

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)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th January 2026

### Sunday of The Word of God

### The word of Christ dwells among you

Pope Francis on September 30, 2019 directed that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time should be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God. In a motu proprio entitled *Aperuit Illis*, the Holy Father said that the annual date should be "devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God."



### THE POPE'S PRAYER FOR JANUARY 2026

### WITH THE WORD OF GOD



Lord Jesus, living Word of the Father, in You we find the light that guides our steps. We know that the human heart lives restless, hungry for meaning, and only your Gospel can give it peace and fullness. Teach us to listen to you each day in the Scriptures, to let ourselves be challenged by your voice, and to discern our decisions from the closeness to your Heart. May your Word be nourishment in weariness, hope in darkness, and strength in our communities. Lord, may your Word never be absent from our lips or from our hearts—the Word that makes us sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, disciples and missionaries of your Kingdom. Make us a Church that prays with the Word, that is built upon it and shares it with joy, so that in every person the hope of a new world may be born again. May our faith grow in the encounter with you through your Word, moving us from the heart to reach out to others, to serve the most vulnerable, to forgive, build bridges, and proclaim life. Amen.

## Bereavements

**Month's Mind:** Billy Roche, Ballygub (9.30am).

**Anniversaries:** Paddy Kelly, Coolhill; Deceased members of the Mackey family, Kylesmore; Bridget and Delia Brennan, Ballynunney; Hannie Barron, Grange; The Bracken Family, Coole (7.30pm); Nuala Prendergast, Forest Hills; Ellie Lanigan, Ballyvoole; Tom Waters, Moat House, Inistioge; Denis & Kathleen Scanlon, Keatingstown, Wicklow; Arthur Murphy, Rathleen, Inistioge (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** William & Nora Walsh, Sr Canice Walsh, Brigid Galavan, Ballygub (9.30am).

### Tea Party

In the Rower hall Feb 1st from 3-6pm.  
€10pp Contact Carrie 0857374206 or  
Emer 0877104936 for information.

Friday 10am to 12 midday  
Feb 13th, 20th & 27th, March 13th,  
20th & 27th. Book 089-4395044.

### Correction

In *Dates for your Diary* last week, a **copy & paste** error was taken from Thomastown's newsletter stating that 1st communions were on 16th May, whereas they are still on Sat. 9th May in Inistioge, and on Sat. 23rd May in The Rower.

### The Irish Catholic

The Irish Catholic on sale in Super-Valu, Thomastown, from Thursday 29th January onwards.

### Mindfulness

6 Week Mindfulness and Wellbeing Course - Minding Me: 6 week journey. Tutor: Sandra Kelly. Cois Abhann Community Centre, Inistioge  
Cost for the 6 weeks is €25.

### Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 969**

*Many Thanks*

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