

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)

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2023

'If you love me you will keep my commandments'

We do not instinctively associate the concept of love with the demand to be faithful to a series of rules. People often speak about love as if it is in opposition to rules and regulations: 'all you need is love' and 'love and do what you will' are the type of sayings that are used in discussions as evidence that we do not need to worry about rules.

Yet, in the farewell speech to his disciples, Jesus was uncompromising when he explained the necessary connection between loving him and keeping his commandments: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.' In that speech, Jesus dealt with several other concerns. But he then returned to the link between love and the commandments: 'Anyone who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father.' (Jn 14:21).

The central commandment of Jesus' teaching was to love God and love neighbour. That commandment summarised the basic moral behaviours and ritual practices that Jesus required from his disciples. Those behaviours and practices formed the charter of what it meant for them to live as his followers. Jesus' moral teaching is best summarised in the Sermon on the Mount where he expands the Ten Commandments, making them more demanding.

For example, the commandment not to kill is developed to prohibit undue anger with another person, and the commandment not to commit adultery is developed to prohibit even lustful thinking.

Franciscan Sisters

Sister Mary, of The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, expresses her gratitude for your generous donations towards her Congregation's missionary work during her visit last weekend.

Connect Café

Drop in to Connect Café with **Alone** next Tuesday at 11am where Tara Rice from **Alone** will talk about their services. **Alone** supports positive ageing at home.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Chrissy Aspel, Oldcourt; Teresa Murphy, Tinneranny, Rosbercon.

Anniversaries: Betty & Peggy Stephenson, Ringwood (7.30pm); Simon & Betty Treacy, Kilcross, and Peg & Eddie O'Donnell, Inistioge (11.00am); Lar & Agnes Hennessy and deceased members of the Hennessy & Walsh families, High Street;

Next w/e: Anna & John Lawlor, Ballygub (7.30pm); Deceased members of the Lanigan Family, Cluen, and the deceased members of the Walsh Family, Ballinagoth (9.30am); Mary Griffin, Mill Road, and deceased members of the Griffin & Nixon families (11.00am).

Holy Communions

Congratulations to all girls and boys of Marymount NS who received their First Communion on Saturday. Thanks to the Principals, Teachers and all the Staff of our two schools who do so much by way of sacramental preparation each year. The '**Follow Through**' is basically up to the parents of these children to build upon the diligent work of our teachers and schools.

Camphill

Open Day at Camphill Jerpoint - Sunday 18th June 2023 12pm-3pm.

Baby & Toddler Group

Baby and Toddler group every Tuesday at Cois Abhann, 10 - 12. Please spread the word to anybody you think would like to attend.

Last Weekend's Collection

€ 948

Thanks so much

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