

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)

### 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

(NB: weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

The Ascension of The Lord - 1st June 2025

## Don't be 'A Hurler On The Ditch'

## Choose to 'Engage & Support'

Time is running out for you to choose whether or not you'll play your part in the discussions regarding the major changes that confront our parishes at this point of the Church's history in the Diocese of Ossory.

As already published, lots of preparatory work has already been done; but we now remind ALL PARISHIONERS that you still have the opportunity to voice your opinions on the future shape of parish life as parishes need to amalgamate into Pastoral Areas, and as Masses may have to be dropped through the lack of priests owing to retirements, lack of vocations, etc.

You are therefore invited to avail of the opportunity to contribute to this ongoing debate by attending a Deanery Meeting which will take place from **7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. next Wednesday, 4th June in Ballyhale Parochial Hall.**

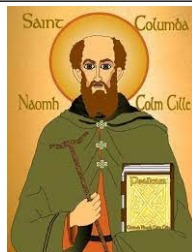
As many representatives as possible from our parish should try to attend this meeting, especially the **PASTORAL COUNCIL, FINANCE COUNCIL**, and, indeed all interested Parishioners in general - to explore the future of our parish and the needs of our own Pastoral Area of Inistioge and Thomastown, which may soon become a reality in this area.

So, let us all continue to pray for the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit regarding these meetings and decisions.

There will, of course, be the usual 'experts' in the background who'll have all the answers, but to everyone else we say: **Grasp the opportunity: don't be caught out: don't be that Hurler On The Ditch!**

### St Colmcille

The Annual Pattern Mass at St Colmcille's Well, Hatchery Lane, will be celebrated **on Monday week at 7.30pm.** We look forward to fine weather and a large turnout.



## Bereavements

**Anniversary:** Betty & Peggy Stephenson, Ringwood; Jack & Josie Rochford, Poulmounty (7.30pm); Bridget Foley, Killeen (11.00am)

**Next w/e:** Maura O'Neill, Brownsford (M Mind); Imelda Elizabeth O'Carroll, Mill Road; John Tierney, Hatchery Lane (11.00am).

### First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of June. The sick and the housebound will be visited at the usual times.

### Word of God outreach

Next Sunday, June 8th, 10.00am - 5-30pm, in Tower Hotel.

Guests: Monsignor Finbar O'Leary & Theresa Foley. Prayer, praise, music, Scripture, Healing and Celebration of Mass.

Contact: Sile 086 8590394

### Dare to Hope

YOUNG ADULT FAITH GATHERING  
Principal Speaker: Fr Conor McDonough. Workshops including: • Serving Jesus on the Edge, • Breaking Open the Word of God, • How to Speak About Our Faith, • Reconciliation Service. Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Fintan Gavin,

June 14th in The Youth Village, Knock Shrine 9.30am – 5.30pm Cost €20 | Bookings via Eventbrite.

**Diocesan Forum Constitution**  
The revised Constitution for the Ossory Diocesan Forum was published recently. The greater involvement of laity in the life of the Church in Ossory at parish, pastoral area and diocesan level is the main theme of the new Constitution. Copies in Churches.

### Marymount NS

The Students' Council is holding a Table Quiz this Wednesday in The Rower Hall at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 €20. Great raffle prizes. All support welcome and appreciated.

### Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 1090**

**Many Thanks**

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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:

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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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