

INISTIOGE PARISH

St Colmcille's, Inistioge | St Brendan's, Clodiagh | The Assumption, The Rower

WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m. *(Suspended)*
Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistioge 11.30 a.m. *(Suspended)*

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m. *(Suspended)*
Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m. *(Suspended)*

The Baptism of The Lord - 10th January 2021

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*For all of us there comes a time in our life, when we have to decide,
when we have to take a stand,
when we have to choose and reveal who we are,
what we believe in and which side we stand for.*

We cannot be fence-sitters all our life.

We cannot be private believers, private followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For Jesus that moment was his baptism.

For us, is it now?

In baptism, we claim the name of Christian and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ. Our baptism made each one of us the "servant" of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the "beloved Son" and "favour" of God.

In baptism, we embrace that same Spirit that "hovers" over us, guiding us in our journey to God.

Liturgically speaking, the Christmas season officially comes to an end with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Now the same Spirit that "anoints" the Messiah for his mission calls us to be about the work of Christmas in this new year: to seek out and find the lost, to heal the hurting, to feed the hungry, to free the imprisoned, to rebuild families and nations, to bring the peace of God to all peoples everywhere.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

Dr Jonathan Fisher.

Anniversaries:

Annie O'Brien (month's mind) & her sister, Biddy Meaney; and Joseph Stephenson, Ringwood; and Michael & Margaret Grace, Charlefield, (Sun 11.00);

Michael Cassin, Ballycocksuist; Michael Bolger, Newfarm; and the deceased members of the Lyng Family, Ballynunnery;

Next Weekend:

Philly & Brian Knox, Cappagh.

N.B. Masses Sundays 11.00 am & Weekdays 9.30 am Tues to Fri are streamed on: inistiogeparish.ie

The Search Still Goes On

We are all very grateful to Mary Hogan for coming out of retirement to tide us over the Christmas period as Church Sacristan. But despite many efforts to find a new Sacristan, no one has yet agreed to take on the role. So currently, we're seeking a 'leader' who is willing to be the organiser of a panel of volunteers.

Monthly Envelopes

Thank you all who contribute regularly to all our parish our expenses. Please try to continue to do so. Whenever the HSE and Government restrictions permit, we will be in contact with our parish distributors who kindly drop off the boxes and envelopes to the homes within their areas, and to whom we are most grateful.

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