

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. (ditto)

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

All Masses
'online'
Tues—Fri
9.30 am.
Sun
11.00 am

Palm Sunday - 28th March 2021

HOLY WEEK IN OUR PARISH (all ceremonies via Webcams)

Tuesday	9.30 am	Mass	Inistioge
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Chrim Mass	stmaryscathedral.ie
Holy Thursday	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Inistioge
Good Friday	3.00 pm	The Lord's Passion	Inistioge
	7.30 pm	Stations of The Cross	The Rower
Holy Saturday	7.30 pm	The Easter Vigil	Inistioge
Easter Sunday	11.00 am	Mass of The Resurrection	Inistioge

Bishop Nulty's Invitation To The Chrim Mass

Bishop Denis Nulty, the Apostolic Administrator of our diocese, invites you to join him and the priests of our diocese for the annual Mass of Chrim at 7.30pm on Wednesday. While this Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors at St. Mary's Cathedral the celebration will be available online at stmaryscathedral.ie. Priests of the diocese will renew their vows and the holy oils for use at Baptisms, Confirmations, the Anointings of the Sick and Ordinations will be blessed. The Sacred Chrim for use at the ordination of our anticipated new bishop will be consecrated.

Forty-two candles representing the prayers and petitions of parishioners in each parish in the diocese will be lit during the Mass and later returned with the Sacred Oils for use in the local community. Please join with us in this important diocesan celebration.

Bereavements

Month's Mind:

Seán Roche, Garrandarragh.

Anniversaries:

Florrie Malone, Mill Road; Benny Holohan, Killeens; Ned Drea, Kilmacshane.

Next Sunday:

Andrew & Bridget Barcoe & deceased members of the Barcoe Family, Kilcross; Jimmy Lyng, Carrenroe.

Palm Sunday

We are asked to exercise caution when collecting Blessed Palm in our churches today. To keep it safe and keep it simple, try to put the motto **'what you touch is what you take'** into practice!



Trócaire

Please return your Trócaire this week. Because we are not attending mass in church, it's difficult to place the box through a letterbox. And, for security reasons, don't leave your box or donation anywhere in the churches.

If you can, convert your coinage into notes and put them into the Library Letterbox or into the Letterbox at the priest's house.

In The Rower, Ina, of Ina's Shop, has kindly offered to take care of the Boxes or envelopes rather leaving them in the Church.

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SAFEGUARDING:

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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or Ms Rose Brophy, 087 331 4330; email: dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Liam Mulholland; Rebecca Ryan & Regina Bolger.

cf. Full Safeguarding details: www.ossory.ie

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The Rower Goes 'OnLine'

On Good Friday evening, at 7.30 pm, The Rower will have Stations of The Cross streamed from The Church of The Assumption. This will be its first 'online' broadcast and will be an historic and memorable occasion.

The advent of **webcams**, **streaming** and **online** activities have taken on a life of their own since the world has become afflicted with the current pandemic. The Bishops in general, and our diocesan administrator, Bishop Denis Nulty, in particular, are loud in their affirmation of webcams as the way forward in the Church and they believe that need for them will not end when the pandemic is defeated.

How to connect: Like the webcam in Inistioge, you just get onto the Parish Website (inistiogeparish.ie), click on webcam and choose which church you need. The 'normal' times of masses, etc., that are streamed from each church will be above each camera.

Please note that due to GDPR regulations, we only have a camera active from the time the church microphones are switched on, i.e. approximately 10 minutes before the start time of a mass, funeral, etc.

If a family does not wish to have their wedding, for example, be seen online, all they have to do is ask the priest or the sacristan.

The parish is so grateful for a recent and crucial intervention it received that made possible the connection of broadband to the Library and Parish Church. The parish is also most grateful to the three local businesses that jointly volunteered and generously provided the funding for the webcam in Inistioge Church.

With regard to the webservice from The Rower Church: as has been earlier documented, a local family, unsolicited, came forward and made this most generous gift to the community - provided that the gesture remained anonymous. A big 'Thank you' to all concerned - we all are deeply indebted - as we grow to realise the importance of local connectivity in our communities.

Mini Retreat

Fr Billy Swan will leading us in an evening of reflection this coming Tuesday evening at 7pm to help us prepare for the Celebration of the Mass of Chrism. The registration link is below, or you can register for this evening through the Ossory Website. As many of us as possible are asked to join in this little retreat.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xWNeghEtSM-EzgMjRz2qCg

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Opening prayers:

Sign of the Cross; Our Father; Hail Mary; Creed

On the five large beads:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads:

For the sake of Your sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer (recite three times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday 2nd April and finishes Sunday 11th April, Mercy Sunday. Please say it each day for your families, the sick, the end of the pandemic and for the world. Leaflets available at back of church.

Saint Faustina Kowalska

Born: August 25, 1905,
Glogowiec, Poland.

Died: October 5, 1938, Divine
Mercy Sanctuary, Krakow.

Canonised: April 30, 2000.

Feast: October 5.

Borrowed Time

In his account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Mark makes a point of the fact that the donkey was borrowed.

He sends two disciples to a nearby village where they will find a colt. If anyone questions you, Jesus directs, tell them that "The Master needs it" and assure them it will be returned.

And so Jesus enters Jerusalem, seated on a borrowed donkey, acclaimed by the crowds as the "one who comes in the name of the Lord."

But what kind of Messiah, what kind of king, makes his grand entrance on a borrowed donkey?

But that is an unbroken thread in the story of Jesus: He was born in a borrowed place and laid in a borrowed manger. As he travelled, he had no place of his own, so he spent his nights in a "borrowed" space somewhere. He ate his final meal in a borrowed room. And when he died, his body was placed in a borrowed tomb.

Jesus owns nothing. He possesses nothing. He takes nothing for himself but shares whatever is given him.

His only possession is compassion: love freely given, without limit or condition or expectation.

And such poverty is what he asks of those who would follow him.

Because such poverty is the treasure of the Kingdom of God — a Kingdom built of justice, of mercy, of reconciliation, of peace.

It is that Kingdom of God that Jesus preaches and models and ultimately dies for — on a cross that was borrowed, as well.