

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)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th August 2024

Lord, to whom can we go?

If we have trouble coming to terms with some of the teachings of Jesus, we can take comfort from the reaction of the disciples in today's gospel.

'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' they complain. Jesus' response introduces new teaching, teaching that only raises more questions in their minds. He links 'spirit' with 'life'. Having used the term 'flesh' of his body and of the life that he offers to those who eat of his flesh, he now introduces an element of doubt: flesh is now 'useless'!

It seems that John wants to emphasise the spiritual origins of Jesus as the eternal word and wisdom of God. Many refuse to grapple with the complexities and implications of this teaching and they turn away. Jesus asks his closest followers if they too will desert. Peter speaks for the twelve when he declares

their undying allegiance: 'To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

Most of us have wanted to throw it all in at some time or another.

Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and an encouragement for those who seek to understand more deeply and believe.

Cathedral Draw 2024/2025

It's St Mary's Restoration Draw time once again.

12 MONTHLY DRAWS @ €10/MONTH

Starts in September. Draw takes place on last Wed. of each month.

THE DIOCESE REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT.

Tickets: Office, Sacristy or Priest.

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Mary Sheehan, Cullintra (7.30pm); Sarah Kilbride, Russelstown (9.30am); Elaine Walsh, Georgies, Cluen; Dick & Mollie Kelly, Coolshane (11.00am).

Next w/e: Bridget & Paddy Dwyer, Garranavabby (7.30pm); Pat Tierney Inistioge (11.00am).

Adult Literacy for Life

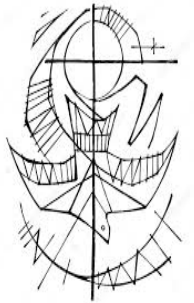
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Saint Moling

The Annual St Moling's Well Pattern Mass in Mullinakill takes place this Sunday, 25th August, at 2.00 pm. All are welcome.



Last Week's Collections:

Rower Cemetery Mass: €3225

15th Aug Plate: € 155

18th Aug Plate: € 866

Many Thanks

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SAFEGUARDING:

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