

# Parish of Inistioge

*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 *(weekday masses may occasionally change due to circumstances)*

**The Rower:** Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.  
**Inistioge:** Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th September 2022

## *Lisa, Christy and Chelsea*

It is difficult to find words to express our shock at the tragedy that has befallen the Cash and Cawley families in recent days. The words of the prophet Jeremiah, who himself knew much loss, might help us now.

**Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?** (15:18). We assure all who are touched by this tragedy of our sympathy and prayer. May those around you be a source of shelter and strength in the weeks and months to come. May the Lord grant Lisa, Christy and Chelsea eternal rest.

## *The Passing of Queen Elizabeth*

We also offer our condolences to all our neighbours in the United Kingdom following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We acknowledge her contribution to change, peace and reconciliation, and her great impact on the bonds of mutual understanding between our two peoples. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.

*(... and on a lighter side)*

## The Church Is No Place for Joy

*In church the other Sunday I was intent on a small child who was turning around smiling at everyone.*

*He wasn't gurgling, spitting, humming, kicking, tearing up the hymn-sheets, or rummaging through his mother's handbag.*

*He was just smiling.*

*Finally, his mother jerked him around and with a stage whisper that could be heard outside on the street she said, "Stop grinning! You're in a church!"*

*And with that, she gave him a slap on his behind and as the tears rolled down his cheeks she added, "that's better," and then returned to her prayers.*

*I wanted to grab this child with the tear-stained face close to me and tell him about: My God.*

*The happy God.*

*The smiling God,*

*The God who had to have a sense of humour to have created the likes of us.*

# Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Thomas Dowling, Shambough.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Caulfield, Coolnamuck (9.30am); Anastasia and Philip Roche, Coolshane and Luke Roche, Kilcross (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** 7.30pm Johanna Prendergast, Garranavabby (M. Mind) and Sabrina & Paddy Whelan, Ballavarra (Anniv); 11.00am Maura Lee (Anniv);

## Confirmations 2023

Once again, the Sacrament of Confirmation during this school year, 2022/2023, will be administered by local parish priests throughout the Diocese of Ossory.

Here in this parish, in collaboration with the schools, we return to Confirmations taking place every second year for 6th and 5th classes. However, for practical reasons, we will continue to have Confirmations on two separate weekends: one for Inistioge school, and one for The Rower School.

The two preferred dates chosen for this year are the two weekend's leading up to Holy Week (*the times later*):  
**The Rower: Friday, 24th March.**  
**Inistioge: Friday, 31st March.**

## Holiday Cover

While Fr Frank is away, Sept. 13th - 23rd, any emergency call should be directed to Fr Dan Bollard, Thomastown, at 087 664 4858. Should he be unavailable, Fr Seán O'Connor, Ballyhale, 086 389 5911 should be called instead.

## Last Week's Collection

€ 920 Thank you very much.

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