

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

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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)

Third Sunday of Lent - 23rd March 2025

Preparing for the Inevitable

As part of the ongoing 'Cluster' meetings between the Bishop and parishes in the diocese, the **Thomastown/Inistioge** 'cluster' met with the bishop last week. At that meeting representatives of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils were informed of the impending changes and restructuring that are inevitable when retirements, etc., take place in our diocese from this Summer onwards. Larger and more specific meeting or meetings are to follow in the not too distant future.

Stroke Support

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday from 2 to 4pm, at The Tuiscint Day Services room, at St. Canices Hospital Complex. Guest speaker Ann Bray, HSE. For further information call/text Lynda 0857331522.

Try speaking TO God a little more than speaking ABOUT God

It's sometimes said that we Christians speak a lot **about** God but in fact we speak very little **to** God. In Lent we are called to speak to God, to be people of prayer, striving for union with our Maker. Our annual observance of Lent, fasting and doing good, is a golden opportunity to meet our God and belong more fully to the One who satisfies the longings of the human heart. Today is the acceptable time to return to God and to produce fruit in our life, the time to experience God's loving mercy and to offer our forgiveness to those who have offended us in the past or are offending us now. This is the acceptable time to be kind-hearted and give others another chance. Christ can more freely enter our lives when we leave ourselves open to true life and love.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Richard Tierney, Mill Road. Funeral arrangements later.

Anniversaries: Benny Holohan, Killeens; Seán & Teresa Kelly, Mangan; Billy Lyng, Tinnislatty (7.30pm); Muriel Duggan, Kilcross (11.00am).

Next w/e Annivs: Florrie Malone, Mill Road; John & Jim Malone, Ballyshane; Fr Michael Phelan, Inistioge (11.00am).

THIS WEEKEND

**THE CHURCH-DOOR
EMIGRANTS COLLECTION
THANK YOU**

Kilkenny Tourism Connects

Kilkenny Tourism invites you to take part in a conference facilitated by Runda Hospitality & Tourism Solutions to share insights on collaborating for future success and development. It takes place next Wednesday, 26th March at The Waterside Guesthouse, Graiguenamanagh from 4:30pm to 7.00pm.

Every Life Counts

Every Life Counts will hold a Church Gate Collection next weekend 29/30 March. When an unborn baby has a fatal foetal disorder, this group provides practical and emotional support to the parents allowing them to best treasure the precious short moments of their baby's life.

Historical Society

Lecture: on '**James Fogarty of Tibberaghny**' by Con Manning on Friday, 28th March, at 8.00pm in Mullinavat .

Last Week's Collection

Plate € 905

17th March € 780

Thank You

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