



Our Lady & St. Brendan's Parish



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February 3rd & 4th

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Stephen O'Brien**, Hogan Place, Castleisland & formerly Tralee.

***Michael (Mick) Lynch**, Railway Terrace, Tralee.

***Denis Heaslip**, Walsh's Terrace, Strand Street & formerly O'Rahilly's Villas.

***Donnie Ryle**, Urban Terrace, Boherbee.

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

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: The success of the annual Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes depends on Volunteer Carers and Nursing Staff who provide full time assistance to 50 or so assisted pilgrims each year. The Carers are responsible for the physical, emotional and social needs of the assisted pilgrims for the entire week and are on duty from 6am till 11pm daily. This collection at all Masses next weekend Feb. 10th/11th will help reduce the cost of the Volunteer Carers who give generously of their time to ensure the success of the annual pilgrimage.

THANKS: Fr. Christopher Willis (Spiritual Director at the English College, Valladolid, Spain) visited Seán Murphy during the week. Seán Murphy from Glencar is a Seminararian for the Diocese of Kerry who has been with us for four weeks until February 2nd. Fr Christopher wishes to thank Fr. Pdraig & Fr. Niall as well as the Parish Staff for their hospitality and kindness to Seán. He also sincerely thanks all the parishioners of St. Brendan's for making Seán welcome. Please continue to pray for him.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th is Ash Wednesday. 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. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY; monthly meeting will be held in Our Lady and St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre this Thursday Feb. 9th at 10am. All welcome.

LENTEN FASTING & PRAYER CRUSADE FOR LIFE: Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Fasting & Crusade for Life. Why not offer up your prayers & fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Perhaps you may like to say the rosary each day, do some form of fasting or have Mass offered for the Protection of Life. Starting Feb. 14th and finishing on April 1st.



RECENT BAPTISMS: Month of January the following were baptised in to our community.

***Cara McGovern** ***Eda McMahon** ***Oisín O'Sullivan**

LOSING A PARTNER: An informal gathering/talk, reflecting the issues affecting those who have lost a partner will take place in the Pastoral Centre this Wednesday, February 7th, 7.30pm-9pm. All welcome.

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. Further details from Diocesan Vocation Directors Fr. Michael Moynihan 087 6551902 or Fr. Liam Comer 087 2401246. "Follow Me and I will make you Fishers of Men"

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES; takes place in Dublin in August 2018. Early registration at www.worldmeeting2018.ie will ensure a place at all of the main events.

DEAF.HEAR; will hold an outreach clinic at Hawley Park, Tralee on Friday February 9th, 10.30am-12.30pm. For further details call Jerry Kelleher 087 3747327.

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS:
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).

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 February 5th to February 11th

Monday	9.30am	Nellie Quirke, L/O Clounalour, Oakpark.
Tuesday	9.30am	Fr. Thomás Houlihan, L/O Ardfert & Dingle - 9th Anniversary.
Wed.	9.30am	Eileen Lynch, (nee McKenna) - Anniversary & remember her husband Sonny, L/O Killeen Road, Oakpark.
Thurs	9.30am	Jimmy & Kitty Carmody, L/O Doon, Tralee.
Friday	9.30am	Dan & Kitty O'Sullivan, L/O St. Brendan's Park.
Saturday	9.30am	Peggy Church, L/O Leedale, Caherslee - 1st Anniv.
	6.30pm	Myra Trant, L/O Listellick - 3rd Anniversary. Jerry Curtin, L/O Old Marian park & formerly Stack's Villas. Michael & Nellie O'Brien, L/O Castlemaine. Cecil Dolan, L/O Colliswood - 1st Anniv. Ted Duffy, L/O Meadowlands Estate & Fr. Tom Farrelly, CSSP, L/O Dublin. Patrick, Elizabeth & Michael Roche, L/O Listellick. Mikey Hussey, L/O Ballyheigue - Months Mind. Thomas & Aileen McLoughlin, L/O St. Brendan's Pk. Special Intention. Special Intention. Kerena Cavanagh, L/O Oakview - 1st Anniv.
Sunday	10.00am	Michael Ryan, L/O The Oaks, Oakview - 1st Annv.
	11.15am	Maggie O'Sullivan, L/O Leith & also remember her husband Bob - Remembrance.
	12.30pm	Parish Mass.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY: Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind are holding a fundraising night in Meadowlands Hotel on Saturday February 10th from 8.30pm 'til late. Music by Nitelife. Come along and dance the night away with us. Spot prizes and surprises galore. Tickets €15, available at the door. Finger food included. Your support is always appreciated for this very worthy cause.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

As a consequence of his sufferings, Job is experiencing insomnia, depression and a sense of futility. The Lord does not spare his children from such trials; rather, he accompanies us in all that we must endure.

Second Reading

Paul does not preach the gospel out of a sense of duty, but out of an inner need. He cannot but proclaim Jesus. This is the only truly effective motive for evangelising.

Gospel

This reading captures the sheer busyness of Jesus. After a long day he rises early and prays alone before another day of proclaiming and healing. Those who would serve the gospel are called to imitate something of the Lord's commitment.

