

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)

St Brigid's Day - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st February 2026



LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE ST BRIGID'S DAY

In Ireland, 1st February marks the beginning of spring and the celebration of Lá Fhéile Bríde, St Brigid's Day. St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.

Born c. 454. and when she was young, her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her life to God. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare. She died in 523 and devotion to her is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St. Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

Prayer to St Brigid

Brigid, you were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,

And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Willie Galavan, Kilconly (7.30pm); William & Nora Walsh, Sr Canice Walsh, Brigid Galavan, Ballygub; Patrick Lyng, Russelstown (9.30am); Bartley & Nora Grace, and Bridget Grace, Kilcross; Frances & George Bassett, Woodstock (11.00am).

Next w/e: Marian Ward, Kylemore (7.30pm); Mai & Mick Dunphy, Ballyvoole (11.00am).

St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul conference wish to thank you for your generously to the Christmas envelope collection. Local contact number is 0873502915 or email Stcolmcille.inistioge@svp.ie

Mindfulness

A 6 week Mindfulness and Wellbeing Course will take place in Cois Abhann. Cost: €25. Friday 10am to 12 midday: Feb. 13th, 20th & 27th, March 13th, 20th & 27th. Booking: 089-4395044.

First Friday

Next Friday - Communion to the sick at the usual times.

CHY3 Forms

If you are in receipt of a recently mailed CHY3 Form please sign and return as soon as you can. They are very important to the funding and maintenance of your parish.

Inistioge's Environment

"Protect Inistioge's Environment" will hold a meeting in Cois Abhann on Thurs next, 7.00pm regarding the proposed Windfarm. All are welcome.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 856

Many Thanks

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SAFEGUARDING:

If you have a safeguarding concern contact:

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