

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

## INISTIOGE PARISH

### Inistioge Parish Mass Times

<b>Vigil:</b>	The Rower	7.30 p.m.
<b>Sundays:</b>	Clodiagh	9.30 a.m.;
	Inistioge	11.00 a.m.
<b>Weekdays:</b>	The Rower	9.30 a.m. Tuesday
	Inistioge	9.30 a.m. Thursday

### Thomastown Parish Mass Times

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

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

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th September 2025

## Ministry of Catechist

The late Pope Francis instituted the formal ministry of Catechist to recognise the vital role lay people play in handing on the faith. He highlighted the responsibility of the baptised to share the Gospel and deepen others in Christian life. It affirms catechesis as a vocation, not just a task, and strengthens the Church's mission of evangelisation. It also honours countless catechists whose witness sustains communities and nurtures faith across generations.

In Ossory we will soon approach a programme of discernment and formation for those who, already living their faith in Christ according to their Baptismal calling, now feel drawn to share that faith and to minister to God's people in a formal and committed way within our parishes and pastoral areas.

Therefore, the weekend of 25/26 Oct. is dedicated as Mission and Ministry weekend in our Diocese. Its focus will be on giving thanks to God for the ministries already flourishing within our respective parish and pastoral area communities and promoting the vocation to lay catechetical and pastoral ministry. Promotional materials and a detailed outline of the steps for those who feel called to pursue this path and apply as candidates.

We are all invited to prayerfully consider people in our Parish and Pastoral Area who display charisms essential for ministry to contemplate to forward.

## Pope Leo - Invitation



*Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching and in the church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace; personally, in the family, in the community.*

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** John Morrissey, Enniscorthy, late of The Rower; Jimmy & Lena Morrissey, Mangan; Breda Cowman, Kiltaly; Mickey Murphy, Kiltown; Teresa Wilmot, Ballycommon and deceased members of the Wilmot family; Michael Manning, Upper Kilmurry & Clonsilla; Johnny Brennan, Ballynunnery (7.30pm). Katie Collins-O'Neill, Leixlip (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Séamus Foskin, Kilconly; John Walsh, Kiltown; Edward & Mary Kehoe, The Rower Village (7.30pm); Harry Baird, Inistioge; Bernie Peggy Tobin, Inistioge (11.00am).

## 'Teach Tom'

**Teach Tom**, in partnership with the South East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force and the DRIVE initiative, is hosting a FREE community event on Drug Intimidation, Violence & Suicide Prevention on Thurs, 2nd October at 5.30pm in The Set, Langtons, Kilkenny. This important evening will provide information on the supports available to families & communities affected by drug intimidation, where to turn for confidential advice & how local services can help protect loved ones. All are welcome. To confirm attendance, please email [events.teactom@gmail.com](mailto:events.teactom@gmail.com)

## First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of October, already! The sick and housebound will be visited at the (approximate) usual times. Since the increase in numbers, and the addition of Thomastown to the mix, we ask that you be patient in the circumstances. We try to rotate the visitors with Holy Communion so as to be as fair as possible. It's important to say how grateful we are to the Eucharistic Ministers who kindly help on the First Fridays.

## Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 1152**

**Many Thanks**

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