Paddy O'Keeffe, Cloughabrody; Breda Delaney, Newtown Tce; Jim Doyle, Jerpoint West: (6.00pm). Edward Walshe, Castle Ave; Robert Walsh, Pleberstown & Dublin; Jim Lannon, Dangan Tce; Tess Hennessy, Low St; Mary Hayes Gibbons, Bawnskeha; Joe Dunphy, Dangan Tce; Neddy & Eileen Dempsey & their son John Dempsey, Chapel Hill; Billy & Marie Woods, Cloughabrody: (10.00am).

**Anniversaries Next w/e:** Billy & Nellie O'Reilly, Market St; Kathleen Grace, Newtown Tce; Mattie & Pat Lawlor, Maudlin St; Gerry Minogue, Newtown Tce; John & Martha Darcy, Waterford: (6.00pm). David O'Neill, Castle Ave & Kilkenny; James Doyle, Jerpoint West: (10.00am).

*St. Vincent de Paul:* Collection takes place next weekend. Contact number for the Society: 087-4830988.

Eucharist Adoration for *Divine Mercy* will be held in Inistioge Parish Church this Sunday, from 2.00 to 4.00pm. All welcome.

### *Prayer for our Confirmation Candidates*

who will be Confirmed next Thursday

God our Father, we thank you for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You call each one of them by name and promise that whatever happens in their lives, you will be with them always. We pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and renew their hope in you so that your love may shine through them to the world. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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