

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 Advent - 8th December 2024

Be Reconciled For Christmas

Next weekend (*'Gaudete' Sunday*), as we continue to focus on our spiritual preparation for Christ's Birthday, a **RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be incorporated into the w/e masses. During these services you will be invited to pick one or two straws from a basket and place them in the empty Crib. This will be a sign and a symbol of your willingness to receive forgiveness for your sins as you prepare to welcome home for Jesus at Christmas. It's a simple but powerful ceremony showing that we, as community, are enthusiastic in preparing the 'Crib' of our heart to welcome Jesus at his birthday.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, normally celebrated on Dec. 8th, this year is celebrated on Monday 9th, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Many people wrongly believe that this feast celebrates Jesus' conception, but in fact it celebrates Mary's Immaculate Conception - the fact that Mary, from the very first moment of her conception, was without sin, and chosen to be the Mother of Jesus.



An Macalla

'An Macalla' Magazine will be on sale from next w/e. It's available in Ina's shop, The Rower; the Post Office, Inistioge; & before and after all masses. Thanks to all who contributed to magazine, including its Sponsors. Limited availability, so get your copy early. Happy Christmas to all.

St Vincent de Paul

The **Christmas Blue Envelopes** for the St Vincent de Paul will soon be distributed. They can be returned to **Elma in Inistioge** post office or **Ina's in the Rower**. Your support is greatly appreciated. The **SVP no. is 0873752509** or email, stcolmcille.inistioge@svp.ie

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Paddy & Annie O'Brien, Cullintra; Jimmy Prendergast, Garra-navabby; Eily Murphy, Kiltown; Mary & Pat O'Brien, Tintine (7.30pm); Breda White, Kilmacshane; Paddy Grant, Mill Road; Charlie, Alice, Billy, Dick & Noel Dempsey, High Street (11.00am)

Next w/e: Michael Flood, Coolhill, & deceased members of the Flood & De-lahunty families; Paddy McGrath, Kiltown; The Deceased Members of The Rower - Inistioge GAA Club (7.30pm); Mark Parlevliet, Ballygub & Holland (9.30am); Dick & Bridget Tierney, Kilcross; Tommy Hackett, Kilcross; Brendan Murphy, Ballyshane; Dick & Anastasia Lyng, Upper Carrenroe, & deceased members of the Lyng Family; James Hennessy, Ballavarra (11.00am).

Church Cleaning

The seasonal 'deep-clean' in preparation for Christmas in **Inistioge Church** will take place next Wednesday, 11th Dec. at 7 o'clock. All are welcome. Don't come empty-handed - please bring a duster, etc!

The Christmas Crib

Our Christmas Cribbs will be erected in churches before masses next w/e. However, they will remain empty until we symbolically **'prepare a bed'** in them at the Penitential Services at Masses next Saturday and Sunday.

Carol Services

Keep in mind the Candlelight Carol Service in **Inistioge next Sun., 7.00pm;**

and the Marymount School Carol Service in **The Rower on Wednesday-week at 7.00pm.**



Last Week's Collection:

Plate: € 757

Thank You

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