

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. Tuesday
	Inistioge	9.30 a.m. Thursday

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil:	Thomastown	6.00 p.m.
Sundays:	Thomastown	10.00 a.m.
Weekdays:	Thomastown	9.30 a.m. -
		Wednesdays & Fridays.

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

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross - 14th September 2025

The Exaltation of The Cross that saves



Paradoxically, we Christians affirm our passion for life under the sign of the Cross, which in Roman times was a cruel, inhuman instrument of execution, the most frightful form of death.

Echoing Our Lord himself, the church strongly opposes all forms of torture and above all the death penalty—and yet here we are on today's feast, honouring the cross on which an innocent prophet and healer was put to death, who had spent his life helping others.

How can we glory today in the instrument of his death, that frightening cross where thieves, slaves and criminals were executed and onto which He was nailed, led like a lamb to the slaughter? It is because this crucified Jesus has become our lifegiver in the spirit that his Cross is the life-giving throne of mercy on which he will forever be honoured. With the penitent thief we can pray: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42). The instrument of his death has become the instrument of God's mercy to us; and so we proclaim the triumph of new Life, poured out from the Cross.

We try to absorb the paschal meaning of whatever suffering comes our way, trusting that powerful grace flows from the Cross.

Of course, we don't just focus on our own crosses and the burdens of life. The Cross of Christ empowers us to share in the struggle against oppressors of every sort. We can best honour his cross today if, like Him, we stand up for those in our times who are unjustly treated and marginalised.

PRAYER: "O God, who willed that Your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known His mystery on earth, may merit the grace of His redemption in heaven. Through Christ our Lord Amen".

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Michael Jernigan, The Orchard (11.00am).

Anniversaries: Sabrina & Paddy Whelan, Ballavarra (7.30pm); Kathleen Giles Carroll, Salisbury & Bray; Mary Walshe Ryan, High Street & Ballycocksuist and deceased members of their families (11.00am).

Next w/e: Dick Bolger, Tintine (M Mind 7.30pm); Joe Martin, Ballinagoth (9.30am); Jim Hackett, Kilcross; Maura Lee, Mill Road; Geraldine Fox, Kilcross (11.00 am).

Art and Architecture - A pilgrimage exploring God's Gifts

Next year the Adult Faith Development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Northern Italy (Padua, Venice & Bologna) March (20th-26th). This pilgrimage will explore faith by means of reflecting upon some of the many wonderful pieces of art scattered throughout these cities. Italy is blessed with a remarkable array of religious art - frescos, paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stuccos. This pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Further details

in parishes on posters or by email afd@ossory.ie or call 057 93 55050.

St Mary's Cathedral Draw

The new 'St Mary's Cathedral Draw' for 2025/26 begins this month. Should you wish to support your beautiful Cathedral in the Diocese please visit the Sacristy after Masses to purchase membership for 2025/26. Cost: €10 per month; €120 per year.

Thank you.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: €964

Many Thanks

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