

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

### 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.

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

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - 14th December 2025

## Candlelight Carols Concert

**This Sunday at 7.00 pm**

Come along and enjoy this festival of Carols featuring the Parish Choir; In Caelo Chamber Choir; St Colmcille's School pupils; Local Scouts & Guides; Sing-a-long; & others which takes place in our Parish Church at 7.00pm.

**Donations this year are in aid of a New Organ for our Church Choir. All welcome to come and join this annual festival favourite.**

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

**Next Weekend** At All Masses.

Format the same as last year.

## Remember to Have Your Say

**To Parents of children attending, or going to attend Primary School**

Many parents, teachers and Board of Management members have not, as of yet, responded to the Primary School Survey. It is really important that we all do so before the closing date of 16 December.

During this last week before the closing date **NEXT TUESDAY**, the Catholic Communications Office will continue to raise awareness about the Department of Education and Youth's online survey regarding school patronage.

See - gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

## Christmas Mass Times

### CHRISTMAS EVE (WED)

The Rower: 6.00 pm

Inistioge: 8.00 pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY (THUR)

Clodiagh: 9.30 am

Inistioge: 11.00 am

### ST STEPHEN'S DAY (FRI)

Thomastown: 10.00 am

## St Vincent de Paul

Local number: 087 3502915.

Email [stcolmcille.inistioge@svp.ie](mailto:stcolmcille.inistioge@svp.ie)

Christmas collection envelopes can be returned to Elma in Inistioge PO, & Ina in The Rower.

## Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Billy Roche, Ballygub. Funeral Mass in Clodiagh on Tuesday at 11.00am, interment in Cappagh Cemetery; Tom Digby, Lennaught, The Rower, who died during the week; Tommy Ryan, New York, formerly Ballygub. **Memorial Mass** at 11.00am next Saturday in Inistioge.

**Anniversaries:** James Forristal, The Ferry Bridge; Anna Lawless, Tullogher (7.30pm); Mark Parlevliet, Ballygub & Holland (9.30am); Niall Hogan, Ruppahouse, Inistioge; Dick & Bridget Tierney, Kilcross; Tommy Hackett, Kilcross; Bridie & Jimmy Ryan, Mangan, and their children, Marie, Paddy, Bridget and Tom; Brendan Murphy, Ballyshane (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Paddy McGrath, Kiltown; Patrick McDonald, Ballinagoth; Paddy & Margaret McDonald, Ballinagoth (7.30pm); Keith & Helena Carroll and Jack Boylan Carroll, Rathsnagadan and deceased members of the Carroll Family; Kaylem Foley, Mill Road (11.00am).

## Gaudete Sunday

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is called '**Gaudete Sunday**' which means a Sunday of 'Joy' or 'Rejoicing'.

We are encouraged to pre-empt the joy of Christ's coming; or we can't '**contain ourselves**' until the joy we're about to embark on at Christmas becomes a reality.

## Men Needed!

On Tuesday evening at 6.00pm, a general clean-up of The Rower Church will take place. To help move and lift certain items some men-volunteers are needed, please. Vacuuming and Sweeping lessons will be provided afterwards free of charge!

## Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 1010**

**Many Thanks**

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**Website:** [inistiogeparish.ie](http://inistiogeparish.ie)

**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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

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

**email:** [ddlp@ossory.ie](mailto:ddlp@ossory.ie)

**Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:**

Marie Hayden - Suzanne Cottrell - Betty Gannon

**cf. Full Safeguarding details:** [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

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