

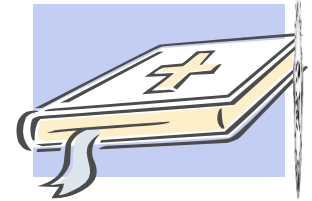


Our Lady & St Brendan's Parish

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Dec. 18th 2022 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Catherine (Kay) Mc Gillycuddy (nee Casey),** Ballyroe.

***Billy (William) O' Mahony,** Tobar Naofa & formerly Oakpark.

***Jerry Twomey,** Alderwood Road & formerly Clondrohid, Co Cork.

***Mary Leen (nee Lyons),** Kilflynn & formerly Mountcollins.

***Tim (Timmy) Carroll,** Rathmore & Doon.

* **Con (Neilie) O' Sullivan,** Connolly Park.

* **Paul Dunne,** Galway & formerly Derrylea.

****And all who have died this week and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.**

PRIEST ON DUTY for the Tralee Area this weekend is Fr Vitalis Barasa, ☐087 2069656.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will close on Thursday Dec 22nd at 12.30pm and re-open on Tuesday January 3rd at 9.00am

RADIO KERRY: The 10am Mass on Christmas Day will be broadcast on Radio Kerry.

TROCAIRE GIFT VOUCHERS; An ideal Christmas gift! Vouchers for sale at the Parish Office. The vouchers vary from €5, €8, €15, €20, €30, €50, €55, €65 & €100.

SIGNED CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS; are available at the Pastoral Centre.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: will not take place on Thursday Dec. 22nd & 29th. It will resume on Thursday Jan 5th.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve
4.30pm 6.30pm, 8.30pm

Christmas Day (Sunday Schedule)
10.00am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Friday Dec 23rd: 6.30pm—7.30pm

BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL 4 MILE WALK; in aid of Palliative Care. Gathering at the Brogue Inn on St Stephen's Day at 11am. Walk commencing at 11.30am. Sponsorship available from Michael Fox O'Connor ☐087 9833075.

FORGING THE DANCE: which was recently published by Fr Pat Ahern, is the story of Ireland's National Folk Theatre. Limited edition copies are on sale in the Parish Office €20 each.

TÍR NA NÓG ORPHANAGE; in Tanzania was founded by Tralee native Louise Quill. If you wish to support their Christmas Appeal, you can support them on-line - <https://tirnanogchildrensfoundation.com/> by making a donation or by using the GO FUND ME page. You can also leave you donation at the Parish Office. Many thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS DUES: The second collection on Christmas Day will be the Christmas Dues Collection (Clergy Income). You may return your Christmas Dues Envelope to this collection or you may also give a contribution without using an envelope. Your generous support of the clergy collections during the year is very much appreciated.

PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS: The Greyhound Track grounds will be available for parking on Christmas Eve. We encourage all Mass-goers travelling from Oakview and Oakpark to use the Greyhound Track for parking please. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

SAMARITANS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION; will take place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

JESSE TREE: The Jesse tree represents the family tree of Jesus. Jesse was the father of King David. During Advent we decorate the tree with symbols that tell the stories from the Bible leading to the birth of Jesus. Each Sunday during Advent we will highlight 4 symbols to add to our tree. Many of the stories from the Bible are still relevant to us today.

1. **Our symbol is a shell,** for John the Baptist who poured the water over the head of Jesus at His Baptism.
2. **Our symbol is an image of the Holy Family** sharing a meal. This reminds us that every family is called to live the values of faith, hope and love.
3. **Our next symbol is a saw,** and represents Joseph, a carpenter in Nazareth. Joseph brought Mary to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.
4. **Our last symbol is the Star of Bethlehem.** When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw his star in the sky and have come to adore him".

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Dec 19th - Dec 25th 2022

Monday	9.30am Decd. Members of the Foley & Mc Neice Families, L/O Basin View & Chapel Street.
Tuesday	9.30am Bridget O' Connor, L/O Ballymacelligott.
Wed	9.30am Liam O'Connor, L/O Woodlee. (2nd Anniv)
Thur.	9.30am John O' Shea, L/O St. Brendan's Pk. & Clahane, Ballyard.
Friday	9.30am Jim Healy, L/O O' Rahilly's Villas.
Saturday	9.30am Julia & Patrick Conway & Decd. Family Members, L/O O' Rahilly's Villas.
	4.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil
	6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil
	8.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil
Sunday	10.00am Christmas Day Mass.
	11.15am Christmas Day Mass.
	12.30pm Christmas Day Mass.

MERCY MOUNTHAWK CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE; which was to take place on Thursday last has been re- scheduled for this Monday Dec 19th in St Brendan's Church at 7.30pm. Admission is free.

CAROL SERVICE: in St. John's Church Ashe Street on Sunday December 18th at 8.00pm. All welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

Threatened by foreign powers, King Ahaz is tempted to ignore God's promise of protection and seek godless alliances instead. God invites him to ask for any sign of God's presence, but Ahaz is committed to seeking help elsewhere.

Second Reading

St Paul opens his letter to the Romans by describing himself as a servant, or slave, of Christ Jesus. Paul can rejoice in being a servant, because he knows the goodness of the One he serves.

Gospel

Near the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, the prophecy made to King Ahaz is taken up: Jesus is Emmanuel, 'God-with-us.' Jesus himself will take up this theme again, in the last line of this Gospel: 'Know that I am with you always, until the end of the age.'