

INISTIÖGE PARISH

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistiöge 11.00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Inistiöge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th July 2021

SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Expectant waiting for dear ones

A story from the life of Mother Teresa shows her love for the lonely and unwanted people, the "sheep without a shepherd," who, while materially well-off, are sometimes "the poorest of the poor."

On one occasion, she visited a well-run nursing home, where good food, medical care and other facilities were offered to the elderly. As she moved among the old people, she noticed that none of them smiled unless she touched them and smiled at them first. She also noticed that many of them kept glancing expectantly towards the door while listening to her.

When she asked one of the nurses why this was so, she was told: "They are looking for a visit from someone related to them. But, except for an occasional visit, birthday gift or a 'get well' card, this never happens."

Jesus invites us, in today's gospel, to show concern, mercy and compassion for such sheep without a shepherd.

Six Weeks To Confirmations

Please God, in six weeks time, our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation: they will be in Inistiöge on Saturday, 28th August; and in The Rower on Sunday, 29th August - at 11.00 am in each instance.

In normal circumstances the 5th and 6th classes in each school would be receiving the Sacrament, but due to COVID, it will be the sixth classes only that will be making their Confirmation this August.

Thanks to the Principals and teachers, great preparations have been made in both schools during the past school year. If any boys or girls have forgotten to return 'details form' please do so as soon as you can.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Dominic Colgan, Tallaght, late of Ballygallon.

Anniversaries: Maureen Kelly, Coolhill (Sat 7.00pm); Pat & Lucy Cassin, Lanaught (Sun 9.30am); James Lanigan, Fiddawn; Seán Cottrell, Dobbins Mill; Tom, Hannah & Paul Cullen, Killeen (9.30am Wed). Máire McHugh.

Next Sunday: Nellie McGrath, Kiltown (Sat 7.30pm); Mary Lanigan, Laurel Hill (Sun 11.00am).

A Quiet Place

Jesus decides to take the apostles apart to a quiet place for a break. This time he wasn't thinking of himself but of his apostles. He saw that they needed rest. He took them to a quiet place apart. He knew that the carers too needed to be cared for. However, things did not turn out as planned. The people followed him. And far from getting annoyed he welcomed the people. Doesn't this tell us a lot about the kind of person he was? He was moved with pity for them. We all appreciate people who show compassion in times of need?

...a few more

"O'Muircheartaighisms"

"Seán Óg Ó hAilpín: his father's from Fermanagh, his mother's from Fiji. Neither a hurling stronghold"

"Anthony Lynch, the Cork corner-back, will be the last person to let you down – his people are undertakers."

"Pat Fox, out to the forty and grabs the sliothar. I bought a dog from his father last week. Fox turns and sprints for goal.. the dog ran a great race last Tuesday in Limerick.. Fox, to the 21, fires a shot – it goes to the left and wide.. and the dog lost as well."

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