

St Colmeille'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)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Timw - 28st June 2026

Following Christ Faithfully

Following Christ faithfully is tough, but it's worth it!

St Maximilian Kolbe is a particular example of how our faith in Christ gives strength and meaning in the midst of this world's sufferings.

He was a Polish Franciscan arrested by the Gestapo during World War II because of his criticism of Nazism. He was sent to the concentration camp where he was treated with extra brutality because he was a priest.

We have all heard of the famous incident where a fellow prisoner was condemned to execution, and St Maximilian Kolbe offered himself in the other prisoner's place. His offer was accepted and he died with other condemned prisoners in a starvation bunker.

But even before that dramatic finish, he was already bringing Christ's light into the darkness of the concentration camp. A fellow prisoner who survived the

camp expressed the inspiring power of Fr Kolbe's presence: "Each time I saw Father Kolbe in the courtyard I felt within myself an extraordinary sense of his goodness. Although he wore the same ragged clothes as the rest of us, one forgot this wretched exterior and was conscious only of the charm of his inspired countenance and of his radiant holiness."

**Thank you for
your contribution
to the annual
"Peter's Pence"
collection
this weekend.**

Cemetery Mass

The Inistioge (Old) Cemetery Mass will be celebrated next Friday evening at 7.30pm.

Thank you all for carefully look your family plots, and to those on the cemetery committee for all your excellent work.

Cappagh's Cemetery Mass on the following Friday, 7.30pm.

Please Note: First Friday Next w/e

Bereavements.

Anniversaries: Arthur and Anne Moynihan, Rathmore, and Fr Con Moynihan, Nottingham (9.30am); Mick & Mai Dunphy, Ballyvoole (11.00am).

Next w/e: Patrick & Rita Cullen, Ballavarra (7.30pm); The Roche Family, Ballygub (9.30am); Adrian Codd, Mill Road (M Mind - 11.00m); Chrissy Aspel, Oldcourt; Anastasia & Philip Roche, Coolshane (11.00am).

Following Can Be Costly

The main theme of today's gospel reading is the cost of discipleship. As Jesus reminds his disciples, there is a price to be paid by all who wish to be his disciples – by those willing to walk the walk, not just talk the talk: 'Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me'. Any commitment that is real rather than notional is costly, involving sacrifices and self-less service of others. Take, for example, the commitment of parents to their children, or of doctors and nurses, who often put their lives on the line to serve others.

An Asian woman of 82, responding to

the question: what were the most important ingredients for a happy life? Two things, she said struck me: 'Let go of being needful of the approval of others' and 'Don't be afraid of death. If you're afraid of death you will never live.'

Fear of death, fear of the cost of discipleship can paralyse us and prevent us experiencing the life of loving self-surrender to which Christ calls us.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 1003

Many Thanks

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