

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)

First Sunday of Lent - 22nd February 2026

## A Lenten Programme Especially For You



Please see the Notice Boards with details outlining the Lenten programme from the **Faith Development Group** for you this year.

We encourage you all to avail of these resources, in particular the evening reflections that have been arranged - we have the CEO of Trócaire, the Chair of the National Synodal Team, and a Professor of Moral Theology, former Police officer in USA, to reflect on the various topics. There are also some resources, in print and online, to download.

### Main points of the overall programme:

**Reflecting on the search for a Synodal Church; Rising to the Challenge; Confronting Poverty & Injustice in Our Time; Taize Youth Night; Guns & Policing; Trócaire Stations of The Cross; Parish Retreats; Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist; Lenten Tweets; Online Resources.**

We hope that these are of help to us on our Lenten Journey.

### Trócaire

Please take home a Trócaire Box from the back of the church and place it in a prominent place as a reminder of the call to generosity during Lent.

Even if your donation is an 'all in one' envelope at the end of Lent, or if you prefer to give to another charitable cause, the Trócaire Box on the worktop or the mantelpiece will be an effective reminder as you regularly see it during Lent.

### The Rower N.S.

#### Enrolment 2026 /2027

The school will be accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants. Copies of the schools Admission Policy and Application Form are available to at: <http://marymountns.ie> or on request by emailing [therowerschool@gmail.com](mailto:therowerschool@gmail.com) or by writing to the principal at the school address: Marymount N.S., The Rower, Thomastown. R95 T623.

## Bereavements

**Month's Mind:** Johnny Hynes, Coolhill and Marley, St Mullins (7.30pm).

**Anniversaries:** Maggie Murphy, The Rower Village; Eamonn Flood and deceased members of the Flood family, Russelstown (7.30pm); Paul Muldoon, Cullaun (9.30am); Johanna Tierney, The Hatchery; Nora O'Leary, High Street; Tom & May Treacy, Ballyduff (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Hanny Hamilton, Ballygub (9.30am); Dan Brennan, Ballygub; Ann Murray, Graig Road; Mary Murray, Graig Road; Martin Naddy, Kilmacshane, and deceased members of the Naddy & Bolger families; Sean Roche, Coolraney (11.00am).

## Many Thanks

On Ash Wednesday it was very edifying to witness the *clustering of parishes* in action. The Eucharistic Ministers from Inistioge and The Rower attended Mass in Thomastown for the blessing and imposition of ashes. After Mass they took the Ashes to Inistioge, Clodiagh and The Rower for distribution and also to the school children. Equally, the Thomastown Ministers assisted with the Ashes at Mass and afterwards in the school. Many thanks!

## A Lenten Prayer

*Lord Jesus, lead me through  
this 40-day journey  
with humility and courage.*

*Help me turn away from distractions  
and draw closer to You.*

*Shape my heart through repentance  
and fill me with a steady faith.*

*Amen.*

## Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 897**

**Many Thanks**

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**Office Hours:** Wed. 9 - 2 & Thur. 2 - 4

**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday 3.00 pm

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### SAFEGUARDING:

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**Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:**

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