

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

Inistioge Parish

Inistioge Parish Mass Times

Vigil:	The Rower	7.30 p.m.
Sundays:	Clodiagh	9.30 a.m.;
	Inistioge	11.00 a.m.
Weekdays:	The Rower	9.30 a.m. (Tue & Thur)
	Inistioge	9.30 a.m. (Wed & Fri)

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil:	Thomastown	6.00 p.m.
Sundays:	Thomastown	10.30 a.m.
Weekdays:	Thomastown	9.20 a.m.
		on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

Second Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2023

First Holy Communion Families

As part of their preparation for First Holy Communion in May (6th in Inistioge & 13th in The Rower) all First Holy Communion children should, with their families, attend Saturday or Sunday mass every week.

From this weekend onwards (apart from some designated holiday weekends) children from these classes will actively participate in the relevant mass by reading the Prayers of The Faithful and presenting the Offertory Gifts.

Parents will also play their part by helping to organise the children who are involved in these masses.

First Penance - The Rower

You are asked to keep in your prayers the girls and boys who, as preparation for their First Holy Communion, will make their First Penance in The Rower next Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m.

On The 'Lookout'

This is the time of year when we are usually on the lookout for willing and co-operative parishioners who might participate more actively in the Parish. This applies to all aspects of parish life: e.g., church cleaning; flower arranging; choirs; readers; Ministers of The Eucharist; being available for stewarding at

special events (cemetery masses, etc.)

It's always sad to hear: 'I'm willing but was never asked.' So, if you are happy to join and help in some area of the parish, please contact the priest.

Saint Patrick and Modern Ireland

In preparing to celebrate our national patron saint the Adult Faith Development Group have asked Fr Billy Swan of Ferns Diocese to come to Ossory to deliver a reflection on What St Patrick might say to a Modern Ireland.

This evening will take place on this coming Tuesday night, 7th March in St Kieran's College at 7.30pm.

Bereavements

Recently deceased: Ann Murray, Graigue Road.

Month's Mind: Bridget Grace, Kilcross (11.00am).

Anniversaries: Pat Galavan, Cullintra (7.30pm); Hanny Hamilton, Ballygub (9.30am); Martin Naddy, Jim & Sarah Naddy Kilmacshane and Breda Kelly, Arklow (11.00am); Johnny Murphy, Ballyfreen; Bridget Prendergast, Ballyshane; Johnny Cottrell, Coolshane; Brendan Marnell, Inistioge; Lucy Mealy, nee Coleman, High Street.

Next w/e: Tom McGrath, Kiltown and Billy Lyng, Tinnislatty (7.30pm); Billy & Statia Ashe (11.00am).

Transfiguration

The story of the transfiguration is told each year on this Sunday. There are two aspects to the story of the transfiguration. One is that it affirms Jesus' identity as the beloved of God despite the shadow of the cross that now hangs over his ministry.

The second is that it serves as a reminder to the disciples that their task as they accompany Jesus on the road to Jerusalem is to really listen to him. This puts our Lenten efforts into the right context as the sole purpose of

the season is to bring us to a closer relationship with Jesus and to understand more fully the meaning of his passion, death and resurrection.

Exercise and Ageing

You are invited to a talk by Chartered Physiotherapist Paul Bolger on exercise and ageing in Graig library on Friday March 10th at 11am.

It's a free event - 056 7794178 to book.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: €792

Thank You

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