

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)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th October 2025

For inclusion in Parish Newsletter (from diocesan office)
**Diocese of Ossory Mission and Ministry Weekend –
25th / 26th October
Launching the New Ministry of Catechist in the
Diocese of Ossory**

This weekend we celebrate Mission and Ministry across our Diocese, giving thanks for all who already serve so generously in our parishes.

As part of this celebration, Bishop Niall has launched the new Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory. In his pastoral letter A Call to Serve as Catechists in our Diocese," Bishop Niall reminds us that from the very beginning, the Christian faith has been passed on by ordinary believers, people like you sharing the love of Jesus in their homes, parishes, and communities.

Catechists are women and men who help others to know and grow in faith through prayer, teaching, and the witness of their lives. As the Church faces new challenges, catechists through their ministry will play a vital role in keeping the light of faith alive

in our parishes. Copies of Bishop Niall's Pastoral Letter are available this weekend in our churches and on the Diocesan Website. Bishop Niall invites parishioners across Ossory to pray, discern, and consider whether they might be called to this ministry. A period of discernment will begin in Advent 2025, leading to a two-year formation programme starting in September 2026.

If you feel this ministry might be for you an information workshop is be-

All Saints - Next Saturday Holy Day

Next Saturday is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be **one mass in the parish** for the Feast: Saturday morning in Inistioge at 11.00am. No Mass in The Rower.

There will be **one Mass in Thomastown** - a Vigil Mass on Friday at 6.00pm (no 9.30 am Mass).

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Patrick Meaney, Ballinabarna (9.30am); John Cahill, Mill Road, and deceased members of the Cahill family; Jim Hennessy & Lar Hennessy, High Street; Margaret Barron, Brownsford (11.00am).

Next w/e: Marguerite Brereton & deceased members of the Brereton family, Ballynunnery; Josie Phelan, Tinnascolly; Tony & Agnes O'Mahony, Coolrainey (7.30pm); Paddy Lawlor, Ballygallon; Eileen & Ger Hayes, Inistioge; Matt Drea, Kilmacshane; Luke, Mary & Fr Denis Treacy, Coolrainey (11.00am).

ing organised. This Go & Make Disciples" event will be an opportunity to learn more about this ministry and to begin a journey of prayerful reflection. An Information leaflet is available in all our churches with more information on the ministry of Catechist and details of how to register for the 'Go make Disciples' event. You will also find this information leaflet on our Diocesan Website www.ossory.ie

Let us give thanks for all who already minister in our Parishes and Diocese and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire those being called to serve as Catechists in our Diocese to come forward.

Save the date!

Inistioge Tidy Towns Christmas Market Sunday 7th December. Please contact Joan on 086 350 3704 to book your place

Solas Cancer Support Centre & Oak Ward Fundraiser

Thanks from all Committee for your support. A total of €14,000 was raised on the night. Solas cancer support received €10,000 & Oak Ward received a total of €4,000.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 878

Many Thanks

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SAFEGUARDING:

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