

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)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd March 2025

*All the Darkness in the World
cannot Extinguish the Light of a Single Candle*

(St Francis of Assisi)

TAKE
ME
HOME
FOR
LENT



The Pillars of Lent as it Begins

The three traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through the three pillars of Lent we journey to develop a closer relationship with God. The 40 days of Lent should be filled with reflection, service and prayer. Often times the most overlooked pillar of Lent is prayer. There are so many wonderful ways to pray during Lent. More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord.

Blessed Ashes

Mass & Blessing of Ashes will take place in Inistioge on Wed. morning at 9.30am. Blessed Ashes will be available in each church shortly afterwards. When applying Ashes, just dip your finger in water to make a paste and use the words: **"Repent and believe in the Gospel."**

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage runs from 4th – 11th June 2025 – contact 086 1991620 or 086 8825622

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of March. The sick and housebound will be visited with Holy Communion at the usual times unless otherwise arranged.

Birthday Party

Past Pupils of the Rower School, neighbours and all members of the community are invited to the Rower Hall on Saturday, March 22nd, at 8.00pm to celebrate the 90th birthday of former School Principal, Seán O' Higgin. If you would like to be involved in organising this event please contact Breda English, Rita Kavanagh, Claire Lonergan, Jack Lyng, or Gerry Lyng.

Bereavements

Recently Decd: Paul Muldoon, Cullaun, The Rower. Arrangements later.

Month's Mind: Brendan Meaney, Clodiagh (11.00am).

Anniversaries: Hanny Hamilton, Ballygub (9.30am); Johanna Tierney, The Hatchery; Ann Murray, Graig Road; Johnny Cottrell, Coolshane; Seamus Carroll, Graig Road (11.00am)

Next w/e Annivs: Tom McGrath, Kiltown; Brighid & Jim Mackey, Mangan; Fiona Mackey, Mangan; Teresa & Carmel Mulally; Pat Galavan, Cullintra (7.30pm); Claire Cottrell, Kilcullen; Johnnie Carroll, Kiltown; Martin Naddy, Kilmacshane & deceased of the Naddy & Bolger families; Kathleen Knox, Kilcross (11.00am).

Preparing for Marriage?

Weekend residential courses available. 23-25 May or 19-21 September 2025. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

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Last Week's Plate Collection

€ 800

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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
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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Marie Hayden - Suzanne Cottrell - Betty Gannon

cf. Full Safeguarding details: www.ossory.ie

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