

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)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th February 2024



**This Wednesday, eight days earlier than last year, is Ash Wednesday and begins the season of Lent.**

During this time we prepare by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to celebrate the kernel of our Christian Faith.

Mindful of Lent being a call to penance sacrifice, we are urged to remember that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are still days of fast and abstinence when meat is not permitted. We may have one full meal as well as two other 'light' meals according to each one's needs.

Where health or ability to work may be seriously affected, this guideline does not apply.

## Blessed Ashes

Mass & The Blessing of Ashes will take place in Inistioge on Wednesday morning at 9.30am. Small bags of Blessed Ashes will be available in each of our three churches shortly afterwards. If the Ashes are dry in the bag, just dip your finger in water to make a paste and use the words: **"Repent and believe in the Gospel"** when applying the ash to the forehead. Please take home only one bag with you as it contains a sufficient amount to cater for a number of people.

**SCHOOLS:** Ashes will be imposed on children **who wish to receive them. Parents should discuss the meaning of Ashes with their children to help their understanding.**

Inistioge will receive Ashes at 9.30 mass. The Rower school will receive Ashes in school.

## Bereavements

**Recently Deceased:** Nuala Prendergast, Inistioge; Marianne Ward, Kylesmore.

**Month's Mind:** Helena Carroll, Rathsnagadan, (11.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Bea Galavan, Hermitage (7.30pm); Dick Lanigan, Ballygub (9.30am); George & Frances Bassett, Woodstock; (11.00am); Jack & Katie O'Keeffe, Carrenroe; Séamus Malone, Bohilla; Kitty Malone, Ballyshane.

**Next w/e:** Angela McDonald, Rock View; Dan Brennan, Ballygub; Lar Foley, Ballyshane; Bernadette Barry-Savage, Coolrainey; Johanna Tierney, The Hatchery; Tom & May Treacy, Ballyduff; Denis O'Gorman, Ballyshane & deceased members of the O'Gorman family (11.00am).

## St Valentine's Day vs Ash Wednesday

Not everyone will be enjoying chocolate this Valentine's Day! For the first time since 2018, Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day fall on the same day. In fact, this rare occurrence taking place once again this week, has happened only three times in the last century - 1923, 1934 and 1945. And what's more, it won't happen again until 2029 which will be the final time this Century. ... **a piece of essential information!**

## Lourdes Pilgrimage May 22-27

Pilgrims: Contact JWT at 01 241 0800. Assisted pilgrims: Fr Anthony O'Connor, 087 251 7766. €929 PPS & €949.

## Trócaire

Please take home your Trócaire Box and use it during Lent as part of your Fasting & Almsgiving during Lent.

**Last Week's Collection:**

**€ 997**

**Thank You**

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