

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

## Inistioge Parish

### Inistioge Parish Mass Times

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

### Thomastown Parish Mass Times

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

*(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)*

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th October 2024**

Irish Bishops' Pastoral Letter

## A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?

Hospitality in Today's Ireland Ireland's tradition of hospitality - céad míle fáilte - faces challenges due to rising immigration, which has exposed longstanding societal issues like housing, homelessness, and gaps in social services.

These challenges existed before immigration became a prominent issue, but some fearful and angry voices now call for closing borders. However, the Irish people, conscious of our own history of migration and Christian faith, must continue to welcome newcomers. Many immigrants bring valuable skills and talents, while others seek support for a better future.

As Christians, the belief in the sanctity of life and the commandment to 'love your neighbour' calls us to care for everyone, regardless of their background. The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference urges all Christians, and people of goodwill, to embrace this Biblical invitation to welcome the stranger, creating parishes and communities of hospitality where people truly belong. Welcoming others is not only a societal duty but also a Gospel command to love and serve as Christ did.

It is a new experience for Ireland to be a destination for migrants, a clear sign of the country's economic and social progress. Historically, Irish migrants often faced discrimination abroad. Father Gerry McFlynn, of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas office in London, recalls the change since migrating to live in England at the end of the 1970's. The 1980's and 1990's were difficult decades to be Irish there. 'One had the strong sense of being "a suspect community", having to keep one's head down, say little publicly, always conscious of one's accent and background.' He adds that it was not until the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 that attitudes began to change for the better.

*(Letter available in Church Porch, or on: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>)*

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Billy Barron, Grange (7.30pm); Margaret (Peg) Holden, Brownsford; Peggy O'Leary, Stoneybatter (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Sinéad Breen, Raheenduff (7.30pm); Richard Walsh, Ballygub; Pat Meaney and deceased members of the Meaney family, Ballinabarna 9.30am); Michael & Kathleen Kennedy, Laurel Hill (11.00am)

### MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and the **Church Door Collection** next w/e at all masses will go, in its entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The Mission Sunday theme is:

***"Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet"***

### Confirmations 2025

Our Parish Confirmations will be celebrated in Inistioge Parish Church for both schools, 5th & 6th classes, on **FRIDAY, MAY 9th, 2025 AT 11.00AM** Apologies to the families who have Confirmations one day, and 1st Communion the next. This was brought to the attention of the diocesan office but a change of date was not possible.

### Garda Vetting Reminder

Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers should renew their Garda Vetting clearance for service in our parish. ***You may return forms to the Sacristy or Parish Office.***

### PUBLIC ROSARY REMINDER

There will be a Public Rosary in Inistioge Square on Monday the 14th October at 3 o'clock in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. The Church will be used if the weather is unsuitable. All are welcome.

### Last Week's Collection:

**Plate: € 937**

***Thank You***

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### SAFEGUARDING:

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