

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 3rd April 2022

'I DON'T CONDEMN YOU EITHER: GO AND SIN NO MORE'

Lord, there was a time when the feeling of guilt had us paralyzed.

We felt condemned by voices within us:

- sermons we had heard in our childhood threatening us with hell fire;
- teachers who told us we had to be perfect.

We felt as if we were standing in full view of our accusers and they were condemning us as deserving of death.

We thank you, Lord, that you sent us, at that moment, a wise and kind person, who stayed with us, saying nothing, just being there like Jesus bent down and writing on the ground, until, very gradually, as the weeks went by, the harsh accusing voices were silenced, one by one, beginning from the most deeply rooted, and eventually we were standing there knowing you were looking at us, and telling us that we were now free to go out and lead a good and creative life.

Today we read one of the most moving passages in the whole of the gospels: a woman, a wife who had been caught committing adultery is brought before Jesus so that he can be tested to see if he will 'do the right thing' and say she should be stoned. Jesus asks for the man who is not a sinner among the accusers to begin the stoning, and the group melts away one by one.

Jesus does not condemn the woman for her conduct, but challenges her to begin life afresh.

This is the challenge Jesus puts to us each Lent: to begin life afresh and let others begin life afresh after they have hurt us. Let us therefore reflect that we are all sinners, that we are in need of mercy, and that we need to make fresh starts.

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Ciss O'Mahoney, Kylemore (7.30pm); Thomas & Margaret Flood, Russelstown, & deceased members of the Flood Family (9.30am); Andy & Bridget Barcoe, Kilcross & deceased members of the Barcoe Family (11.00am); Fr. Michael Phelan, Main St.(11.00am); Paddy Smith, Fiddaun; Thomas Murphy, Rathleen.

Next w/e: Angela McDonald "Rockview" Inistioge (Month's Mind 11.00am); Yvonne Croke, Coolrainey (Anniversary 11.00am).

Palm (Passion) Sunday & Holy Week

After an absence of two years we are delighted to begin Holy Week next weekend with Passion Sunday.

Blessing of the Palm will take place at each mass, and traditionally the blessed palm is taken home to serve as an invocation of blessing and protection for the home and outhouses.

♦ Holy Week Ceremonies:

Tues & Wed: Usual Eucharistic Service in The Rower (T) and Inistioge (W) each morning at 9.30am.

Holy Thursday: The Rower - Mass of The Lord's Supper, 7.30 pm.

Good Friday:

Inistioge: The Passion of The Lord, 3.00 pm.

Clodiagh: Stations of The Cross, 7.30 pm.

Holy Saturday:

Easter Vigil Ceremonies:

The Rower - 7.30 pm.

Inistioge - 7.30 pm.

Easter Sunday:

Mass - Clodiagh: 9.30 am.

Mass - Inistioge: 11.00 am.

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