

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

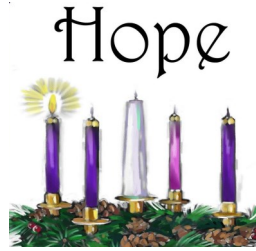
(weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

First Sunday of Advent - 1st December 2024

Advent

Our season of Advent begins this weekend. It marks the beginning of the new year in the 2025 Liturgical Year. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. We reflect on the prophecies of the Old Testament, their fulfilment in Jesus our hope, and thus the mission of salvation he's given to us. Each Sunday of Advent holds a special significance, as symbolized by the respective four candles of the Advent wreath:

- ◆ **First Sunday of Advent:** This Sunday marks the beginning of the season and traditionally focuses on the theme of **HOPE**, symbolized by the Prophet's Candle which points to the long-expected Savior (see Tit. 2:13; John 3:16-17).
- ◆ **Second Sunday of Advent:** The focus shifts to **FAITH** with the Bethlehem Candle, reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to the city where Jesus would be born (see Mic. 5:2; Luke 2:1-7).
- ◆ **Third Sunday of Advent** (Gaudete Sunday): In a departure from the usual purple vestments, priests wear a rose-coloured one at this Sunday's Mass, and rose is also the colour of the Shepherd's Candle. Both symbolize the world's **JOY** for the long-expected Savior's birth (see Isa. 9:1-3; Luke 2:8-12).
- ◆ **Fourth Sunday of Advent:** This Sunday, emphasizes the incomparable **PEACE** that Jesus brings and which the Angel's Candle heralds.



First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of December. The Sick and Housebound will be visited with Holy Communion at the usual times.

Candlelit Carol Service

The Annual Festival of Carols will take place in the Parish Church, Inistioge, on Sunday, 15th December, at 7.00pm.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Mary Barron, née Fleming (sister of Pat).

Anniversaries: Edward Drea, Cullaun (9.30am).
Jimmy Malone, Mill Road, & deceased members of the Malone family (11.00am).

Next w/e: Paddy & Annie O'Brien, Cullintra; Jimmy Prendergast, Garranavabby; Eily Murphy, Kiltown; Mary & Pat O'Brien, Tintine (7.30pm).

'8th of December'

This year, the Second Sunday of Advent, falls on the 8th of December. This means the feast will be celebrated on Mon 9th, but it's not a Holyday.

ICC AGM

Inistioge's Community Council have their AGM on Wed. 4th Dec. at 8pm. All Community Groups are represented on the council and are invited to attend.

Graig Library

Help us reach our library membership target in Graig library for 2024. Renew your membership today, contact 056 7794178.

Rower Village Lighting

The Annual Mass and gathering to light the Christmas Tree and Village Lights will take place next Saturday in The Rower. Mass in Church at 7.30pm and Lights & Party in Hall afterwards.

The Rower Carol Service

Marymount National School will present their Annual Carol Service in The Church of The Assumption on Wednesday, 18th December at 7.00pm.

Last Week's Collection:

Plate: € 1050

Thank You

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