

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.

Easter Day of The Lord's Resurrection - 17 April 2022

A VERY HAPPY, HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING EASTER TO YOU AND YOURS

'IN CRUCE SALUS'

"Easter" literally means **"the feast of fresh flowers."** Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for five reasons:

- 1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith.** It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain"
- 2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..."
- 3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement** in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is precious and is worth living - a message much needed to reach the 'war machine' of Putin & Russia.
- 4) Easter gives meaning to our prayers:** It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven.
- 5) Easter teaches us that it is through the suffering on the Cross** that salvation, freedom and redemption was won for us all by Jesus Christ, our Saviour: **'IN CRUCE SALUS'** - In The Cross is Our Salvation and Redemption.

THANKS

At this time of year we like to say a big **'thank you'** to all who look after our churches during the year - our sacristans, cleaners, flower arrangers, readers, eucharistic ministers, choirs, secretary, collectors, envelope distributors and volunteers who play an indispensable role in the smooth running of our parish.

MASSES

Weekday masses return to the normal days and times in The Rower and Inistioge from Tuesday.

Bereavements

Anniversaries: James Hackett, Kilcross (11.00am); Maureen & Michael Kissane, Ballybunion; Jim Holden, Brownsford; Paddy, Larry, Mary, Bridie & Kate Holden, Brownsford; Peter and James Farrell, Ballymurphy;

Next w/e: Mickey Cottrell, Coolshane (Anniv Mass in Inistioge next Saturday at 12.00 noon); Alice & Michael Tierney, The Hatchery (11.00am Anniv).

At Long Last!

I am delighted to return to work and ministry from this weekend at long last. I'll not bore you with details of my illness: suffice to say that all went well, thank God, and the results are positive, to be confirmed in mid May. Initially, convalescing was smooth and swift, but then, internal healing and physio began and it clearly became a case of 'no pain, no gain'! However, Ukraine and its occupation quickly overshadowed recovery as the world focussed on the murderous campaign of Putin and his so-called 'soldiers.' It was then that my own problems paled into insignificance.

And so, I now use this opportunity to express my gratitude to Fathers Tony O'Connor and Joe Hargadon for doing the needful at weekends during my absence. Thanks to Msgr Dan Cavanagh for looking after Confirmations for each of the parish schools. To the Ministers who conducted the Eucharistic Services in Inistioge and The Rower - a huge 'Thank You.' But most of all I want to say how humbling it was & how grateful I am, for all your calls, texts, WhatsApps, get well cards, Mass Bouquets, etc. I received. I was deeply moved and will always treasure your prayers, good wishes and kindness. **(Fr Frank)**

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