

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

INISTI OGE 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)

The Presentation of The Lord - 2nd February 2025

Candlemas Day

The traditional Blessing of Candles will take place at all masses this w/e

Whether you take home a candle or not, you are invited to make a donation towards church candles used for the sacraments during the coming year.

Blessing of Throats

The general Blessing of Throats is available after all masses this w/e

To complete this blessing, approach the priest, touch the candles and hear the words: "... *St Blaise, in the name of Father, Son & Holy Spirit.*"

Feast of The Presentation & Day for Consecrated Life

Today's Feast, **The Presentation**, is a remembrance of The Lord and Mary, mother of The Lord. The people go out to meet the Lord and acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ a 'a light to reveal God to the nations.'

Today is also the day that the Church worldwide acknowledges and prays for all who live the **Consecrated Life** - many of whom are relatives, friends, past or present parishioners. We acclaim their heroic lives of witness, prayer and service in the church.

SAINT BRIGID

Saint Brigid, born circa 454, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland, whose feast we celebrate, is known for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.

Brigid is linked with the earth, with agriculture, particularly ploughing, sowing, milking, butter-making and, of course, vibrant Christian faith. Brigid was extravagant in her hospitality. We recently warmly welcomed that she is being rightly, and long after time, being properly acknowledged.

CHY Enduring Certificates

If you are in receipt of **CHY3 Donations to Charities Cert** that we recently issued, we ask that you sign and return ASAP. Thank you if you have already done so.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Eddie Quinlan, Monaghan; Brendan Meaney, Clodiagh; funeral Mass in Inistioge 11.00am on Monday; interment - Cappagh Cemetery.

Anniversaries: Hannie Barron, Grange, The Bracken Family, Coole; Willie Galavan, Kilconly; George Phelan, Tinniscully (7.30pm); William & Nora Walsh, Brigid Galavan & Sr Canice Walsh, Ballygub (9.30am); Mary O'Neill, Deerpark; Nuala Prendergast, Inistioge; Denis & Kathleen Scanlon, Keatingstown, Wicklow; Bartley, Nora & Bridget Grace, and deceased members of the Grace family, Kilcross; Paddy & Julia Brennan, Coolsilla; Fr Paddy Grace, former Parish Priest (11.00am).

Next w/e Annivs: Marianne Ward, Kylemore (7.30pm); Mai & Mick Dunphy, Ballyvoole (11.00am).

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of February. The sick and house-bound will be visited with Holy Communion.

As the listing is currently quite large, a Eucharistic Minister will assist where necessary - a task which is part of their role.

If there are any significant time-change of your visit, we will let you know by phone. Thank you.

St Vincent DePaul

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Blue Envelope Christmas Collection and all who helped to distribute them. Amount raised: €3,855. Local number is 0873752509 or email stcolmcille.inistioge@svp.ie

Last Week's Plate Collection

€ 830

Thank You

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SAFEGUARDING:

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