

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)

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 14th March 2021

Happy Mother's Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to children's every need. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We also remember mothers and grandmothers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory for the selfless love they shared and the sacrifices they made for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh

PRAYER OF ST PATRICK FOR HIS PEOPLE

May the Strength of God guide us. May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Angels of God guard us. Against the snares of the evil one.
May Christ be with us; May Christ be before us; May Christ be in us;
Christ be over all!; May your Grace, Lord, Always be ours, O Lord, . Amen.

REMEMBERING & PRAYING FOR OUR EMIGRANTS

We always think of our emigrants during the annual festival of our Patron Saint. You are therefore invited to pray for them in a special way this week.

MASS ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY WILL BE STREAMED

AT THE NORMAL WEEKDAY TIME: 9.30 a.m.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

Marjorie Gallagher, Dublin.

Anniversaries:

James Patterson, U.S.A.; Kathleen Lyster, Inistioge; Nell Lyng, Inistioge; Peg Walsh, Inistioge; Seán Caulfield, Coolnamuck (all 11.00 Sun); Pat Galavan, Kilconly (9.30 Thurs).

Next Sunday, 11.00:

Muriel Duggan, Kilcross; James O'Gorman, Meath; John, Kitty & Jim Malone, Ballyshane.

Thank You!

Many thanks for the sacrifices you make in being so faithful to the various collections you meet in your envelope box as time goes on.

Trócaire

As Easter approaches we are asked to be conscious of our Third World responsibility and the general Lenten exhortation of **Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**.

PLEASE STAY SAFE

With the occurrence of Mother's Day and St Patrick's Day we are urged to avoid letting down our guard as unfortunately we still seem have a long ways to go yet in our COVID battle.

Easter, Sacraments, etc.

Obviously there is great uncertainty, both locally and nationally, with regard to **Easter, First Penance and Communion and Confirmations**. We will keep you advised as we get informed.

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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.