

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)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th September 2023

## 2024 Lourdes Pilgrimage

The 2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Niall Coll, will take place from Tuesday May 21-Sunday May 26 inc. The organising committee is confident in offering places to pilgrims in need of assistance, youth helpers, support staff and able-bodied pilgrims.

The youth section is organised through the head of RE in secondary schools and places are limited.

More details will follow when we are apprised. Prices have to be established, but the 2023 cost was €899 PPS.

## Synod Gathering

In advance of the first assembly of the Universal Synod, which begins on 4th October 2023, an ecumenical prayer vigil is taking place in Rome to unite us all in praise and worship. In extending this invitation to "TOGETHER-GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD" Pope Francis reminded us that 'the path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked'. In a special way, young people from across the world, are asked to take part.

On Friday September 22nd we will join with Pope Francis and the young people invited to Rome by holding an ecumenical Taizé prayer in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm with a special invitation to all the young people of the Diocese. On Sunday 24th September we gather as the People of God in Ossory at the 5.30pm Mass united with the People of God to pray for the Universal Synod. People from all across the diocese are invited to attend.

## St Mary's Cathedral Tour

This weekend sees the launch of an interactive tour of St Mary's Cathedral. By means of QR codes visitors can interact with and learn about the fascinating history of this wonderful building. Built by the people of Kilkenny in the 1840s it has a rich legacy of sacred art, design and prayer. The tour will be available year-round for a daily pass at a cost of €5. The tour, however, will be free of charge this Sunday 10th Sept. and the following Sunday 17th Sept. for the people of our Diocese and beyond. A second phase of the tour will also launch in the weeks ahead.

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Phelix, Nora and Johnny Hamilton, and deceased members of the Hamilton family, Ballinabarna; Jim & Mary Meaney, Cullaun (7.30pm); Mary Caulfield, Coolnamuck (9.30am); Daniel, Anastasia and Richard Meaney, Kilcross (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Sabrina & Paddy Whelan, Ballavarra (7.30pm); Maura Lee, Mill Road (Anniv); John Rogers, West Sussex (Recently Decd).

## For Your Diary

As we approach their very busy season, our local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is planning a fundraising concert featuring Kilkenny's **Cois Nore Choir** to take in our parish church on Friday, 20th October, at 8.00pm.

## Graig Library

A '**Zero Waste Workshop**' will take place next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, at 11:30am in Graig Library. Call 056 7794178

## ProLife Collection

The Pro Life collection last weekend came to €418.82. Much appreciated.

## Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw begins a new year this month. Thank you for your support if you have been involved in the past. The Draw begins on the LAST WEDNESDAY of the month and if you would like to support the Cathedral Restoration please contact the Office, the Sacristy or the Priest. Cost €10 per month. Prizes: 1x€2,000; 1x€1,000; 1x€500; 2x€300; 2x€200; and 3x€100.

## Last Week's Collection

€ 651

Thank You

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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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