

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. (ditto)

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m. (Suspended)

All Masses
'online'
Tues—Fri
9.30 am.
Sat
7.30 pm
Sun
11.00 am

Second Sunday of Easter - 11th April 2021

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy in action:

A TIME magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs.

The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation.

The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope John Paul II, the intended victim.

The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him.

At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust."

This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased:

Paddy Smith, Fiddaun. Funeral mass according to guidelines on Wednesday at 11.00 am in The Rower. Removal for cremation.

Anniversaries:

Yvonne Croke, Coolrainey; Mary Ciss O'Mahony, Kylemore; and Pat Murphy, St Mullins (11.00).

Next Sunday:

Alice & Michael Tierney, Inistioge.

Respect For Our Dead

Some months ago we were asked to draw your attention to anti-social behaviour that disrespects the resting places of our loved ones.

Of course, those interfering with flowers, statues, etc., are unlikely to be reading this. However, we are asked to be vigilant when visiting or passing by our cemeteries.

Before We Apply ...

At this time of the year we apply to Revenue for tax rebate due to the parish from charitable donations. So, if you have forgotten to return a Cert please attend to it now. And if

you received one and it does not apply to you, fill out the bottom portion and you will not get one again.

Still No News

To state the obvious, there is still no news of potential dates for the sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmations. However, the Confirmation Candidates are invited to participate in an online preparation nationally approved program called 'MyFaith.ie.' Sign-up will be completed from tomorrow as they return to their schools. Volunteer parents will be needed as virtual online Leaders and Monitors.

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SAFEGUARDING:

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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