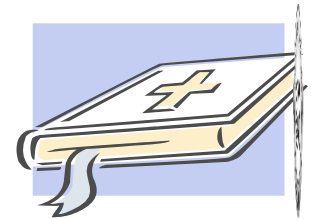




# Our Lady & St Brendan's Parish

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## December 18th –19th 2021

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- \***Mary Walsh**, Caherina & formerly Rock St & May's Shop, Strand Road.
- \***Michael Curtin**, Lioscarraig Drive, Caherslee.
- \***Christina Hartnett**, Ogham Rian & formerly Abbeyfeale.
- \***Ellen (Nellie) Goodall (nee Lehane)**, Kerins Pk & formerly Blarney.
- \***Caroline O'Brien**, Killerisk Road.
- \* **Margaret Moore (nee Murphy)**, Ballyard Rd, Blennerville & formerly Bray, Co. Wicklow.
- \*\*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 Bernard Healy ☐ 087 2069656.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve**  
9.30am ..... 4.30pm,\* 6.30pm, 8.30pm  
\***Radio Kerry Mass** at 6.30pm

**Christmas Day (Sunday Schedule)**  
10.00am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

**Sunday December 26th**  
10.00am, 11.15am & 12.30pm.

**Note:** There will be no Vigil Mass on

**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:** will take place in the Family Chapel on Wednesday December 22nd from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. The priest will be seated behind a screen. Please wear a mask.

**PARISH OFFICE:** will close on Thursday Dec 23rd at 12.30pm and will re-open on Tuesday Jan 4th at 9.00am

**SIGNED CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET CARDS;** are available at the Parish Office.

**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.

**SAMARITANS:** Will hold their Church Gate Collection on December 24th & 25th. Thank you for your support.

**TIR na nÓG ORPHANAGE;** in Tanzania was founded by Tralee native Louise Quill. Once again this year, a former member of our parish youth group, Rebecca Poultney, is fundraising for the orphanage. You can support her on-line on the Ballyseedy Garden website or to give your donation to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

**MERCY MOUNTHAWK CAROL SERVICE:** took place on-line last Wednesday evening. It was recorded in Balloonagh Convent Chapel. A recording of the Carol Service is available on the parish website at [www.stbrendansparishtralee.org](http://www.stbrendansparishtralee.org). It was also a fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul. You can contribute on line by using the link on the parish website also.

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** The second collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day which contributes to the priests income will not be taken up after Holy Communion this year. This collection will take place at the doors at the end of Mass. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope to this collection. Envelopes are available at the doors. Many thanks for your generous support of the clergy collections during the year.

## PRAYER WITH THE ADVENT WREATH AT HOME Week 4 - Light the Third 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.

*Fr Pdraig, Fr Amos and  
Sr de Lourdes wish you all  
every peace & blessing this  
Christmas time.*



## NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Dec 20th–26th

Monday	9.30am Margaret & John O' Neill, L/O Barrow.
Tuesday	9.30am Bridget O' Connor, L/O Ballymacelligott.
Wed	9.30am Gerald McElligott (Jnr), L/O Scart, Gortatlea.
Thursday	9.30am Decd. Members of the Foley & McNeice Family, L/O Basin View & Chapel St.
Friday	9.30am Julia & Patrick Conway & Decd. Family Members, L/O O'Rahilly's Villas.
	4.30pm Christmas Eve Parish Mass
	6.30pm Christmas Eve Parish Mass
	8.30pm Christmas Eve Parish Mass
Saturday	10.00am Christmas Day Parish Mass
	11.15pm Christmas Day Parish Mass
	12.30pm Christmas Day Parish Mass
Sunday	10.00am Patrick & Kathleen Leydon, L/O Sligo
	Margaret Kerins Duffy, L/O The Kerries & Tullamore. (1st Anniv)
	Jimmy Barrett, L/O Rock Street
	Liliah Stack & Eileen Stack Cotter, L/O Glenoe, Listowel.
	Decd. Members of the Behan Family, L/O Fortwilliam, Abbeydorney.
	Hannah & Mikey Quilligan & Decd. Family members, L/O Tralee & Limerick.
	Special Intention.
	11.15am Bridie & Tommy Counihan, L/O Gurrane
	12.30pm Decd. Members of the Cahill & Hickey families, L/O Clare & Kerry.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

### First Reading

God's majesty works through humble channels. It is the humble town of Bethlehem that will first see the Saviour.

### Second Reading

'I am coming to do your will.' This reading places those words from Psalm 40 on the lips of Jesus. May they be on our lips too!

### Gospel

Mary set out, not at a gentle pace, but 'as quickly as she could.' The Good News is urgent. It demands to be shared.