

# 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.

The Baptism of the Lord - 8th January 2023

## 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'

"These were the final words spoken by the Lord on the cross; his last breath, as it were, which summed up what had been his entire life: a ceaseless self-entrustment into the hands of his Father.

"Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom, may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever!" (from Pope Francis' homily last Thursday)

## 'This is my beloved Son'

The meaning and grace of the **Sacrament of Baptism** are evident in the rites of its celebration. For infant Baptism the priest enquires of the parents if they accept the undertaking of raising the child in the Christian faith. The following gestures and words are important parts of the unfolding celebration:

**The sign of the Cross** – The priest, parents and godparents trace the sign of the cross on the forehead symbolising that the child is going to belong to Christ. **Proclamation of the Word of God** – revealing that prayer is important, marking the candidate's entry into the life of faith. **Oil of Catechumens** – signifies our liberation from sin. **The Profession of Faith** – reminding the parents to raise the child as a faithful Christian. **Baptismal Water** – so those baptized in it will be 'born of water and the Spirit'. **Baptism** – this is the essential rite of the sacrament - the invocation of each person of the Most Holy Trinity. **The White garment** – The infant is wrapped in the garment to signify he or she is newly clothed in Christ. **The Candle** – This is a sign that the baptized are now 'the light of the world'. The **'Our Father'** and **'Solemn blessing'** – the celebration of Baptism concludes with special prayers for parents, godparents and for all who have participated in the joyous occasion.

# Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Mick Brennan, Coolnamuck; Mary O'Neill, Deerpark.

**Month's Mind:** Breda White, Kilmacshane (11.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Bidy Meaney, Cullaun, Michael & Margret Grace, Charlefield (7.30pm); Mary Fleming, Coolhill (11.00am); Michael Cassin, Ballycocksuist; Jack & Statia Walshe, Bohilla; Joe Stephenson, Ringwood; Mary & Tom Malone, Clodiagh; Michael Bolger & deceased members of the Bolger Family, Newfarm; The deceased members of the Lyng Family, Ballynunnery.

**Next w/e:** Tom & Kathleen Lyng, Carrenroe (7.30pm); Monica Lanigan, Cluen (9.30am); Johnny O'Donnell, The Square; Philip & Brian Knox, Cappagh (Annivs) and Tom Roche (M Mind) 11.00am.

## Dates to Note

Ash Wednesday	February 22
Mother's Day	March 19
Confirmations The Rower	March 24
Clocks go Forward	March 26
Confirmations Inistioge	March 31
Palm Sunday	April 2
Easter Sunday	April 9
1st Communion Inistioge	May 6
1st Communion The Rower	May 13
Father's Day	June 18

## Peace in 2023

Let us be inspired by Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who on the cross, subverted hatred, and became the way of true and enduring reconciliation. May the Holy Spirit who brought Christ to life in Mary, bring the Prince of Peace to life in us. May the Spirit strengthen us, and guide our feet on the way of peace.

## Last Week's Collection

€ 862

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