

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)

The Baptism of the Lord - 11th January 2026

The Beginning of His Public Ministry



The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and The Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Non-Jews, the Gentiles.

At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity.

It is also an event described by all four Gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

Baptisms - Marriages - Funerals

Baptisms take place once a month.

They can take place in the church of your choice **provided you happen to be the first booking that month.** All following Baptisms that month will be at the same time

This is in the interest of fairness to all.

Our Baptism times are as follows:

The Rower — Saturday 6.30pm;
Inistioge — Sunday 11.45 am;
Clodiagh — Sunday 12.30 pm.

Marriages are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days.

The latest time they take place is 2.00pm as evening masses or other services may need to follow.

Funerals at 11.00am. This is the normal and preferred time. It's good to know this before making any other arrangements.

Bereavements

Month's Mind: Tom Digby, Lennaught (7.30pm).

Anniversaries: Michael Bolger, Newfarm, & deceased members of the Bolger family; Pat & Kathleen Lyng, Ballynunnery & deceased members of the Lyng family; Michael Flood, Coolhill, & deceased members of the Flood & Delahunty families; Joseph Stephenson, Ringwood (7.30pm); Mary O'Neill, Deerpark; Brendan Meaney, Clodiagh; Johnny O'Donnell, The Square; Philip & Brian Knox, Cappagh; Mickey & Johnny Cassin, Ballycocksuist (11.00am).

Next w/e: Óisín, Jack & Margaret Crotty, The Rower Village, & deceased members of the Crotty family; Willie & Minnie Curran, Knockatore, & deceased members of the Curran family; Tom & Kathleen Lyng, Carrenroe (7.30pm). Monica Lanigan, Cluen (9.30am). Jack & Stasia Cahill, Mill Road (11.00am).

Do You Fit The Picture?

In the Bible, Baptism is an outward symbol of an inward spiritual transformation, representing a believer's identification



with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (**dying to sin, being bur-**

ied, and rising to new life in Him).

Baptism should serve as a public declaration of faith, repentance, and commitment to Christ, symbolizing our cleansing from sin and our initiation into the Christian community (the Church).

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 957

Many Thanks

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