

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)

Third Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2026

## Trócaire

### Confronting Poverty and Injustice in Our Time

The world in which we live is hurting on many levels. We are very aware of the many inequalities that exist. But does this awareness, thanks to the marvels of modern media, lead to action?

How is it that there are those who have help and those who don't. Our faith demands that we care for those who are weaker - what is the Irish Church doing? J

Join us as Seán Farrell, the CEO of Trócaire, leads us in a reflection on the work of Trócaire in our world today confronting poverty and injustice.

**St Kieran's College; Monday, 9th March at 7.00pm.**

## A Woman on The Margins

This week, we hear the familiar story of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. As with many familiar stories, it is easy to dismiss. We've heard it before.

But like many other stories we have heard before, it may have something new just waiting for us to uncover. We know that in the act of speaking to the woman, Jesus broke many taboos; speaking to a woman alone, speaking to a Samaritan, engaging with a woman of questionable sexual morality.

We know that this woman was an outcast even among her own townspeople. She was at the well at noon. The other women of the town would have come in the cool of the day - she couldn't join them.

She was a woman on the margins of her society. Jesus himself lived at what Father Richard Rohr calls, "the edge of the inside," - near the margins himself.

Jesus comes to her, as he always comes to those on the margins. He doesn't condemn her or judge her but offers her the gift of faith and she and her fellow townspeople accept it with joy.

## Bereavements

**Anniversaries:** Tom McGrath, Kiltown; Pat Galavan, Cullintra (7.30pm); Kathleen Knox, Kilcross; Johnnie Carroll, Kiltown (11.00am).

**Next w/e:** Pat Galavan, Kilconly; Billy Lyng, Tinnislatty (7.30pm); James O'Donnell, The Square, Inistioge (11.00am).

## Safeguarding

All parishioners who may be due to renew their Garda vetting or Safeguarding training should contact their area Safeguarding representative for further details.

Our Safeguarding Reps are: Marie Hayden, Suzanne Cottrell and Betty Gannon.

## Finance Committee

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place in the Parish Office in Thursday evening at 7.30pm. All members are invited to attend.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening next at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. All members are invited to attend.

## This Week's Prayer

*Lord, as we hunger and thirst to build the kingdom of Heaven here on earth - to be a more loving spouse, a more patient parent, a more compassionate friend, a more generous coworker - we turn to you this Lent, to be filled by "the love of God that has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us," so we might be able to, like the Samaritan woman, share the Good News and the Living Water with everyone around us. AMEN.*

## Last Week's Collection

**Plate: € 1022**

*Much Appreciated*

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### SAFEGUARDING:

**If you have a safeguarding concern contact:**

**The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:** Mr Fintan Fanning, 085 802 1633, [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

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**Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:**

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