

INISTIOGE PARISH

St Colmcille's, Inistioge | St Brendan's, Clodiagh | The Assumption, The Rower

WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistioge 11.30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent - 29th November 2020

BACK TO MASS - THANKS BE TO GOD

We all acknowledge our country's need for *'level 5'* for the past six weeks, and indeed for *'level 3'* before that, but it is with great 'Advent joy' that we received the news on Friday evening that we can return to public masses from Tuesday onwards.

So, thanks be to God, the public celebration of masses will resume on Tuesday morning in The Rower, Wednesday in Inistioge, Thursday in The Rower and Friday in Inistioge - at the usual time of 9.30 am.

At the time of printing, there is uncertainty re congregation sizes, etc. All we can assume for now is that it's still a **MAXIMUM of 50** that's allowed - provided the 2 Metre distancing rule is observed in any given church.

Christmas, of course, will present its own problems as far as congregation sizes are concerned. Many parishes in the past have found that tickets, and colours of tickets, or booking 'online' have created more problems than they solved.

MASS AND RELIGIOUS EVENTS TO GO ONLINE

Following a recent appeal in the newsletter we are delighted to inform you that some parishioners came together and have generously offered to provide funding for a parish webcam. This will mean that those who are housebound, cocooning, or simply unable to get to church can now have Spiritual Communion by joining Masses, etc., on their PC, laptop or tablet. For practical reasons, it will be located in the Parish Church and should be especially valuable at Christmas.

Moves are underway to setup a parish website (inistiogeparish.ie) through which you'll have access to the webcam. So, once the broadband is connected to The Library and the Sacristy things should be up and running very soon.

Bereavements

Anniversaries:

Ellen Murphy, Kiltown.

Mary Cottrell, Coolshane. (Wed 9.30)

'Waiting For The Lord Who Is Close' Bishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter - Advent 2020

We hope you took home from the Church or the Shop a 'pink sheet' on which we printed Bishop Dermot's Advent Pastoral Letter.

It is an excellent and prayerful message of care, hope and optimism as we prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birthday at Christmas.

ADVENT 2020

Please refer to last week's Newsletter or the Church Poster for the Spiritual Programmes available online for Advent.

You will find something for you that may be very beneficial as we prepare for Christmas in the most unusual of times.

CHY-3 Forms

Still waiting ... please return ... or let us know if...Thanks to all who did so.

Stewarding At Church

As we are granted a return to mass and public worship, we once again turn to the good nature and generosity of our volunteers who provide the necessary stewarding so as we are compliant with Government and HSE safety guidelines.

Their work and involvement is appreciated by all in the local church areas of the parish.

Newsletter Bloopers ...

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale next Sunday. It is a great chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

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