



Our Lady & St. Brendan's Parish



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January 27th & 28th

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Michael O'Shea**, Shanakill & formerly Keel, Castlemaine.

***Joan Jones, (nee Mooney)**, Clogherbrien.

***David Higgins**, Carrigeendaniel, Caherslee.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Catholic Schools week runs from this Sunday, January 28th to Sunday February 4th. We acknowledge the work done by all the staff in our local schools especially in the preparation of the Sacraments.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: Blessing of throats will take place on Saturday, February 3rd at 9.30am Mass.

CHRISTMAS DUES: We wish to thank very sincerely everyone who has been very generous with their Christmas Dues. All Christmas Dues Envelopes can be handed in to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14th: Masses in Our Lady & St. Brendan's Church on Ash Wednesday will be at 8.00am & 9.30am. Blessed Ashes will be distributed during both Masses.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL; collection will take place next weekend, Saturday/Sunday, February 3rd/4th. Your continued support is needed and appreciated.

CONFIRMATION PENANCE SERVICES; will be held in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Church at 7.30pm on the following dates:

Holy Family & Listellick - Monday, January 29th
Scoil Eoin - Wednesday, January 31st.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS: (066 7134276)

The Pillars of an Active Spiritual Life.

Rescheduled Course by Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wednesday January 31st, continues every Wednesday through March, 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Desert Spirituality: "Taking Time Out - Slowing the Pace" by Anne Alcock, Saturday, Feb. 10th. 10.00am-4.00pm.

The Jesus Prayer by Bishop Brendan Comiskey, Saturday February 17th (Open to All) and Sunday February 18th. (this is a Special Day for those in AA/Recovery).



THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD: Are you interested in Priesthood in the Diocese of Kerry? A weekend, which includes informal chat, discussion and prayer, has been organised for men discerning priesthood. The 'Come and See' event will take place in Pallottine College, Thurles on February 23rd/24th. Prior booking essential. For more information contact Diocesan Vocation Directors Fr. Michael Moynihan 087 6551902 or Fr. Liam Comer 087 2401246. "Follow Me and I will make you Fishers of Men" Matthew 4:19.

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

MEETING FOR RETURNED LAY MISSIONARIES & VOLUNTEERS:

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet like-minded people to discuss issues of mutual concern? Their next meeting will take place in John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney on Wed. Feb. 7th at 7.00pm. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or 083 8422468.

WOMEN'S HEALTH: There is a discussion on women's health for all ages being held in Manor West Hotel on Thursday February 8th at 7.15pm. This is a free event and guest speakers on the night will include Dr Mary McCaffrey (Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist), Dr Louis Keary (Consultant Cardiologist), Corinne Evans (Chartered Physiotherapist), Brian Kearney M.P.S.I. (Sam McCauley Chemists) and Clair McEvoy, (Make up artist/skincare analyst).

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: An open public meeting will take place on Monday, January 29th at 8.30pm in Presentation Prefabs, Upper Castle Street. All welcome.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

We pause and remember family members and others by name

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS January 29th to February 4th

Monday	9.30am	Thomas & Sheila Shanahan, L/O Knockanaha, Ballyroe.
Tuesday	9.30am	Deceased Members of The Drummond Family, L/O Rock Street, Tralee.
Wed.	9.30am	Morgan Dillane, L/O St. Brendan's Park.
Thurs	9.30am	Michael Loughlin, L/O St. Brendan's Park - Birthday Remembrance.
Friday	9.30am	Dick Kelter, L/O Casement's Avenue, Phil Kelter, L/O Shanakill & Perry Ryan, L/O St. Brendan's Park.
Saturday	9.30am	Sr Joan Curtin, Gort na Sidhe - 1st Anniversary.
	6.30pm	Teresa Mahony, L/O Ard na Sidhe. Kitty Merrigan, L/O Monalee. Mick, Hannah & Johnny Carroll & Tom, Hannah & Timmy Kearney, L/O Doon. Christy Griffin, L/O St. Brendan's Park. Dominic O'Brien, L/O The Bungalow, Listellick. Paul Lucey, L/O Liosdara, Oakpark - Recently Deceased. Brendan Breen, L/O Cloonanorig - Months Mind. Bryan Morris, L/O Midleton & formerly Tralee - Months Mind. Jeremiah Church, L/O Leedale, Caherslee - Recently Deceased. Special Intention.
Sunday	10.00am	Mary Ellen Brosnan, L/O St. Brendan's Park - 3rd Anniversary.
	11.15am	Jack & Joanne Douglas, L/O Boherbee.
	12.30pm	Parish Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: led by Monsignor Dan O'Riordan, September 24th to October 3rd. Ex Cork Airport (including coach from Kerry to Cork Airport return). For further information contact Premier Travel, 2 Grand Parade, Daunt's Square, Cork,

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

The Lord does not leave his people wandering in darkness and error; he raises up prophets to guide them. Moses reassures people that God will continue to do this.

Second Reading

St. Paul was convinced that the Lord was about to return. It turned out that the Lord intended his followers to be here for the long haul. Still today, we are called to dedicate ourselves fully to the Lord's affairs.

Gospel

What was it that impresses Jesus' hearers? Not slick oratorical technique or sound bites, but his authority! Jesus was genuine, and people could not but recognise this.

