

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.

Third Sunday of Easter - 01 May 2022

May Day - Feast of St Joseph The Worker

St Joseph has two feast days - the first is on March 19 - Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is on May 1 - St Joseph, the Worker.

It was in 1955 that the second feast day, May 1, was declared by Pope Pius XII. This date is also International Workers' Day and believed to reflect Joseph as the patron saint of workers. But, because it falls on a Sunday this year, the Third Sunday of Easter takes pre-eminence.

In the apparition chapel at Knock there is a beautiful statute of St Joseph. It shows him, head bowed, hands joined in the presence of Mary before an altar. The posture of Joseph – a gentle, yet supportive and strong presence – is just as he is described in the Gospels. The picture that emerges of him is that he is a worker, a carpenter, a protector; he is generous, loving, and courageous; a good husband to Mary and a caring guardian for Jesus; a person of great faith and trust, a person of wisdom. St Joseph is therefore a great model for men and women in their daily lives. Joseph, the man of prayer, deep faith, and hope in God is something that all Christians might try to follow.

First Holy Communions

Best wishes to all the girls and boys who will receive First Holy Communion in Inistioge next Saturday morning at 11.00. Thanks to their teacher, Ms Murphy, the school and all involved. We especially thank the parents and trust they will continue to help their children practice their faith. Please God it will be a lovely day.

Church Cleaning

In preparation for First Holy Communions at the weekend, volunteers are needed to deep clean the Church beforehand. So, a clean-up is arranged for next **Wednesday, 4th May, at 2 o'clock**. Please come along and bring a duster or a mop with you.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Mark Flood, Mount Elliott, New Ross.

Anniversaries: John & Bridget Cummins, Ballygub (9.30am); Séamus Kelly, Coolshane (11.00am); Mary Higgins, Garranavabby; Paddy & Mary Walsh, Ballavarra; The deceased members of the Donnelly Family, Ballinabarna; Thomas & Elizabeth Walsh, Ballyvoole.

Next w/e: Eddie & Peg O'Donnell, The Square (Anniv. 11.00am)

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of the month. Holy Communion will be taken to the sick and housebound at the normal times. If any family member or neighbour would appreciate this service, inform the office or the priest.

Darkness into Light

As flagged many times by now, the 'Darkness into Light' event takes place next weekend. Register at: darknessintolight.ie
[use Kilkenny, and Venue – Inistioge]

Ossory Times

Pick up **THE OSSORY TIMES** in any of our three churches at €2 each.

'Fáilte Isteach'

Third Age Charity's 'Fáilte Isteach' service is now available in Kilkenny to facilitate, in an informal setting, improved English language skills for refugees. It's free and run by local volunteers. Location: Fr. McGrath Resource Centre, St. Joseph's Rd, Butts Green, Kilkenny. Wednesdays 10am-12 noon. Contact: Theresa De-lahunty, 086 1927033.

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