

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)

Baptism of The Lord - 12th January 2025

## BAPTISM - FIRST OF THE SEVEN

In baptism, we claim the name *Christian* and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ. Our baptism remind us to bring into our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ. In baptism, we embrace the Spirit that "hovers" over us, guiding us in our journey to God. Liturgically, the Christmas season officially comes to an end with today's Feast.



## Parish Envelopes

Most of the 2025 envelopes - Monthly and Annuals - have been taken by the distributors for distribution. Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter. As requested before, if there are any errors, spellings, addresses, etc., please let us know. Thanks to all the parishioners who faithfully use these envelopes to support the maintenance and work of the parish on an ongoing basis.

... and speaking of Baptisms,

## THEY NOW TAKE PLACE ONCE A MONTH

To put some order into the frequency, timing and location of parish Baptisms, the following guidelines should be followed, unless they cause exceptional inconvenience:

1. Baptisms will take place once a month in the Parish.
2. The first Baptism booking of a particular month will set the location (and time) for any other booking/s for that month.
3. Baptisms in Clodiagh will take place on Sundays at 12.30pm .
4. Baptisms in The Rower will be on Saturday evenings at 6.30pm .
5. Baptisms in Inistioge will be on Sundays at 11.40am (after Mass).

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Stephenson, Ringwood; Michael Bolger & deceased members of the Bolger family, Newfarm, and deceased members of the Lyng family, Ballynunnery; Bidy Meaney, Cullaun; Paddy & Maggie Lyng, Tinnislatty; Michael & Margaret Grace, Charlefield (7.30pm); Philip & Brian Knox, Cappagh; Mick & Josie Brennan, Coolnamuck; Michael Cassin, Ballycocksuist (11.00am).

**Next w/e Annivs:** Tom & Kathleen Lyng, Carrenroe Upper (7.30pm).

### "Have you found Jesus?"

A drunk stumbles across a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river.

He proceeds to walk down into the water and stands next to the Preacher. The minister turns and notices the old drunk and says, "Mister, Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk looks back and says, "Yes, Preacher. I sure am." The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asked. "No, I didn't!" said the drunk.

The preacher then dunks him under

for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not, Reverend."

The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds & his time brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone, "My God, have you found Jesus yet?"

The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher... "Are you sure, Sir, that this is where he fell in?"

## Last Week's Plate Collection

€ 797

*Thank You*

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### SAFEGUARDING:

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