



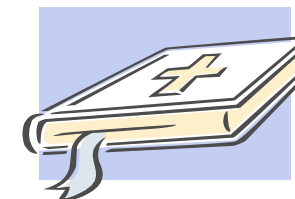
Our Lady & St Brendan's Parish

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December 3rd (First Sunday of Advent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Phil Griffin (nee Foley),** Gortatlea & formerly Clahane, Ballyard.

***Bridget (Breda) Bolger,** Kevin Barry Villas.

***Catherine O' Connor (nee Sugrue),** Spa Road & formerly Farmers Bridge & Castleisland.

***Dan O' Connor,** Moyderwell & formerly Castlemaine & Listowel.

****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 Tadhg Fitzgerald ☐087 2069656.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY OAKVIEW: the Blessing of the crib will take place in St. John's Cemetery Oakview on Sunday Dec 17th after the 12.30pm Mass in St. Brendan's Church. All welcome.

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 Parish Office.

OPUS 96 CHAMBER CHOIR: fundraising concert in aid of Castleisland Day Care Centre on Sun. Dec. 3rd in the River Island Hotel at 7.30pm

HOOR OF GRACE: with healing service will be held in the Immaculate Conception Church, Rathass on Friday Dec. 8th at 12noon. All welcome

THE ADVENT WREATH; is part of our Catholic tradition going back to the Middle Ages. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, three purple signifying penance, and one rose signifying joy. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

THE JESSE TREE; is the family tree of Jesus. It traces His family through the Old Testament, A Jesse Tree emphasises the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: at NAVO Fenit on Sunday December 3rd from 10am –2pm. Lots of crafts & food stalls. Santa is hoping he can make it!! Admission is free. All welcome.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: in aid of the Diocesan Youth Service will be taken up at all Masses this weekend Dec 2nd /3rd. Your support is very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER CAKE SALE: In aid of our local missionary, Fr David O' Connor, Peru Mission, will take place in St. John's Parish Centre on this Sat Dec 2nd after the 6.10pm Mass and after all Masses on Sun December 3rd. Fr David wishes to thank the people of Kerry for their on-going generosity.

KERRY CHORAL UNION: presents 'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert at St John Church on Sunday Dec. 10th at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door more information on the website www.kcu.ie

CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH TRALEE: with Ballyseedy & Ballymacelligott will hold their Christmas fair on Saturday Dec.9th from 10am to 2pm in Teach an tSolais, the Parish Centre, Ashe Street, Tralee. Lots of stalls, as well as the ever-popular "Silent Auction" raffles and a door prize. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to reduce the number of morning Masses on the Sunday morning. While there will be three vigil Masses on Christmas Eve (Sunday evening), there will be only one Mass on that Sunday morning.

*December 23rd: 6.30pm

*December 24th: 10am only (No Mass at 11.15am & 12.30pm)

*December 24th: Vigils at 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm

*December 25th: 10am, 11.15am, 12.30pm.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

The prophet prays that God might tear open the heavens and come down. This prayer was answered at the baptism of Jesus, when the heavens were torn open and the Father's voice was heard.

Second Reading

Paul thanks God, not simply for what he himself has received, but for what his fellow Christians have received. Nothing gladdens Paul's heart more than to find a lively faith in others.

Gospel

Three times in this short reading we hear the words 'Stay Awake!'. Three times in the Garden of Gethsemane the apostles will fall asleep. The Lord knows and addresses our weakness.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Dec.4th –10th

Monday	9.30am Eric Roche, L/O Monavalley. (Birthday Remb.)
Tuesday	9.30am Sheila Jones, L/O Derryquay.
Wed	9.30am Tim Kennelly, L/O Listowel.
Thur.	9.30am Beatrice Sheehy, L/O Killeen. 6.30pm Decd. Members of the Curtin & Twomey Families, L/O Listowel.
Friday	10.00am Catherine Greaney, L/O Stacks Villas. Dolly Curtin, L/O Casements Avenue. Special Intention Patrick & Kathleen Tangney, L/O Leebrooke 11.15am Christy Hurley, L/O St. Brendan's Park. 12.30pm No Intention.
Saturday	9.30am Patrick Joseph Mansfield, L/O Chutehall. 6.30pm Maura Counihan, L/O St. Brendan's Pk.(8th Anniv) John & Mary Moynihan, L/O Connolly Park & Tracy Shanahan, L/O Abbeydorney. John & Mary Sugrue, L/O Clough, Doon. Philomema & Sean O' Sullivan, L/O Highfield Grove, Caherslee. Eileen Bailey, L/O Ashgrove. (Birthday Remb.) Decd. Members of the Rohan Family, L/O Kilmurry Mary & William Maher, L/O Railway Tce. Laura Hussey (nee O' Brien), L/O Listellick.
Sunday	10.00am Brendan Moriarty, L/O Cahill's Pk. & The Keane Family, L/O Castlegregory. Christina Harnett, L/O Ogham Rian. (2nd Anniv) Mary & William Lynch, L/O Ardmore, Waterford Mick Carr, L/O Moyvane. Sr. Anne Marie Horgan, L/O Killarney & Duagh. (1st Anniv) Carmel Fleming, L/O Castlemorris Tce. Michael O' Neill, L/O "Beech Grove", Oakpark (18th Anniv) Anne Williams (nee O' Brien), L/O Poppintree, Dublin & O' Rahillys Villas. (Rec. Decd.) 11.15am Mary Walsh, L/O Rock St. (2nd Anniv) 12.30pm John Hussey, L/O Dingle & Seanie & Celine Hussey, L/O Dingle & Dublin