

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)

Second Sunday of Christmas - 4th January 2026

## Ατθόηλιαν ραοι mhaise daoidh!

### "Towards an Unarmed and Disarming Peace"

"Towards an unarmed and disarming peace" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace 2026.

The Pope invites everyone to welcome peace and become witnesses to it because it "exists; it wants to dwell within us.

It has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal".

Christians must become witnesses, and "should forge an unbreakable bond with peace". We are all invited to walk this path traced by Jesus. He himself embodied unarmed peace because "his was an unarmed struggle".



### Closing the Door on the 'Holy Year'



This Sunday evening, 4th January, the Diocesan Administrator will celebrate the Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 in Ossory in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, at 5.30 p.m. **All clergy and parishioners are invited to attend.**

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, will close the Holy Year on the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January, in St Peter's Square.

## Bereavements

Recently Decd: Ned Howley, Kilmacow (11.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Michael & Margaret Grace, Charlefield, The Rower; Marty Ryan, Coolhill; Mary Fleming, Coolhill (7.30).

**Next w/e:** Tom Digby, Lennaught (M Mind - 7.30pm); Mary O'Neill, Deerpark; Brendan Meaney, Clodiagh; Johnny O'Donnell, The Square; Philip & Brian Knox, Cappagh (11.00am).

## Feast of The Epiphany 6th January

Next Tuesday is the Solemnity of The Epiphany and is also a Holy Day.

There will be one Mass in Inistioge Parish, and one Mass in Thomastown Parish at the normal Sunday times, i.e.:

Thomastown Church at 10.00 am;  
Inistioge Church at 11.00 am.



## Nollaig na mBan

Little Christmas, or Nollaig na mBan is a tradition celebrated on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, marking the end of the 12 days of Christmas.

Historically, it was a day for women to rest as men took over household chores, with women gathering socially, enjoying treats, and celebrating their own Christmas, a tradition that is seeing a revival in some quarters!

### Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 959

*Many Thanks*

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