

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 Lent - 10th March 2024

Lá na Máthair Shona Daoibh

Mother's Day in Ireland falls in the month of March each year. Our Mother's Day stems from the ancient tradition of Mid-Lent Sunday, when the Church gave Catholics a break from the strict adherence to Lenten observances, although this tradition was later transferred to St Patrick's Day. On Mother's Day special masses would be held in each diocese in honour of the Mary, the Mother of Christ.

In Ireland, Mother's Day can be traced to medieval times where children from poor families were sent to work as servants and apprentices in rich homes. Once a year, in the middle of the Lent, these children were given a day off to visit their Cathedral for mass in honour of Our Lady and to visit their mothers and present them with flowers they picked along the journey.

Today we celebrate Mother's Day with cards, gifts and lots of other signs of appreciation for all the selfless work, love & sacrifices made by our mothers.

Ministers Of The Word

When reading at Mass we are entrusted with the privileged task of sharing God's word in a way that is fitting so that people may come to know him.

We are now inviting all new and existing Ministers of the Word to join with Fr Chris Hayden, Spiritual Director at St Patrick's National Seminary, Maynooth, for two evenings to explore this sacred ministry.

These evenings will take place in St Kieran's College on Wednesday 13th and 20th March, at 8.00pm.

Historical Society lecture

The Army Mutiny of 1924
Speaker: Mr John Dorney
Friday, 22nd March at 8pm
In Mullinavat. Admission €5

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Claire Cottrell, Kilcullen.

Anniversaries: Tom McGrath, Kiltown; Jim & Brigid Mackey, Mangan, and Teresa Mullally & Fiona Mackey-Farrell (7.30pm); Johnnie Carroll, Kiltown (11.00am); Kathleen Knox, Kilcross;

Next w/e: James O'Donnell, The Square, Inistioge; Kathleen Doherty, High Street.

First Penance - The Rower

The First Holy Communion children from Marymount National School will make their First Penance in **The Rower Church on Tuesday at 7.00pm.**

We wish them and their families every blessing and good wish.

First Penance - Inistioge

The First Holy Communion children from St Colmcille's National School will make their First Penance in **Inistioge Church next Thursday at 6.30pm.**

We also wish them and their families every blessing and good wish.

Marymount N.S.

Admission Notice - Autism Class

Marymount N.S. is opening an autism class in September 2024. The admission process has started and relevant documentation is available on our website - <https://marymountns.ie/>

Ministers of The Eucharist

Join the training via the ASPAL platform over three sessions and a fourth in local parish. Register at ASPAL.ie

Last Week's Collection:

€ 1108

Thank You Very Much

Address: Kilcross, Inistioge, County Kilkenny, R95 P5P0

Email: inistioge@ossory.ie **Website:** inistiogeparish.ie

Office Hours: Wed. 9 - 2 & Thur. 2 - 4 **Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday 3.00 pm

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

Parish Priest: Fr Frank Purcell 086 601 0001

SAFEGUARDING:

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: **Ms Ailish Higgins**, 085 802 1633, dlp@ossory.ie
Deputy DLPs: **Rose Brophy**, 087 331 4330 & **Cathal Cullen**, 056 7752448
email: ddlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Liam Mulholland; Rebecca Ryan & Regina Bolger.
cf. Full Safeguarding details: www.ossory.ie

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Regd. Charity No. 20015831