

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 02nd AUGUST 2026

Welcome Bishop Ger

Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Ger Bishop of Ossory in addition to his role as Bishop of Ferns. The two Dioceses will be joined "*in persona episcopi*" which means that both Dioceses will maintain their own identity but work together under the pastoral care of one Bishop. Gerard Nash was born in 1959 at Glandree, Co Clare. After his Leaving Cert he studied business and worked in manufacturing for a number of years. He studied for the priesthood with the Diocese of Killaloe and in June 1991, Bishop Nash was ordained a priest. In 2021, Pope Francis appointed him as Bishop of Ferns. The Diocese of Ossory has a Catholic population of 83,595. It comprises 42 parishes, 35 priests in active ministry, and covers the areas of most of County Kilkenny, six parishes in County Laois, and one parish in County Offaly. We are delighted to make him most welcome as our new bishop, and we wish him many years of success in his ministry in these challenging times of staff shortages.

Installation:

Bishop Ger's Installation as Bishop of Ossory will take place on Sunday 13th September in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 3.00 p.m.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who came along in great numbers to celebrate the lives of their deceased, and pray for them, at St Mary's Cemetery Mass last Friday evening. As well as the blessing the graves, this year's pattern Mass included the official blessing and commissioning for use, the newly constructed Columbarium Wall. Great credit is due to all involved in the hard work and commitment in bringing this project from a dream to completed reality. Thanks to the caretaker and the cemetery committee for their ongoing work in keeping the cemetery a fitting

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently deceased: Nancy Dalton, Dangan Tce.

Anniversaries: Michael Kennedy, Brownsbarn: (6.00pm). Ned O'Reilly, Powerswood; Michael O'Keeffe, Smithstown; Margaret Doyle, Newtown Tce: (10.00am).

and dignified resting place for the remains of our loved ones.

We thank the collectors for their work which helps defray costs that are inevitable on such ceremonies.

Well done also to the Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Sound and Altar providers, and anyone else who helped in any way. It was much appreciated by the crowds that attended.

Happy Holiday

Happy Holiday Weekend to all who have come home to families and friends at this time; and to the many who travel away to various events this weekend as well. Safe travel to everyone!

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of August and Holy Communion will be taken to the sick and housebound at the usual times.

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SAFEGUARDING:

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