St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistinge 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, Wednes-

days & Fridays

(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023

CONFIRMATIONS IN THE ROWER

Next Friday at, 11.00 a.m., the children who are 'candidates' for Confirmation from the 6th and 5th classes in Marymount N. S. will receive the Holy Spirit in

the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please say a little prayer for them on their journey of growth in the faith in their Christian calling. We commend their families and teachers for their work and guidance that they give these children in their young lives. (No 9.30am mass in Inistinge that day)

Emigrants Collection

The Episcopal Council for Emigrants asks us to remind you to use your 'Emigrants' envelope in your box around now, St Patrick's w/e, for the annual special collection for Emigrants. Thank you.

Women in the Church

The role of women in the Church is something that remains to the fore of all conversations, and certainly in the recent synodal gatherings. What is the role of women in our Church today and into the future?

To explore these and similar questions Prof Jessie Rodgers, Dean of Theology and Lecturer of Sacred Scripture in St Patrick's Pontifical University, will join with us on Tuesday next 21st March at 7.30pm here at St Kieran's College to reflect on this topic under the title "Women in the Church: Biblical Perspectives". Please join with us and encourage others to come along too for what promises to be an interesting gathering.

All are most welcome.

A Synodal Church

What does Pope Francis intend by calling us to be a Synodal Church? We are hearing the words Synodal Church being used today. We know that Pope Francis has asked us to be a Synodal Church, but what does that mean? A Synodal Church is the Church of our time. Please join Bishop Niall Coll on Monday, 27" March 2023, at 7pm in St Kieran's College, as he leads us in a Reflection on what this means for each one of us as members of the Catholic Church today. Bishop Coil extends an invitation to all.

Bereavements

Recently deceased: Johnny Carroll, Kiltown.

Month's Mind: Dan Brennan, Ballygub.

Anniversaries: Pat Galavan, Kilconly (7.30pm); James O'Donnell, The Square (11.00am); Nora O'Leary, High Street; Kathleen Doherty, High Street:

Next w/e: Benny Holohan, Killeens; The Deceased Members of The Rower / Inistige GAA Club (7.30pm); Fr Michael Phelan (11.00am).

Happy Mothers' Day

To all our Mothers, living or deceased, we will forever love you. To those who gave birth in the past year, we celebrate with you. To those who lost a child in the past year, we mourn with you. To those who care for little ones every day, we appreciate you. To those who experienced a miscarriage, we grieve with you. To those who walk the hard path of infertility, we walk with you. To those who are foster mums and spiritual mums, we need you.

To those who longed to be mothers and have their own children, but life decided otherwise, we empathise with you. To those who lost their mothers in the past year, we mourn with you. To those who hoped for grandchildren, but 'twas not to be, we support you. And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected or surprising, we anticipate in hope with you, as you co-create the miracle of new life with God, the author of all life.

Last Week's Collection €976 Many Thanks

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