

# 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd October 2022

## Day For Life 2022

### 'Caring for the Older Person'

The focus of the **Day for Life** this year is *Older Persons*. The COVID pandemic has highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing.

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and ener-

gy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. We share their concerns.

Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective: 'The alliance between generations is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.'

We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying. We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age,

## Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Lar Walsh, Conahy; Nicky Grant, Ennis, late of Stonybat, Inistioge.

**Anniversaries:** John Walsh, Kiltown (7.30pm); Patrick Murphy, Ballyshane & Harry Baird, Main Street (11.00am); Jimmy Murphy and deceased members of the Murphy family, Charlefield; Dr. M. G. O'Brien, Inistioge.

**Next w/e:** Edward & Mary Kehoe, The Rower Village and Ann Mahon, Farrentemple (7.30pm); George & Mary Lanigan, Ballygub (9.30am); Bernie/Peggy Tobin, Mill Road (11.00am).

### First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Holy Communion to the housebound as normal times. Those wishing to avail of this service, please inform the office.

### Prayer Meetings

St Michael's Thomastown/Inistioge **Prayer Meetings resume on Tuesday Nights at 8.00pm** in the Mercy Chapel Thomastown. (side of the Church, beside toilets). They restart on Tuesday 4th October with Adoration & then Prayer Meeting. Every Tuesday 8.00pm. All welcome - bring a friend.

### Pilgrimage To Rome

The **Adult Faith Development Group** are holding a pilgrimage to Rome this coming March (9th - 14th) 2023.

This pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some wonderful masterpieces.

The all inclusive cost for this pilgrimage is €710 p.p. sharing.

Places can be booked by contacting Kieran and Laura Troy at [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie) or by calling 057 9355050.

### Last Week's Collection

€ 885 Thanks so much.

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