

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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th September 2023

'The Ploughing'

Europe's largest outdoor event, *The National Ploughing Championships*, (the 92nd) is set to return to Ratheniska, Co Laois this week from Tuesday to Thursday, for a second year given the triumph of last year's event.

If you visit the Kildare and Leighlin Dioceses' Stand 326 at these Championships you will be invited to name and vote for your **FAVOURITE SAINT**.

The question is being asked by Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare and Leighlin in whose diocese the 3-day Ploughing Championships will be held. *'I expect that people will name saints from all over the world, saints they pray to daily or in times of trouble, the saint whose name they chose at Confirmation or perhaps, the saint associated with their locality,'* he said.

The quest to discover our favourite saint comes in the year when the country's newest bank holiday, St. Brigid's Day, was first celebrated.

During previous Ploughing Championships, the diocese held competitions to find Ireland's favourite poem, prayer, and hymn. This year, visitors to Stand 326 will be asked to nominate their favourite saint and the favourite will be decided by a vote on Day 3.

Since April, a year-long campaign has been underway to promote discussion in families and parishes, encouraging vocations to the priesthood. Representatives from the National Office for Vocations will also be present at Stand 326. Visitors will be invited to help re-create St. Brigid's Cloak and will also see the traditional St. Brigid's crosses being made.

The popular packets of blessed salt will be available once again. The salt can then be spread on gardens and farms – a traditional practice in many areas of the country.



"Er, I don't think there is a patron saint of the internet ..."

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: John Rogers, West Sussex (11.00am). Tom Jennings, Ballyshane; Anne Lyng-Hallisey, The Rower.

Anniversaries: Sabrina & Paddy Whelan, Ballavarra (7.30pm); Maura Lee, Mill Road; Liam Lyster & Tom Duggan, Kilmacshane (11.00am);

Next w/e: Teresa Wilmot, Ballycommon (7.30pm); Joe Martin, Ballinagoth (9.30am); Jim Hackett, Kilcross (11.00am).

DRUGS RUIN LIVES

Health:

Drugs are harmful to your health.

Educate:

Educate yourself on the risks and pitfalls of taking drugs.

Enforcement:

A drug conviction stays with you for life.

Drive:

Never drive with drugs in your system.

(Narcotics Anonymous Ireland East, 086 8629308 www.na-ireland.org)

Inistioge Parish Choir

Inistioge parish choir is looking for new members. Rehearsals take place every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm in St Colmcille's church.

All are welcome to try it out so please feel free to come along.

Singing has great health benefits, so if you think this is for you, just arrive on Tuesday evening or speak to any choir member for more details.

Alternatively, you can contact Emily on 086 0585184.

Last Week's Collection

€ 798

Thank You

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SAFEGUARDING:

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