

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

## Inistioge Parish

### Inistioge Parish Mass Times

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| <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

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| <b>Vigil:</b>    | Thomastown | 6.00 p.m.                                     |
| <b>Sundays:</b>  | Thomastown | 10.30 a.m.                                    |
| <b>Weekdays:</b> | Thomastown | 9.20 a.m.<br>on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays |

(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

Feast of The Holy Family - 31st December 2023

*May God bless you and your family with peace, joy and good health throughout the year 2024*

### Clodiagh's New Crib

St Brendan's Church, Clodiagh, was gifted with a new Crib on Christmas morning by Michael Croke, Coolshane, who attend mass there each week. Last year Michael meticulously repainted all the figures of crib and, in doing so, recognised the need for a crib to house them. So he, and his neighbour, another Brendan, Brendan Malone, got together to create and present this beautiful Crib to our church.



### Belfry Returns Home

The newly restored Church Belfry at Clodiagh received an enthusiastic and joyous welcome last weekend for the Christmas celebrations. This was a project undertaken by benefactor, John Ryan, to whom we are all most grateful. The oak wood came from his own property at Ballinabarna. It was machined by John Forristal, Ferrybridge. Mick Spindler did the necessary wood treatment and filling of its natural cracks.

Willie Colfer assembled and roofed (with natural slate) the fantastic result.

Thank you John and team from Clodiagh and all the community. To hear the bell on Christmas morning was so magical and appropriate!



## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Marty Ryan, Coolhill (7.30pm); Thomas O'Leary, Kilcross; Mary O'Neill, Deerpark (11.00am); Baby Kaylem Foley, Keith, Annie, Michael, Kathleen, Paddy, Maureen and Johnny Carroll, Jack Boylan-Carroll, Susan Lawlor, Helena & Thomas Heaney, Patrick Reynolds, Ann Murray, Mary Foley; Bridget Meaney, Cullaun (next Sat. 9.30, Clodiagh)

**Next w/e:** Johnny O'Donnell, The Square, Mary Fleming, Coolhill (11.00am).

### Saturday next - 6th January Feast of The Epiphany

#### Mass Times:

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| <b>The Rower - Vigil:</b> | <b>7.30pm.</b> |
| <b>Clodiagh:</b>          | <b>9.30 am</b> |
| <b>Inistioge:</b>         | <b>11.00am</b> |

### First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of the New Year - 2024.

The sick and the housebound will be visited at the usual times with Holy Communion. Families are welcome to request this service for any member or neighbour if deemed necessary.

### 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@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie) Assisted Pilgrims should contact: Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 or [maoc50@me.com](mailto:maoc50@me.com)

### Last Week's Collections

**Weekend: € 942**  
**Christmas: € 3,218**  
*Many Thanks*

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### SAFEGUARDING:

#### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT:

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