

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th October 2022

Our Call To Prayer

We obviously should have the urge and the need to pray every day, and the importance of prayer is emphasized in the Scriptures today. In the first reading Moses holding up his arms is an Old Testament gesture for prayer.

In the Gospel Jesus teaches a parable about the importance of constant prayer. The widow in the parable received her request because she was persistent, and we ought to be equally constant in prayer. There is some humour in the Greek that is not evident in the English translation; the judge gave in to the widow because if he did not, he feared she might give him a black eye! Jesus used a metaphor from boxing to make his point about the need to continue in prayer: when it comes to prayer, be as persistent as a boxer in the ring.

Jesus gave a second teaching in the parable: if an unjust judge answers the pleas of a widow how much more will God answer our prayers.

"Very well" you might say, "but what about unanswered prayer?" This is always a mystery that we leave ultimately in the hands of God because we believe that prayer is always answered although perhaps not in the way we had hoped.

Safeguarding

Please note that places are available for information/refresher and full day training if any people require this. This new date is the evening of **Thurs November 17th in St. Patrick's parish Centre, Kilkenny.**

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will make a much welcome return having been suspended during the pandemic. The dates for this year's Pilgrimage are Tuesday 23rd May until Sunday 28th May. The Pilgrimage Director is Fr Tony O'Connor and may be contacted through the Diocesan Office, James's Street, Kilkenny R95 NH60; Phone: 056 776 2448. We are all encouraged to consider taking part in it ourselves.

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Paddy Moffitt, Roscommon; Kathleen & Michael Kennedy, Laurel Hill; Oonagh Purcell (7.30pm); Margaret (Peg) Holden, Brownsford, and her sister, Evelyn Power (11.00am).

Next w/e: Sinéad Breen, Raheenduff (7.30pm); Richard Walsh, Ballygub & Pat Meaney, Ballinabarna (9.30am); Jim Hackett, Kilcross (11.00am month's mind); Paddy Lawlor, Ballygallon (11.00am).

A Man of Prayer

Not only does Jesus teach about prayer, but he is depicted as a man of prayer. His focus is on the attitude of the one praying rather than on God. For Jesus, it goes without saying that he trusts deeply that God hears our prayer. Jesus' concern is that we might not believe this and so give up. Therefore we see people praising and thanking God, giving out to God, turning to him in their need.

The message is simple: keep on praying and remember that its purpose is not to change God, but to change us.

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