

# 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)

Third Sunday of Lent - 7th March 2021

## God's building

### *The building continues and we are the living stones*

Why is Jesus angry? – they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen!

Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble, e.g. the finding in the temple, and the words – ‘my body is the temple.’

Jesus is more at home at the table, the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.

The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building.

If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up.

The forty six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love.

The building continues still and we are the living stones.

## Bereavements

### Recently Deceased:

Pauline Doyle, Camolin (9.30 Wed.)

### Anniversaries:

Tom McGrath, Kiltown; Pat Galavan, Cullintra; Hanny Hamilton, Ballygub (11.00); Also: Johnny Murphy, Ballyferreen (Tues. 9.30); Maureen Duffy, Westport (9.30 Thur.); Mercedes Stapleton, U.S.A. (9.30 Fri.); Kathleen Knox, Kilcross; Brendan Marnell, Inistioge; Alice Dempsey, High Street; Billy Dempsey, High Street; Bidy Connolly; Eddie Mason & The Roche Family, Mill Road; Patrick Farrell, Hatchery Lane.

## Respect

It's regrettable that we're sometimes asked to remind people to respect the resting places of our loved ones. But sadly, from time to time, the resting places of our loved ones are not fully respected. We are therefore urged to be vigilant in maintaining the general state of our cemeteries and that graves, flowers, adornments, etc. are never disturbed.

## CHY3 Certificates

You're probably fed up reading about them, but they are coming in slowly but surely. Thanks to those who've done so, but there is still a number of Certs that have still not been returned. So please ... **If the Cert doesn't apply to you**, just let us know, we'll update the records and you'll never receive one again!

**The income from these Certs is so important, particularly as income is severely impacted with the lockdown.**

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### SAFEGUARDING:

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## TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading**

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**The Word of The Lord.**

### **Psalm 18(19):8-11**

**Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(Response)**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(Response)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(Response)**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(Response)**

### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Gospel**

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.