



# Our Lady & St. Brendan's Parish

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## December 23rd & 24th

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

\***Nellie (Eileen) Lynch (nee Griffin)**, Ballyseedy Cottages, & formerly Ardfert.

\***Matt Blennerhassett**, Ballinduganig, Ballyseedy & formerly London.

\***William (Billy) Moore**, Droumcunnig, Abbeydorney.

\***Robert (Bob) Larkin**, Monalee, Monavalley.

\***Terry Godsell, (nee O'Reilly)**, The Spa.

\***Seán O'Connor**, Kevin Barry Villas & London. Funeral arrangements later.

\***Eddie Lacey**, Ardcarraig, Caherslee & formerly Kevin Barry Villas.

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

**WELCOME:** We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors to Tralee and our parish for Christmas. We wish you a very happy stay in our midst.

**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 is 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.

### PRAYER WITH THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME Week 4 - Light the Second Purple Candle

**Child:** Jesus our friend and brother, we ask you to bless all the people who are waiting to celebrate your birthday ..... help us to spend these days of waiting by showing love and kindness to everyone.

**Adult:** God, your love for us meant that you would give us your own Son. Help us to realise that you love us so much. We look forward to showing your love by being with you on Christmas Day.

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



**PASTORAL CENTRE AND PARISH OFFICE;** will reopen on Tuesday January 2nd at 9am.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT;** will resume again on Wednesday, January 3rd.

**GLUTEN FREE HOSTS:** At weekday Masses the gluten free hosts are available from the Eucharistic Minister near the Family Chapel door. On Sundays (vigil/morning) available from the Celebrant.

**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](http://www.towardspeace.ie) or 01 5053028.

**TROCAIRE ROMERO FAMILY AWARD:** This award is for families who would like to begin their spiritual preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. It aims to provide you and your family with an avenue to learn about the lives of other families around the world where Trócaire works. Log on and register your family for the Trócaire Romero Family Award [www.trocaire.org/romeroaward](http://www.trocaire.org/romeroaward)

### **ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**The Pillars of an Active Spiritual Life 2018 Course** with Fr. Seán Sheehy, starts January 17th, continues every Wednesday 7.00pm-9.00pm through to March.

**The Practice of Lectio Divina** with Fr. Brendan Clifford OP, Thursday January 18th, 7.00pm-9.30pm.

**Self Care Day** offering wellness skills that can be readily incorporated into ones life. Facilitated by Anna O'Donoghue & Betty Garnett, Saturday January 20th, 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact 087 2498061/087 24980618/087 2498061

**DON'T BE LONELY:** Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, is open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am to 10pm. Let them put the companionship into Christmas and the New Year. LoCall 1850 440 444.



*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

*Fr. Padraig, Fr. Niall and*

*Sr. de Lourdes wish you all every  
peace & blessing this Christmas*

## MASS INTENTIONS Dec 25th to Dec. 31st

Monday	10.00am	Parish Mass.
	11.15am	Parish Mass.
	12.30pm	Parish Mass.
Tuesday	9.30am	Deceased members of Lynch & Pierce families, L/O Casement Avenue.
Wed.	9.30am	Pam & Jack McCull, L/O Dunmanway, Co. Cork.
Thurs	9.30am	Seamus O'Mahony, L/O Monavalley & Rock Street - 2nd Anniversary.
Friday	9.30am	Christmas Mass Bouquet.
Saturday	9.30am	John & Margaret O'Neill, L/O Barrow, Ardfert.
	6.30pm	McNiece & McCarthy families, L/O Tralee, Killarney & Dublin. Michael Evoy, L/O Connolly Park, Tralee. Sheila Dowling, L/O Caherslee - 1st Anniversary. Nora Moriarty, L/O Kevin Barry Villas. Jeremiah O'Keefe, L/O Monavalley. Joe O'Sullivan, L/O St. Brendan's Park. Billy Hanafin - 20th Anniversary & his mother Lizzie Hanafin - 5th Anniversary, L/O Monvalley House, Tralee. John Browne, L/O Listellick. Connie Sugrue, L/O Connolly Park & Rock Street. Betty O'Shea, L/O the Bungalows, St. Brendan's Park - 20th Anniversary.
Sunday	10.00am	Bridie & Thomas Counihan, L/O Gurrane.
	11.15am	Pam & Jack McCull, L/O Dunmanway, Co. Cork.
	12.30pm	Parish Mass.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA;** May 11th-18th. Full escorted pilgrimage led by Fr. Noel Spring. Further enquiries from Premier Travel 021 4277700 or Maureen Harty 066 7131328.

**KERRY SAMARITANS;** are always contactable, day and night, and are there to listen. Free call 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

### **First Reading**

King David wants to bring a great house for God. But Jesus, David's descendent, will be born in a humble manger in Bethlehem.

### **Second Reading**

St. Paul urges us to give glory to God. This is our calling and our full happiness: the giving of glory. Life becomes glorious when we give glory.

### **Gospel**

For the second time this Advent, we hear the gospel of the Annunciation to Mary. For the second time, we hear her generous 'yes' to God's plan.

