

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

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

Pentecost Sunday - 8th June 2025

'Pastoral Areas'

A word of thanks to the members of our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, as well as to the half dozen or more who took up the general invitation to attend the Deanery Meeting which took place last Wednesday evening in Ballyhale Hall. Our parish was represented by numbers as good as, if not greater than most, at this Deanery Meeting of the Diocese of Ossory.

Some people, understandably, tend to struggle with some names and areas that Bishops and Priests assume that everyone else understands. Our Diocese, 'Ossory', consists of 42 parishes that straddle almost the entire county of Kilkenny, a couple of parishes in south County Laois and one 'island parish' in county Offaly - Seir Kieran.

For convenience and practical reasons our Diocese has traditionally been broken up into three sections or 'Deaneries' - Northern, Middle and Southern - (we obviously belong to the Middle Deanery).

When the shortage of active priests became a reality and began to take its toll, the need for more cooperation between parishes, and the 'clustering' of parishes became evident. As a result, and depending on circumstances, this 'clustering' process began to take place during the past 5 - 10 years, .

Most groupings, or clusters, consist of 3 parishes, whilst our cluster consists of just 2: ourselves and Thomastown. Also, a 'grouping' or 'cluster' has now become known as a '**Pastoral Area**' and is given a suitable local name. The chosen name for the Inistioge/Thomastown pastoral area has, for obvious reasons, been given the name '**St Colmcille's Pastoral Area**'.

As you must appreciate, this is a work in progress and will take patience and time. The Southern Deanery meeting last Wednesday just dealt, in a general way with hopes and aspirations regarding joint preparation and cooperation in various areas of parish life, such as sacramental preparation, administration, sharing of resources like the office, newsletter, etc., all very much in its infancy, and we pray to the Holy Spirit to be open to these changing times.

St Colmcille's Well

The Annual Mass at St Colmcille's Well, Hatchery Lane, will be celebrated tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7.30pm.

Bereavements

Month's Mind: Maura O'Neill, Brownsford (11.00am).

Anniversaries: Mick Meaney, Cullaun; Catherine Hickey, Ballavarra (7.30pm); Imelda Elizabeth O'Carroll, Mill Road; John Tierney, Hatchery Lane; Phil Murphy, Cappagh (11.00am)

Next w/e: Patrick & Eily O'Carroll, Coolnamuck; Deceased members of the Lanigan family, Cluen, and deceased members of the Walsh family, Ballinagoth (9.30am).

The Meaning of Pentecost

The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word pentekoste, meaning "fiftieth".

Accordingly, the Christian Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter.

It is the feast that marks the end of the Easter season — and the official beginning of the Church.

Often called the "birthday of the Church," this day is a wondrous reminder of how Jesus fully equips his Church to carry out her Great Commission to "make disciples all nations"

A quick search for Pentecost's definition indicates it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the

apostles.

Ossory Diocesan Forum

Please take home a copy of the revised 2025 handbook on the Ossory Diocesan Forum.

In an effort to keep up with trends in the Diocese, this handbook sets out to describe what is the Parish Pastoral Council; a Pastoral Area Council; the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council; and a Plenary Body Consisting of All Members of the above.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: €877

Many Thanks

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