

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)*

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th August 2023**

### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in our own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

2. Who do you say that I am? This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?

3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift from God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus. What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

### Please Note

Until further notice,  
The Priest-on-Call  
(in emergencies) will be  
Fr Dan Bollard, Thomastown.  
087 664 4858

### We are back!

The Rower Inistioge Baby & Toddler group welcome you to the first meet of the academic year on:  
Tuesday 5th September  
10am - 12 noon  
Cois Abhann, Inistioge.  
All welcome for coffee and chats, €3 per family.

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Maggie Galavan, Kilconly (7.30pm).  
Sarah Kilbride, Russelstown (9.30am).  
Elaine Walsh, "Georgies" Cluen; Brigid and James Roche Bohilla (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Muriel Murphy, Knockatore (9.30 am).  
Pat Tierney, Inistioge (11am).

### Thought for the Day

Studies show that even natural colours like greens, blues, and browns allow us to be more restful and less stressed. The older parts of our brain are more at home in a natural environment. The green of fields, meadows and forest canopies also remind the brain of an abundant food supply. Where there is green there is food, security and order. Albert Einstein put it thus, 'The most important decision we make is whether we believe in a friendly or hostile universe'. When we walk through the forest the lush green shadows on the forest floor are supermarket shelves to more archaic systems that state, reassure and sooth.

### Last Week's Collection

€ 938  
(Plate)

€2385  
(The Rower Cemetery Mass)

*Many Thanks to All*

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**Office Hours:** Wed. 9 - 2 & Thur. 2 - 4

**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday 3.00 pm

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### SAFEGUARDING:

#### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT:

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#### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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