

INISTIÖGE PARISH

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.

Sunday: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.; Inistiöge 11.00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Inistiöge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - 12th September 2021

Not Exactly What It Says On The Tin!

Whilst initially it sounded very promising and liberating, the 'increase' to 50% occupancy in numbers permitted to attend religious services, in reality means little or nothing for the size of churches in our parish. 'Why?' you may ask.

Well, very simply - the social distancing guideline still remains unchanged. We must wait for the much freer opening up from October 22nd.

So, in practical terms, sanitisation, hand hygiene, face masks, social distancing and ventilation measures are still necessary. However, previous measures such as pods of 50 people and the four metre distance between pods are no longer required. Where churches may have a gap of two or more rows between pews, this gap can now be reduced to one.

As we make any local adjustments we are asked to proceed with caution.

First Holy Communions

With regard to the Sacraments, while the pandemic restrictions are somewhat easing, we are still encouraged to accommodate smaller gatherings at First Communion and Confirmations.

Therefore, as we have First Communion in Inistiöge next Saturday, we can only accommodate the **Child, the Parents and the Brothers & Sisters of the Child**. We ask that this guide be fully respected and that any temptation to do otherwise will be resisted. Please remember that the full ceremony will be available for everyone else to watch on inistiögeparish.com

The practical guidelines for Communion in The Rower Church on the following Saturday will be published through the school during the week and on the Newsletter next weekend - once children, spaces, social distancing etc. are calculated.

Bereavements

Recent Death: Mary Caulfield, Coolnamuck.

Next w/e: Sabrina and Paddy Whelan, Ballavarra (7.30pm).

Communion & Collection

From Tuesday of this week we return to congregations coming to the altar for Holy Communion at all Weekday and Weekend masses. If, for any physical reason this is not suitable, please inform the Priest or Eucharistic Minister. Try to maintain social distancing from the person in front of you as you approach the altar as well as on your return.

In addition to this, we will return to the collection baskets in all churches at weekend masses from next weekend. The baskets will not be handled by anyone other than the collector. Baskets will have extended handles to reach in to the end of pews.

Visit To The Rower

On Tuesday next, Sr Elizabeth of the Russian Orthodox Community will pay a visit to the 9.30am mass at The Rower. She will give a 1-2 minute address after the Gospel, speak about their mission and work, and tell of the crafts that her group make, some of which will be on sale after mass. In other words, bring a few bob!

An Macalla

It's time once again to start preparing for our Parish Magazine, **An Macalla**. All items of local interest are welcome - successes and achievements of our young people especially welcome, *agus, gan amhras, photos go leor*.

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