

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th September 2022

The Hymn - The Bishop - and The Ploughing

Thank God, it's back. 'The Ploughing' three-day championships will begin in Ratheniska, Co. Laois, on Tuesday next, 20th September.

In the past, our Diocesan Apostolic Administrator and Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Denis Nulty, organised competitions to find Ireland's favourite **POEM** and the most popular **PRAYER**. In 2019, when 300,000 spectators attended the last pre-Covid championships, the Hail Mary was voted the most loved prayer.

This year Bishop Denis wants to discover which **HYMN** the Irish people love best. Participants have thousands of hymns to choose from – time-honoured ones learned at school and from their parents, or more contemporary compositions. **Anyone, from any part of the world who wishes to register their preference can do so by submitting their choice to favouritehymn@kandle.ie** So, if you want to have your preference and your vote counted, you'd want to get your skates on!

Speaking about the search for Ireland's favourite hymn, Bishop Denis said, "I always enjoy *The Ploughing*. It is important for the Church to have a presence at this unique event and our diocese always has a busy stand whenever it is held in our locality.

"As someone who enjoys and appreciates singing in church, I am really looking forward to finding out what hymns people most like. I have my own favourites. As well as hymns many of us grew up with, there have been plenty of new hymns introduced in recent decades and it will be exciting to discover which one people like best."

The hymns in receipt of the most nominations will be sung by leading performers at the Kildare and Leighlin stand (Block 2, Row 18, Stand 291) at *The Ploughing* each day at lunchtime.

'Ireland's Favourite Hymn' is one of several initiatives being taken by the diocese at the Ratheniska event. The theme of the Kildare and Leighlin stand is '**Ploughing a Prayerful Path**', echoing the recent Synodal discussions throughout the world to advise Pope Francis on a way forward for the Catholic Church.

Visitors to the stand will be invited to help create a woollen mural depicting the logo of the synod. Callers will also be given a wristband featuring the colours of Ukraine.

The diocesan stand will highlight some ancient ritual customs such as the making of Saint Brigid's crosses and the distribution of blessed salt for dispersal on gardens and farmland.

The stand will have a Prayer Wall for petitions, as well as a quiet space for private prayer in the midst of the hectic '*The Ploughing*' championships.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Nicky Fitzgerald, Hatchery Lane, Inistioge; Monica Foley, High Street, Inistioge & London.

Month's Mind: Johanna Prendergast, Garranavabby (7.30pm).

Anniversaries: Sabrina & Paddy Whelan, Ballavarra (7.30 pm); Maura Lee (11.00am);

Next w/e: Mickey Murphy, Kiltown & Teresa Wilmot, Ballycommon (7.30pm); Joe Martin, Ballinagoth & Sr Canice Walsh, Ballygub (9.30am).

Future-Planning!

In this weekend's Gospel the parable of the unjust steward is difficult to understand. If Jesus appears to praise the steward it is certainly not for his unjust actions but for his foresight.

'The children of this world are more 'clever' than the 'children of the light.'

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business.

When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune. One even-

ing at an investment meeting he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars."

Really impressed, the woman asked him for his business card - and three days later she became his stepmother!

Aren't clever women so much better at future-planning than crooked men?

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Last Week's Collection

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