

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)

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 24th December 2023

CHRISTMAS MASSES

THE ROWER	Christmas Eve	7.30pm.
INISTIOGE	Christmas Eve	9.00pm.
	Christmas Day	11.00am.
CLODIAGH	Christmas Day	9.30am.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS and SO MANY TO THANK

As we reach the goal of so much of our preparations over the past number of weeks it's appropriate to thank all those involved in any way whatsoever. Like a 'well oiled machine', each church/area maintains its own tradition and grouping which takes care of its own responsibility automatically - without any fuss or fanfare. Each group just gets on with their generous service, and to each group we say a big 'Thank You' from the whole parish.

We think of Sacristans, Cleaners, Flower donors & arrangers, the Secretary, Readers & Ministers of The Eucharist & Rota arrangers, Collectors & Counters, those who open & close the Churches, our Community Scheme Worker, Distributors, Choirs - Parish and In Caelo, our Schools' Choirs, Scouts, Crib & Tree installers and seasonal decorators, etc. This list is not exhaustive, nor is it in any particular order of preference or importance.

However, we do wish to acknowledge the recent Carol Services in the parish which were wonderful experiences. The Inistioge organisers very kindly donated part of their collection on the night to parish funds (€230) - Thank You. We also acknowledge with thanks a beautiful new Crib in Clodiagh to house the Nativity Scene. It was designed & built by MI Croke & Brendan Malone. Finally, we acknowledge with gratitude, and thank John Ryan, for the replacement of the Belfry at Clodiagh Church. It's a mirror-image of the former structure which fell into disrepair. John and his team did a fantastic job in every detail to replicate the old wooden structure. **Many thanks to all of the above.**

Bereavements

Anniversaries: James Forristal, The Ferrybridge; Anna Lawless, Tullogher; The Audley Family, Ballycommon (7.30pm). Michael & Elizabeth Phelan, Inistioge; John Cassin, Ballycocksuist (11.00am); Fr Martin Cleere, former Curate; Rita Brennan, Ballygub.

Next w/e: Marty Ryan, Coolhill (7.30pm); Thomas O'Leary, Kilcross; Mary O'Neill, Deerpark (11.00am).

Camogie v Hurling St Stephen's Day

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.

PILGRIMAGE 2024

The Lourdes Pilgrimage is now available to book. Departure on 22 May from Cork It is strongly advised that pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes book as soon as possible. Additional information on the pilgrimage, 01-410800 or info@joewalshtours.ie

Assisted Pilgrims should contact:
Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 or maoc50@me.com

Become a Foroige Volunteer

FOROIGE is wishing to start a youth club in our parish and need adult volunteer leaders to help.

A youth club has huge benefits for young people and volunteers.

For more information, contact:
Aidan Gleeson 0860674485
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Last Weekend's Collection

€ 1,262

Thank You

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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