

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)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st June 2026

Day For Life

The origins of **Day for Life** trace back to 1995 when Pope Saint John Paul II established its annual observance in his encyclical, **Evangelium Vitae** (The Gospel of Life).

Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church across Ireland celebrates the annual **Day for Life**. This year Pope Leo XIV has sent a special message to Catholics and people of goodwill celebrating **Day for Life**, to assure them of his spiritual closeness at this time.

The Day for Life 2026 message, shared by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland offers a reflection on the theme - **The Wonder of the Child in the Womb**, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception.

We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her.



"Peter's Pence" Collection Next w/e

Next weekend the annual **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up at the church doors at all masses. **Peter's Pence** is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world.

Each year, Rome assists numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need - people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian help or support.

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Mary Lyng, Tintine, Tintine; Josephine Hynes, Coolhill (7.30pm); Richie Lanigan, Ballygub (9.30am); Will Ring, Kilcross; Joe Duggan, Kilcross; Jimmy O'Leary, Stoneybatter (11.00am).

Next w/e: Mick & Mai Dunphy, Ballyvoole (11.00am).

Happy Father's Day

This weekend we all join in wishing our Fathers a blessed day. We remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our Fathers and Mothers gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's **Day for Life**, we would like to acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its toll upon fathers and mothers, rendering them feeling helpless and unsure of how to support each other and their family, and how to express their grief.

CLONAMERY Cemetery Mass

The **Biennial Cemetery Mass** will be celebrated at Clonamery Cemetery next Friday, July 26th, at 7.30 pm., weather permitting. If the weather does not permit, then mass will be celebrated in Clodiagh Church instead, and notice would be given before turning down from the main road.



Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 1001

Many Thanks

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