

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)

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil: Thomastown 6.00 p.m.
Sundays: Thomastown 10.30 a.m.
Weekdays: Thomastown 9.20 a.m.
on Mondays, Wednes-

(NB: weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 18th May 2025

PASTORAL AREAS

Regarding the structural changes that are fast approaching the Diocese, and mindful that this parish is part of the 'Pastoral Area' with Thomastown parish, it's important for you to know how things are developing.

Bishop Coll recently wrote: "These last few months have seen me doing a good deal of travelling, speaking and listening around the Diocese as I have been visiting each Pastoral Area to meet with you and the people, ably supported by Ms. Gemma Mulligan.

By now, thankfully, all but one of the thirteen Pastoral Areas have been visited. Those explorations, however inadequate and brief, have hopefully orientated us to recognise, a little better, the theological and spiritual basis to all that we are and do as

Church here in Ossory and everywhere. Now, when this initial work has largely been done, I write to tell you about the dates for our promised next series of meetings which this time will be on a **Deanery**, rather than a **Pastoral Area** basis.

Thus, *I would like to invite you and representatives from your respective Pastoral Areas to attend one of three meetings in each of our Deaneries to explore more concretely the shape and needs of the Pastoral Areas which will become a stable feature of our lives of faith throughout the Diocese shortly, if not so already.*"

The meeting most relevant to our Deanery (middle) will take place from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on the following date:

Southern Deanery: Wednesday, 4th June 2025, Ballyhale Parochial Hall.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Moira Dobbyn, Coolshane.

Anniversary: Margaret Hennessy, High Street; Maura Malone, Woodlands; Daniel & Angela McDonald, Rockview; James, Mary & Jim Grant, Cluen and deceased members of the Grant Family; Noreen Keher, The Square (11.00am).

Next w/e: John Higgins, Garanvabby, The Rower (9.30am). Mary Griffin, Mill Road, and deceased members of the Griffin & Nixon families; Kathleen Drea, Kilmacshane; Billy Kirwan, Mill Road; John O'Leary, Kilcross (11.00am).

**THIS WEEKEND
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Girls and Boys of The Rower

Congratulations and best wishes to our children who received their First Communion this weekend. Thanks to all the Parents, the Teachers and all who helped in any way on Saturday.

For success of Pilgrimage

Heavenly Father, as we begin our Diocesan Pilgrimage in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, we ask for your blessings and guidance.

May our steps be led by your Spirit, our hearts filled with faith, and our journey be filled with peace and grace.

We pray for a safe journey and a deep encounter with you and our Lady's presence. Amen."

Last Week's Collection

Plate: €967

Many Thanks

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