

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)

Third Sunday of Advent - 17th December 2023

## Gaudete Sunday

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or 'Rejoice'. The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.**

Today, on our Advent Wreath, we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.



## CHRISTMAS IN OUR CHURCHES

<b>INISTIOGE</b>	Christmas Eve (Sunday)	11.00am	9.00pm.
	Christmas Day (Monday)	11.00am.	
<b>THE ROWER</b>	Saturday	7.30pm	Christmas Eve 7.30pm.
<b>CLODIAGH</b>	Sunday	9.30am	Christmas Day 9.30am.

## CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

INISTIOGE PARISH CHURCH - TONIGHT, SUNDAY 17th - 7.00 PM

**Featuring:** INISTIOGE PARISH CHOIR  
IN CAELO CHAMBER CHOIR  
INISTIOGE SCHOOL CHOIR  
Peace Light - INISTIOGE SCOUTS

**Come along for a lovely night of Traditional Christmas Carols and join in the singing of other well-known Christmas songs.**

## AN MACALLA

... is now available in the usual outlets in The Rower and Inistioge Villages.

## Bereavements

**Month's Mind:** Matt Drea, Kilmacshane (11.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Paddy McGrath, Kiltown; Annie & Nancy Prendergast, Carrigeen; Patrick McDonald & his parents, Ballinagoth; Bridie, Jimmy, Marie, Paddy and Bridget Ryan, Mangan (7.30pm); Mark Parlevliet, Ballygub and Holland (9.30am); Brendan Murphy, Ballyshane, Bridget & Dick Tierney, Kilcross, Tommy Hackett Kilcross; Alice, Charlie, Dick & Noel Dempsey, High Street; John Hanrahan, Cappagh; (11.00am);

**Next w/e:** James Forristal, The Ferrybridge; Anna Lawless, Tullogher; The Audley Family, Ballycommon (7.30pm). Michael & Elizabeth Phelan, Inistioge (11.00am).

## Camogie v Hurling

Rower Inistioge 2013 hurling team V Rower Inistioge 2012 Camogie team play a charity match for St Vincent de Paul in the Rower on St Stephen's Day at 12 noon. Donations welcome which will go to the SVP Society.

## School Carol Service

Marymount N.S. Carol Service is on Tuesday next at 7pm in the Church. As always, it promises to be a delightful occasion with the pupils setting the tone in the run up to Christmas. We look forward to welcoming all.

## Free Courses: Cois Abhann

**Basket Making:** Six-week course on Monday mornings starting 15th Jan.

**Beginners Sewing:** 6 week course, Thursday mornings, from 18th Jan.

**Computer and Phone Technology:** Three-week course, Friday mornings from 2nd February.

Call Kathleen: 089 4395044

## Last Week's Collection

**Holy Day: €400; W/E: € 1,084**

**Thank You**

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

**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday 3.00 pm

**Secretary:** Sandra Cullen **Office:** 056 775 8581

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## SAFEGUARDING:

### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: **Kathleen Sherry**, 085 802 1633

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### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Liam Mulholland; Rebecca Ryan & Regina Bolger.

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