

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)*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd July 2023

## "His mercy is from age to age"

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the third time on this Sunday: 23 July – the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:

**"His mercy is from age to age"** (Luke 1:50)

### PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families,  
for the Church and for all of society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to  
future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,

help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect & love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life  
which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,

keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly  
pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be  
reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

## Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Danny McDonald, 'Rockview', Thomastown Rd.

**Anniversaries:** Nellie McGrath, Kiltown, and Anna Murphy, The Rower Village (7.30pm); John Malone, Woodlands & Jim Malone, Ballyshane, and Mary Lanigan, Laurel Hill (11.00am); Seán Cottrell, Dobbin's Mill, Inistioge.

**Next w/e:** Mary Lyng, Tintine, and Kathy Lyng & Sr Placidus Lyng, Tinnislatty (7.30 pm); Ann Clifford, Kilcross (11.00).

### Pulling Weeds

**"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field..."**

Last week we talked about planting seeds. This week we're talking about pulling weeds. The two go together. Every gardener knows that planting seeds is the easy part of having a successful garden.

However, it's much more time consuming to weed that same garden. And it's hard work too. As someone said: "When weeding, the best way to make sure you're removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, then it's a valuable plant!"

There's an interesting corollary to that truth: "To distinguish flowers from weeds, simply pull up everything, and then what grows back is weeds!"

### Graig Library

Marco Photography Workshop – Tuesday 25th July at 11am for adults and children. Contact 056 7794178.

### Rower Cemetery Mass

... will be celebrated on the Vigil of The Feast of The Assumption, i.e. 14th August, at 7.30pm.

### Last Week's Collection

€ 951 (Plate)

€741 (Cappagh)

Many Thanks to All

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### SAFEGUARDING:

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#### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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