



Our Lady & St. Brendan's Parish



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December 16th & 17th

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ***Leonard O'Donnell**, Hillview Drive, Caherslee.
- ***Joan Lehane Hewitt**, "San Jose", Upper Rock St.
- ***Martin O'Brien**, Kilkenny & Waterford.
- ***Connie Spangler**, New Jersey & Stack's Villas.
- ***Catherine Maguire, (nee Savage)**, Rock Street who died in New York.
- ***Eileen Moriarty (nee Breen)**, Lower Tonevane.
- ***William "Buster" Hobbert**, Balloonagh Estate.
- ***Margaret Ali, (nee Cronin)**, UK & formerly Caherulla, Ballyheigue who died in UK.
- ***Kathleen Fitzgerald (nee O'Connor)** Ard na Lí & Farmers Bridge.
- ***John Broderick**, Listowel.

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

OUR LADY AND ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm & 8.30pm.
Christmas Day: 10.00am, 11.15am & 12.30pm.

Please note that the later Mass on Christmas Eve will take place at 8.30pm.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Confessions on Saturday December 23rd 12-1pm and 4-5pm.

PENANCE SERVICE; for Christmas will be held on Monday December 18th at 7pm. Visiting Priest attending.

PARKING ON CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY; will be available in the Greyhound Track. We would encourage people travelling to Mass from that direction to avail of this carpark. Many thanks to the Greyhound Track Management for their support and co-operation.

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. Dues envelopes and parish calendars will be distributed to households in the Parish at this time.

TROCAIRE GIFT VOUCHERS: are available for sale from the Parish Office. The Vouchers vary from €7, €15, €30, €50 & €65.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS; are available from the Parish Office.

TOWARDS PEACE: Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you www.towardspeace.ie or ☎01 5053028.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE: Many thanks to all who contributed to the running of their recent Blood Donor Clinic in the Brandon Hotel. 616 donors attended.

THE THREE TENORS; are in concert in the Church of St. Stephen & John, Castleisland, on December 19th at 8pm. Tickets available from The Parish Office Castleisland.

CHARITY WALK: The Bill Kirby Sponsored Walk on St. Stephen's Day. Depart Brogue Inn at 11.30am, assemble 11am. Sponsor cards from Michael 'Fox' O'Connor at ☎087 9833075. Music & food provided. Donations accepted on the day. All proceeds to Palliative Care, Tralee. All welcome.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL RECITAL; by St. John's Choir will take place in St. St. John's Church, Tralee on Sunday Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve) at 8.30pm before 9.00pm Mass.

NA GAEIL CHRISTMAS EVENT; in the Clubhouse this Sunday, Dec. 17th from 5pm on. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and usual Christmas fare, including a kids Christmas Themed Colouring Competition and a visit from Santa Himself!

SENIOR HELP LINE; local call ☎1850 440 444.

TRALEE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE/TRALEE PROGRAMMED REFUGEE FAMILIES; holding a bake sale in Aras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tue. Dec. 19th, 10.30am-1pm.

PRAYER WITH THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME Week 3 - Light the Pink Candle

Child: God, we light the pink candle today. This reminds us that you want joy for us...you want us to trust you and believe that you are there for us, even when things are hard.

Adult: Jesus, our friend, we thank you for the joy you give us as a family...for all the love and fun we enjoy together. Help us to share our joy with others.,

All the family: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our home.

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 18th to Dec. 24th

Monday	9.30am	Kathleen & William Heaslip, L/O O'Rahilly's Villas.
Tuesday	9.30am	Jimmy Barrett, L/O Rock Street.
Wed.	9.30am	Bridget O'Connor, L/O Ballymacelligott.
Thurs	9.30am	Michael Walsh, L/O Loughmore, Upper Rock Street - Christmas Remembrance.
Friday	9.30am	Bebe O'Mara, L/O Monavalley.
Saturday	9.30am	Michael Twomey, L/O Pallas, Listowel - 2nd Anniv.
	6.30pm	Ellen & Michael Hannafin, L/O Leith East. Maureen Brosnan, L/O Knockaclogher, Ballyroe - 1st Anniversary. Johnny Carroll, L/O Doon - Recently Deceased. Ted & Frances Collins, L/O Rock Street Post Office. David Griffin, L/O Highfield Grove, Caherslee - 13th Anniversary. John O'Flynn, L/O St. Brendan's Park - Rec. Decd. Breda O'Callaghan, L/O Casements Avenue. Joan Brosnan, L/O St. Brendan's Park - 10th Anniv. Eugene & Bridie Courtney & Mary Kirby, L/O Ardfert & Peter Ryan, L/O Tipperary - Remembrance. Eileen Moriarty, L/O Tonevane - Recently Decd. Decd. Members of The Coen family, L/O Co. Mayo.
Sunday	10.00am	Julia & Patrick Conway & deceased family members, L/O O'Rahilly's Villas & St. Brendan's Pk.
	11.15am	Jeremiah Moriarty, L/O Ragoonane & also remember his mother Marie & sister Siobhan.
	12.30pm	Parish Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASSES; will be offered for the people of our Parish and their Intentions at this time.

TRALEE ROWING CLUB CAKE SALE; in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, after all Masses, this Sunday December 17th. Some of the monies raised on the day will be contributed to Arlington Lodge (Homeless Hostel in Tralee). Please help this very worthy cause.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

We hear the words that, hundreds of years later, Jesus would apply to himself, as he preached in the synagogue at Nazareth: 'He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.'

Second Reading

'Be happy, pray constantly. The two parts of this exhortation are closely related. It is in prayer that we find the strength and balance to maintain happiness.

Gospel

God, who is almighty, needed someone to witness to what he was doing. John the Baptist was a faithful witness.