

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. Tuesday  
Inistioge 9.30 a.m. Thursday

### Thomastown Parish Mass Times

**Vigil:** Thomastown 6.00 p.m.  
**Sundays:** Thomastown 10.00 a.m.  
**Weekdays:** Thomastown 9.30 a.m. -  
Wednesdays & Fridays.

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 32th August 2025

### The Long Goodbye Draws To A Close!

On the Newsletter of June 22nd last, we published the bishop's "Clerical Changes in The Diocese of Ossory" indicating that "eighteen priests are mentioned in the latest set of Clerical Changes published on Friday just gone."

That news came to us over two months ago, and this weekend these changes take effect, and thus the Long Goodbye draws to a close.

Obviously, as these changes involve Thomastown and Inistioge parishes we thank, in a special way, the outgoing Parish Priest, Fr Dan Bollard who retires from Thomastown after eighteen years of ministry as he now goes to live in Kilkenny.

We also thank Fr Jim Murphy who retires from St Canice's Parish following twenty one years of ministry and who now makes himself available to assist in Thomastown and Inistioge parishes whenever possible.

This weekend Fr Jim will celebrate the Saturday 6.00pm and the 10.00am in Thomastown while there will be no change of Celebrant in Inistioge until next w/e.

Please try to remember the Mass-time changes below - there's actually not very many - but enough, perhaps, to cause confusion at times!

### THOMASTOWN

**Saturday (Vigil):** 6.00pm  
**Sunday:** 10.00 am  
  
Monday: No mass  
Tuesday: No mass  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
Thursday: No mass  
**Friday:** 9.30am

### INISTIOGE

**Saturday (Vigil):** The Rower 7.30pm  
**Sunday:** Clodiagh 9.30am  
Inistioge 11.00am  
  
Monday: No mass  
**Tuesday (The Rower)** 9.30am  
Wednesday: No Mass  
**Thursday (Inistioge)** 9.30am  
Friday: No mass

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Mary Sheehan, Cullintra (7.30pm); May Drea, Cullaun (9.30am); Pat Tierney, Inistioge; Kathleen & Mick Kennedy, Laurel Hill (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Jim and Mary Meaney, Cullaun (7.30pm). Muriel Murphy, Knockatore (7.30am).

### ProLife

There will be a church gate ProLife collection next weekend, 6th and 7th September.

### Minor Hurling Championship

Rower-Inistioge v St Martins  
Wednesday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.45pm in Inistioge. All support appreciated.

### Canonisation

Canonisation of Saints Pier Giorgio Fracatti and Carlo Acutis by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, in Rome.  
Sunday, 7th September 2025, 9.00 am. – 12 noon.

Live stream presentation in the Chapter House, St Mary's Cathedral, organised by lay Dominicans.

### First Friday

Holy Communion to the household at the normal times.

### Ministry of Catechist

An update on the progress regarding the Ministry of Catechist. Work has continued over the summer on the development of a diocesan programme of discernment and formation which is scheduled to begin in October. Further details shortly regarding practical information in relation to the discernment phase, the implementation of the programme, encouraging candidates, etc.

### Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 927**  
**Many Thanks**

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