

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)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th July 2024

“Do Not Cast Me Off In My Old Age”

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. As that feast was yesterday, we celebrate that feast today. Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 -- **“Do not cast me off in my old age”** - as the theme for the 2024 celebration.

By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribu-

tion they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness.” The theme is a reminder that, unfortunately, loneliness is a widespread reality, which afflicts many elderly people, often victims of the throwaway culture and considered a burden to society.

A Child's Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways, they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways, they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes your glory and the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: John Murphy, Kilmacshane.

Month's Mind: Will Ring, Kilcross (11.00am).

Anniversaries: Mary Lyng, Tintine; Kathy Lyng & Sr Placidus Lyng, Tinnislatty (7.30pm); Ann Clifford, Kilcross; Emily Clifford, Oldcourt; Anna Fennelly, The Curragh (11.00am); Billy Woods, New Ross.

Next w/e: Mary Kehoe, The Rower Village (7.30pm).

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. Holy Communion Visits to the housebound at the usual times.

Finance Council

A meeting of the Parish Finance Council will take place in the Parish Office on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm. All members requested to attend.

Thank You

Every Life Counts would like to thank everyone who so generously contributed to last week's church gate collection which came to €508.

Mother Butler

The Local History Group invites you to a meeting in The Rower Hall next Monday night at 8.30 to discuss and plan for a fitting memorial to celebrate the great life and amazing achievements of Mother Butler.

Cloneamery

Thanks to all who helped at, or attended the cemetery mass last Friday in mixed weather conditions.

Last Week's Collection:

Plate: € 1292

Many Thanks

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