

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)

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 3rd May 2026

First Holy Communion

take place on the next three Saturdays

9th - Inistioge; 16th Thomastown; 23rd The Rower - all at 11.00am

First Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Bless the children coming forward to receive their First Holy Communion this year. May it be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen.



'Tears In Heaven'

Eric Clapton, arguably the greatest living rock guitarist, wrote a heart wrenching song about the death of his four year old son, Conor, who fell from a 53rd-story window in NY in 1991. Clapton took nine months off and when he returned his music had changed. The hardship had made his music softer, more powerful, and more reflective. You've probably often heard the song he wrote about his son's death - a most powerful song of hope - but you mightn't have known the story of: **Tears in Heaven**.

Would you know my name if I saw you in heaven?

Would it be the same if I saw you in heaven?

And I know there'll be no more tears in heaven.

Hardship has a way of getting our attention. Very few us, after facing a trial, come out the same way we entered it.

Jesus understood this and tried to prepare his disciples for the long road ahead of them.

Bereavements.

Month's Mind: Kathleen Galavan, Oldcourt (9.30am).

Anniversaries: Paddy, Maureen and deceased members of the Moffitt family; Rebecca Cheney and deceased members of the McGreevy family (7.30pm); Mary Higgins, Garanvabby (9.30am); Ann Cahill, Mill Road, and her grandson, Peter Lawless, Dublin; Seamus Kelly, Coolshane; Norman Molloy, Ballinrobe; Peter & James Farrell, Ballymurphy; Sam Tarrant, Woodstock; Watty Doyle, Inistioge; James, Mary & Jim Grant, Cluen (11.00am).

Next w/e: Jimmy Corcoran, Kiltown (M Mind); John & Bridget Cummins, Ballygub (9.30am); Simon & Betty Treacy, Kilcross (11.00am).

Enjoy The Holiday!

We wish all our parishioners and visitors a happy, safe and enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend with family and friends and loved ones.

Edmund Rice

On Tuesday next, the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, Bishop Ger Nash will celebrate Mass in Bl. Edmund Rice Chapel, Callan, 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Holy Face Prayer Group

The **Holy Face Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday next in St Fiacre's Church, Kilkenny, at 7.30 p.m. and on the first Tuesday of every month. All are welcome.

Darkness into Light

Inistioge will host a Darkness into Light event on Saturday May 9th (next w/e). The walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 893

Many Thanks

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