

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd September 2023

Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging initiatives to protect the natural environment.



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

The Agony Of Life . . .

There's none of us who would not wish to shield those we love from suffering. The parent is always on the lookout to protect the young from all the hazards that face every child on the road to maturity. St Peter was no exception. He was horrified when Christ spoke of his future suffering in Jerusalem. Peter would have none of that nonsense. He assured Christ that such talk was out of place. But of course, it was not out of place. In God's plan Christ was to suffer and die on his road to resurrection, on his journey to open up for us the eternal life of God. In his agony, Christ was lonely and afraid but he knew that the Father would not desert him. The road of suffering is the road travelled by many, and it's good to know that Christ travelled it despite Peter's protests in today's gospel. It's reassuring to believe that the Father will never desert us no matter what our agony.

Irish Bishop's Conference

During the diocesan stage of the Universal Synod, people called for courses, resources, and dynamic spaces where they could explore or deepen their own faith, spirituality, and understanding of Scripture on a personal level. One initiative being made available in 2023 is this series of short video reflections on the Sunday Gospel each week. Watch out for a new video each week and please feel free to share these videos as widely as possible - on your websites, your social media platforms, and with others on your networks. **See: catholicbishops.ie**

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Mary Sheehan, Cullintra.

Anniversaries: Muriel Murphy, Knockatore and Bridie Muldoon, Cullaun (9.30 am); Pat Tierney, Inistioge (11am); Edward, Mary and William Barron, Oldcourt; Patrick Roche & Patrick Barron, Kilcross.

Next w/e: Phelix, Nora and Johnny Hamilton, and deceased Hamilton family, Ballinabarna; Jim & Mary Meaney, Cullaun (7.30pm); Mary Caulfield, Coolnamuck (9.30am).

BEAVER, CUBS & SCOUTS UNIFORMS

We have always encouraged a handed down system or using a second hand system for uniforms. If you have any of these uniforms hanging around the house can you please leave them to Teresa Phelan or text 087 1349770 to arrange a collection. We will continue to do our bit for the environment.

ProLife Collection

The church-gate collection this weekend in aid of ProLife. ProLife is currently campaigning for

the retention of the 3 Day waiting period which enabled over 3,000 women to choose life for their babies.

Happy New Year

Best wishes to all the children, teachers, their assistants and ancillary staff of our two primary schools as they begin a new year of education and social developmental skills. We spare a special thought for all the 'little ones' who started school for the first time, and for their parents too!

Last Week's Collection

€ 835

Many Thanks

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