

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 27th March 2022

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today's theme comes from the entrance antiphon which reflects on Isaiah 66:10-11: ***"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."***

The word ***"Laetare"*** means "rejoice" in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as with Advent's third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. It indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the sombre days of Passiontide. As traditionally is the case on St Patrick's Day, on Laetare Sunday there's a temporary halt to penitential observations.

Mother's Day

This Sunday we observe Mother's Day - the fourth Sunday of the Lenten season, which is three weeks before Easter Sunday. In past centuries the day was known as ***"Mid-Lent Sunday"*** and the focus for people was on returning to their "mother church" where they were baptised as a child. However, after World War II, the date of this religious observance and the current Mother's Day essentially merged into one. Today the focus of Mother's Day throughout the world is in celebrating Mothers and Grandmothers for all they do, the example they give and the sacrifices they make, by bestowing them with gifts, flowers and special meals.

Welcome back Summertime

This morning, at 01.00, we began Summertime. Now, you may recall that on March 26, 2019, the E.U. voted in favour of removing Daylight Saving Time from 2021. The last clock change was due to take place in Spring 2021; however, the proposal has taken a back seat as the world coped with Covid-19.

Bereavements

Month's Minds: Geraldine Digby, Oldcourt (9.30am); Martin Naddy, Kilmacshane (11.00am); Fr John Delaney, Coon (Month's mind mass next Saturday in Coon at 7.30pm).

Anniversaries: Florrie Malone, 8 Mill Road; John & Jim Malone, Ballyshane; Kathleen Knox, Kilcross; Benny Holohan, Killeens, The Rower; Deceased members of the Sutton Family, Cappagh.

Next w/e: Ciss O'Mahoney, Kylemore (7.30pm); Thomas & Margaret Flood, Russelstown, & deceased members of the Flood Family (9.30am).

Your GAA Membership

Your GAA Membership is now due for renewal.

The Camogie Club breakfast morning in the Rower Hall on Sunday morning at 10:30am. Entry €5.

Darkness Into Light

The Darkness into Light Registration is now open for Saturday May 7th.

Baby and Toddlers

This group returns next Tuesday, weekly from 10am-12, Cois Abhann Community Centre. All welcome.

Next Friday - First Friday

First Friday Communion to the sick and housebound at the usual times.

Confirmations

Confirmations took place in Inistioge last Friday and will take place next Friday in The Rower at 11.00. Congratulations to all concerned.

Prodigal Son

Tiger Woods: "I thought, ***'I can use whatever I have, to get whatever I want.'*** Today, I realized that this is a wrong philosophy. I messed up my life. I want to return to my religion."

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