

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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 2023

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. This is the day that the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support takes place so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

All donations made for Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found.

SYNOD WEEK 3

This week the Synod discussed mission and a central aspect of that discussion, it seems, focused on the role of women in the Church. Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich (Archbishop of Luxembourg) drew attention to the question of gender right away with questions that we could read – "Most of us are men. But men and women receive the same Baptism and the same Spirit. The Baptism of women is not inferior to the Baptism of men. How can we ensure that women feel they are an integral part of this missionary Church?"

He challenged participants, most of whom are ordained men, to examine whether they feel "enriched or threatened" when sharing responsibility for the Church's mission with women. Interesting thoughts, as the vast majority in attendance are men and only 54 of the voting members of over 350 are women... but the women's voice is being heard...

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Sinéad Breen, née Mernagh, Raheenduff (7.30pm); Richard Walsh, Ballygub; Patrick Meaney, Ballinabarna (9.30am); Paddy Lawlor, Ballygallon (11.00am).

Next w/e: Anastasia Lyng, Russelstown (9.30am); John Cahill, Mill Road (11.00am).

Parish Finance Council

A Finance Council meeting will take place in the Parish Office on Wednesday next at 7.00 pm. All members are invited to attend.

Rower Repainting

Repainting of the Rower Church begins this Monday morning and will hopefully be finished on Wednesday week, 1st November.

As already flagged, Mass next Saturday and Tuesday 31st will be in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Weekday Masses are therefore suspended until further notice.

NOVEMBER

Month of The Holy Souls

November is fast approaching and we celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Wednesday, week, 1st, a Holy Day, with Masses at weekend times.

On the following day, Thursday 2nd November, we traditionally have the **Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed**. Please place a list of your deceased loved ones in the basket in front of the Altar. All the departed will be prayed for during November.

Last Week's Collection

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Thank You

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