

# INISTIOGE PARISH

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

## WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas - 02 January 2022

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

We traditionally keep the decorations up until Twelfth Night, the 6th of January which also marks the Feast of The Epiphany. The presents have been opened, the mince pies eaten, and our Christmas trees have been sparkling for long enough.

The Epiphany marks when the three wise men followed a star to visit the son of God and is considered a special moment in the story of Jesus' birth that, in some countries, is just as important as Christmas Day itself.

Meaning "appearance" or "manifestation" in Greek, celebration of the Epiphany goes back to at least the second century.

It originated in the East where Christians celebrate the birth and baptism of Jesus. The Western Church began following it in the 4th century as the day the wise men were led by the star to visit baby Jesus, according to the story of the Nativity.

**First Friday**  
**Friday next is the First**  
**Friday of 2022.**  
**Holy Communion to**  
**the Housebound at the**  
**usual times, unless**  
**otherwise arranged.**

According to tradition, three wise men called Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar were drawn across the desert to meet the baby Jesus by the star if Bethlehem, and they came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

These were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth: the Gold representing his royalty; Frankincense his divinity; and Myrrh his humanity.

## Holy Day Masses

**Masses on Thursday for the Epiphany will be as on a Sunday, with the Vigil Mass in The Rower celebrated on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.**

## Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Thomas O'Leary, Thomastown, formerly Kilcross; John O'Donnell, O'Donnell's Pub, The Square, Inistioge. Funeral arrangements later.

**Anniversaries:** Marty Ryan, Coolhill (7.30pm);

**Next w/e:** Joseph Stephenson, Ringwood; John & Margaret Grace, Charlefield (7.30pm); Andy Cotterell, Kilmacshane (Month's Mind 11.00am).

## A happy, Holy and Safe New Year

The beginning of a New Year is always a good time for both looking back and for expressing hopes and dreams for the future.

The Word of God today (1st) invited us to seek a blessing for the New Year. The psalm asks: **'O God, be gracious and bless us'**.

The Old Testament reading invoked the ancient blessing: **"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."**

(Num. 6:23)

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