

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21st JUNE 2026

Peter's Pence/Holy Father's Collection takes place next weekend. Peter's Pence (or *Denarii Sancti Petri* and "Alms of St Peter") are donations or payments made directly to the [Holy See](#) of the [Catholic Church](#). "Peter's Pence" proceeds are used by the [Pope](#) for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative costs of the Vatican state.

Day for Life 2026

The origins of **Day for Life** trace back to 1995 when Pope Saint John Paul II established its annual observance in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church across Ireland celebrates the annual **Day for Life**.

This year Pope Leo XIV has sent a special message to Catholics and people of goodwill celebrating **Day for Life**, to assure them of his spiritual closeness, at this time. The Day for Life 2026 message, shared by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland offers a reflection on the theme - *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb*, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her.

BEREAVEMENTS

Anniversaries: : Patrick Ryan, Legan; Jacob Lannon Coone, Mallfield; Harry O'Reilly, Dangan & his daughter Bridie O'Mahony, Wexford: (6.00pm). Peg Lancashire, Castle Ave; Kathleen O'Brien, Mong; James O'Brien, Mong; Esther, Jack & Brohna Woods, Newtown Tce; Patrick Lennon, Legan; Mary Kate & Johnny Doolan, Newtown; Ben Doolan, Newtown; Patrick Doolan, Newtown; Patrick Doolan, Castle Ave: (10.00am).

Anniversaries Next w/e: Nancy Skehan, Newtown Tce: (6.00pm). Pat Doherty, Cloughabrody: (10.00am).

Happy Father's Day

Every year our **Day for Life** falls on **Father's Day** and we all join in wishing our Fathers a blessed day.

We remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our Fathers and Mothers gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's **Day for Life**, we would like to acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its toll upon fathers and mothers, rendering them feeling helpless and unsure of how to support each other and their family, and how to express their grief.

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