

INISTIOGE PARISH

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m. (Suspended)
Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistioge 11.30 a.m. (Suspended)

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m. (Suspended)
Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m. (Suspended)

Second Sunday of Christmas - 3rd January 2021

*Wishing you and your family, health, happiness,
and many more blessings in the new year*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you
a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

A Note of Appreciation and Encouragement

As we begin a new calendar year, we also begin a new fiscal year in terms of parish management. Owing to printing delays with our supplier, the 'monthly envelope boxes' were delayed by some weeks and didn't arrive until a few days before Christmas. Each box, and the new Annual Contribution Envelope, will contain **a note of appreciation and encouragement** from me as a representative of the Parish Financial Management Committee.

From now on, as previously explained, your individual family envelope number may no longer be an 'enduring' one as in the past - it is now likely to change from year to year. The reason for this departure is very simple: whenever there are 'insertions' and/or 'deletions' on a database of numbers, everything 'above' and/or 'below' will be affected. Otherwise, the incidents of wastage of envelope boxes (€5 each) increases exponentially year on year.

And so, whenever the HSE and Government restrictions permit, we will be in contact with our parish distributors who kindly drop off these boxes and envelopes to the homes within their area, and to whom we are most grateful.

Deaths:

Billy Davin, Ballacolla.

Anniversaries:

Danny and Bride O'Donohoe, Clodiagh & Marty Ryan, Coolhill (Sun 11.00);

Next Weekend:

Annie O'Brien (month's mind) & her sister, Bidy Meaney (anniv.) Sun 11.00.

Bereavements

N.B. Mass Sundays 11.00, & Masses Weekdays 9.30 Tues to Fri,
are streamed on: inistiogeparish.ie

Epiphany - Wednesday 6th

This feast is a call to a new vision of the world that sees beyond the walls and borders we have created and to walk by the light which has dawned for all of humankind, a light by which we are able to recognize all men and women as our brothers and sisters. The magi's following of the star is a constant search for meaning, for purpose, for the things of God. What we do in a search of wealth, fame and power are the "stars" we often are tempted to follow. The journey of the magi puts our own "stargazing" in perspective, calling us to search for the "star" of God's justice, peace and compassion.

Three Wise Women

While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest this question: "Do you know why God gave the star to the three wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask for directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned up the stable, made a nice meal, and given much more practical gifts!"

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SAFEGUARDING:

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