

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)

First Sunday of Advent - 30th November 2025

For Your Advent Diary

PENITENTIAL SERVICES:

Inistioge – at all Masses: w/e Dec 20th.
Thomastown – at all Masses: w/e Dec 13th.

CAROL SERVICES:

Inistioge: Sun. 14th Dec, 7.00pm.
Thomastown: Wed, 17th Dec, 7.00pm.

Catholic Primary Schools Have Your Say

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change.

Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.
See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Vocations

A Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday 4th December at 7pm:
> In Mullinavat; > St Canice's; > and Castletown Church.

Advent

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. We reflect on the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, their fulfilment in Jesus our hope, and thus the mission of salvation he's given to us as members of the one Church he founded.

It's also a call to Conversion: a season of introspection and renewal.

The liturgical color purple reminds us of our imperfections and the need for repentance.

Reconciliation Services during Masses will be available very soon (see notice on left).

Catechist Ministry

Registration for the Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory is now closed. Thankfully, more than forty people have come forward. All who expressed interest via the designated email service should by now have received acknowledgment. Thanks all who are involved and we ask God's blessing on their work.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Jim Galavan, Ballyboden, Dublin, formerly Kilconly, The Rower.

Anniversaries: Jimmy Malone, Mill Road, and deceased members of the Malone family (11.00am).

Next w/e: Josie Whelan, Ballavarra (M Mind); Jimmy Prendergast, Garranavabby; Eily Murphy, Kiltown (7.30pm). Tom Roche, Bohilla, and deceased members of the Roche family; Paddy Grant, Mill Road; Dick & Anastasia Lyng, Upper Carrenroe, & deceased members of the Lyng family; Jim Hennessy, Ballavarra; The Deceased Members of The Rower/Inistioge GAA Club (11.00am).

Marymount School News

Marymount School recently received a generous a €6,000 cheque from the hard-working Parents' Association to support the running of the school. A further €500 was donated by the **Vintage Rally Club** - deeply appreciated.

Sixty Years of Marymount

The Board of Management, Parents' Association and Staff warmly invite all members of the community to drop in on **Thursday, 11th December at 7pm**, to celebrate **60 years of Marymount National School** and visit our new library and **Autism Support Area**.

St Colmcille's NS

Applications for admission to St. Colmcille's NS, Inistioge now invited. Children must be 4 years old by 1st Sept. '26. Closing date for applications is 30th Jan. For application forms: contact the school office on 056 7758660 or email stcolinistiogens@gmail.com. Application forms also available at Clever Cats Creche and Woodstock Playschool.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 1180

Many Thanks

Address: Kilcross, Inistioge, County Kilkenny, R95 P5P0

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Office Hours: Wed. 9 - 2 & Thur. 2 - 4

Newsletter Deadline: Thursday 3.00 pm

Secretary: Sandra Cullen Office: 056 775 8581

Parish Priest: Fr Frank Purcell 086 601 0001

SAFEGUARDING:

If you have a safeguarding concern contact:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Ailish Higgins, 085 802 1633, dlp@ossory.ie

Deputy DLPs: Rose Brophy, 087 331 4330 & Cathal Cullen, 056 7752448

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

Marie Hayden - Suzanne Cottrell - Betty Gannon

cf. Full Safeguarding details: www.ossory.ie

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