

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

## Inistioge Parish

### Inistioge Parish Mass Times

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

### Thomastown Parish Mass Times

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

(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd July 2023

## 'Abortion: Changing the Narrative'

### Statement of the Irish Bishops

Ireland remembers in prayer unborn children five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers. The Irish Bishops have issued a new statement that takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum.

They affirm the conviction of our faith: *"No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails."*

They remain convinced that the relevant law, the Health Act 2018 will, in due course, be repealed. They said, *"in the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition."*

Full statement: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

### 'Take the Risk for Christ'

Using the theme, *Take the Risk for Christ*, the Irish Council of Vocations announced a year to promote Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, chair of the Council said, "One of the objectives of this Year of Vocations is to start conversations within families, with priests and in parish communities on the beauty of the vocation of priesthood."

"In 2023, answering God's call to journey as a priest is a counter-cultural and courageous decision," he said. "Future priests need support to discern their vocation. I encourage any man who seeks to explore their calling to priestly ministry to make contact today with their local priest or diocesan vocations director." Please remember to continue to pray daily for vocations.

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Rita & Patrick Cullen, Ballavarra (7.30pm); Mary Lyng, Tintine; Sally Curran, The Rower Village.

**Next w/e:** - - -

### First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of July. The housebound will be visited with Holy Communion at the usual times.

### Cemetery Mass

Mass will be celebrated in the **Old Cemetery, Inistioge, will be next Friday at 7.30pm.**

**Cappagh Cemetery Mass** - 2nd Friday of July (i.e. 14th).

**The Rower Cemetery Mass** - Vigil of The Assumption - 14th August)

### Historical Society

Annual climb of Tory Hill on July 9th, **'Fraochan Sunday'**. Michael Fortune will give a talk, on the summit at 2pm. Climbing to the summit takes, on average, one hour.

### Summer Festival

Join many young people aged between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023.

The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only, and we have buses going from all over Ireland.

For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### Last Week's Collection

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