

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 11.00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The Rower: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 a.m.

Inistioge: Wednesday & Friday 9.30 a.m.

The Baptism of The Lord - 09 January 2022

Baptism – Commitment

A pig and a chicken were out for a walk one day. The pig wasn't too bright and tended to repeat everything that others said or suggested.

The chicken remarked 'Those are very nice people down in that house down there.' 'They are indeed,' replied the pig, 'they are very nice people.'

'They are very good to us,' continued the chicken. 'They are indeed' replied the pig, 'they are very good to us.'

'Do you know what I was thinking' asked the chicken. 'No', said the pig. 'What were you thinking?'

'I was thinking' that we should do something for them'

That's a very good idea' replied the pig. 'I think we should do something for them. What did you have in mind?'

I was thinking that we should give them something' said the chicken.

'A brilliant idea' said the pig. I think we should give them something. What did you have in mind?'

'I was thinking' said the chicken, 'that we should give them bacon and eggs.

The pig quickly stopped in his tracks, and said 'Definitely not! For you it's only a slight inconvenience, but for me it's total commitment!'

- Baptism is intended to lead us to a total commitment and our acts of Christian charity should be seen as anything but slight inconveniences.

In baptism, we claim the name of Christian and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ. Our baptism made each one of us the "servant" as today's readings remind us: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the "beloved Son" and "favour" of God. In baptism, we embrace that same Spirit that "hovers" over us, guiding us in our journey to God.

Liturgically speaking, the Christmas season officially comes to an end with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: John O'Donnell, O'Donnell's Pub, The Square.

Month's Mind: Andy Cotterell, Kilmacshane (11.00am);

Anniversaries: Joseph Stephenson, Ringwood; John & Margaret Grace, Charlefield (7.30pm); Michael Bolger, Newfarm, and deceased members of the Lyng family, Ballynunnery; Michael Cassin, Ballycocksuist; Paddy & Maggie Lyng, Tinnaslatty

Next w/e: William & Nora Walsh, Ballygub & Briget Galavan, Ballygub, & Sr Canice Walsh, Ballygub (9.30am); Philly & Brian Knox, Cappagh (11.00am).

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The Winter Edition of the **Ossory Times** is now available in our three churches for one more week.

Keep up to date on the happenings and trends in Ossory.

The Irish Catholic

Those who subscribe to the **Irish Catholic** newspaper are hereby reminded that their annual subscription now falls due. Please drop it in through the Parish Office letterbox.

New 2022 Envelopes

Envelope distributors are requested to distribute their area's allotment during the week. They can be picked up in the Sacristy or the Office. This unenviable but necessary task is so important to the running of our parish.

Renewed Thanks

We thank all those who undertake the task of packing away the cribs, trees, decorations, candles, etc. until next Christmas.

A few of the characters in the cribs could do with a little paint work. Maybe you know a statue artist ...?

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