

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

Inistioge Parish

Inistioge Parish Mass Times

Vigil: The Rower 7.30 p.m.
Sundays: Clodiagh 9.30 a.m.;
 Inistioge 11.00 a.m.
Weekdays: The Rower 9.30 a.m. (Tue & Thur)
 Inistioge 9.30 a.m. (Wed & Fri)

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil: Thomastown 6.00 p.m.
Sundays: Thomastown 10.30 a.m.
Weekdays: Thomastown 9.20 a.m.
 on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

First Sunday of Lent - 26th February 2023

THESE MIGHT HELP

To Give Up and To Take Up

- Give up complaining. focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism. become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments . . . think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry. trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement. . . . be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness. turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred. return good for evil.
- Give up negativism be positive.
- Give up anger. be more patient.
- Give up pettiness. become mature.
- Give up gloom enjoy the beauty all around you.
- Give up jealousy. pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping. control your tongue.
- Give up sin. turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up. hang in there!

'Carpe Diem'

During Lent, through prayer, fasting and charitable works, we renew our covenant relationship with God. We are called to undergo conversion through repentance for our sins so that we will be ready to appreciate the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ at Easter. The ritual sign

of renewing our baptismal commitment is in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is a very appropriate time for confession and, in the spirit of true repentance, to be assured that our sins are forgiven. Let's grasp the opportunity this Lent.

The Ukraine Conflict

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine is very much to the forefront of our minds and, no doubt, people are asking questions about this from a faith and morality perspective.

With this in mind the Adult Faith Development Group are organising an evenings conversation to reflect on these questions in **St Kieran's Coll. on Wednesday next, 1st March, 7.30pm.**

At this gathering Prof Tobias Winright and Rev Dr Michael Shortall both moral theologians in St Patrick's Pontifical University to help guide our reflections.

Bereavements

Recently deceased: Dan Brennan, Ballygub.

Anniversaries: Mary Crowe, Coolnamuck (9.30am); Nora O'Leary, High Street; Angela McDonald, Rock View; Shéamus Carroll, Graig Road; Séan Roche, Coolrainey (11.00am).

Next w/e: Hanny Hamilton, Ballygub (9.30am); Pat Galavan, Cullintra (7.30pm); Bridget Grace, Kilcross (M. Mind 11.00am); Martin Naddy, Kilmacshane and Jim & Sarah Naddy, Kilmacshane (Anniv. 11.00am).

The Rower Defibrillator

Volunteers, new and old, are needed to be trained in the use of the Defibrillator for The Rower Community. Training lapsed during COVID. There will be an information night in The Rower Hall on Thursday, 2nd March, at 8.00pm. Please contact Art at 086 385 9375 if you have any questions.

Farmer Wellbeing

Kilkenny Leader Partnership 10 week programme to support farmers with advice on CAP, Health & Safety, Agri business, stress, etc. Begins on March 22nd. Call 0567752111 for more info.

Inistioge Anglers

The A.G.M. of Inistioge Anglers takes place on 3rd March in O'Donnells Pub.

For Peace Sake

On the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine our hearts and prayers continue go out to this devastated people. During Lent let our acts of prayer, charity and fasting each day be dedicated to the plight of refugees. Let us work and pray for peace and make sacrifices for peace. All of us have the capacity to build peace by our words, our actions and our attitudes.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday. Holy Communion to the sick at the normal times.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: €828

Earthquake Relief Fund: €3,674

Thanks, One And All - Well Done

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