

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. Tuesday
	Inistioge	9.30 a.m. Thursday

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

### Thomastown Parish Mass Times

<b>Vigil:</b>	Thomastown	6.00 p.m.
<b>Sundays:</b>	Thomastown	10.00 a.m.
<b>Weekdays:</b>	Thomastown	9.30 a.m. - Wednesdays & Fridays.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th October 2025

### "Is anyone else up there?"

The story is told of a man who fell off a mountain cliff.

Half-way down the cliff he succeeded in grabbing the branch of a tree.

There he was, dangling on the branch, unable to pull himself up yet knowing that letting go of the branch he would definitely fall to his death.

Suddenly the man got an idea. He looked up to Heaven and shouted, "Is anyone up there?"

A voice came from heaven, "Yes, I am here. I am the Lord. Do you believe in me?"



The man shouted back, "Yes, Lord, I believe in You. I really believe. Please help me."  
The Lord says, "All right! If you really believe in me, you have nothing to worry about. I will save you.

Now let go of the branch."  
The man thinks about it for a moment and then shouts back, "Is anyone else up there?"

### First Communions 2026

We are pleased to inform you that the children of the National Schools in the Pastoral Area of Saint Colmcille will receive their First Holy Communion in this school year on the following dates:

**St Colmcille's National School Inistioge:**

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11.00 am.**

**St Mary's National School, Thomastown:**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am.**

**Marymount National School, The Rower:**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.00 am.**

## Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Tina Holden, New Ross, late of Clodiagh; Sr. Margaret Lyng R.S.H.M., Ballynunnery.

**Anniversaries:** Jim Kilbride, Russellstown (9.30am); Séamus Foskin, Kilconly; John Walsh, Kiltown; Edward & Mary Kehoe, The Rower Village (7.30pm); Harry Baird, Inistioge; Bernie Peggy Tobin, Inistioge; Patrick Murphy, Ballyshane (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Anne & Jimmy Mahon, Farrentemple (7.30pm); Dr Gar O'Brien, Sunnydale; Stephen Keher, The Square (11.00am).

### Rosary

A public ROSARY in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will take place in The Square, Inistioge, on Monday 13th October at 3.00pm. Pope Leo has asked that everyone dedicate this month to praying the Rosary for Peace in the World. All invited.

### Remembrance Mass

St Luke's General Hospital's Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church.

### Thank You Lord

God our Father, we thank you for our faith, which we have received from you as a gift to be developed with your help. Make our faith grow day after day, let it give meaning to our life and express itself in love and justice. Let it bring us joy and understanding, and make us very close to you and to people. Amen.

### Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 1100**

**Many Thanks**

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