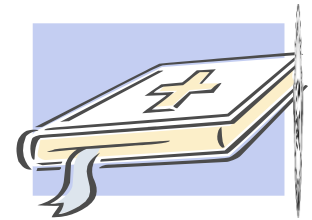




Our Lady & St Brendan's Parish

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December 26th 2021

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ***Kathleen O'Shea (nee Lyons)**, Caheranne.
 - ***Eileen Scannell (nee O'Brien)**, Lisanearla & Doon.
 - ***Brian Mc Cann**, Cahermoneen & formerly Belfast.
 - ***Betty O'Connor (nee Prendiville)**, Ballingowan & formerly Cordal.
 - ***Sr Colette Stafford**, Mercy Convent, Balloonagh.
 - ***Fr Kevin Mc Namara**, Parish Priest, Glenflesk.
 - ***Patrick (Patsy) Breen**, Gurrane & formerly Glencar.
 - ***Joan Pitman (nee Callaghan)**, Mitchel's Avenue.
 - ***Colette Doherty (nee Farran)**, Kielduff, & formerly Donegal.
- *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 Vitalis Barasa, ☎ 087 2069656.

PUBLIC MASSES: We welcome the recent announcement that we can have 100% capacity at all Masses. As more people return to Mass, we encourage all people to be mindful of people who are just returning to Mass after many months. Please wear a mask in the church.

1. All doors will be in use.
2. Please use the sanitizers as you enter the church.
3. The collection boxes inside the doors will continue to be used instead of having an Offertory Collection.
4. We encourage people to come forward for Holy Communion row-by-row and to receive on the hand only.
5. The Family Chapel is also open for use.

PARISH OFFICE: will re-open on Jan 4th at 9am.

RADIO KERRY: Our regular Parish Mass on Sundays at 10am, will be broadcast live.

TELEVISED MASS: on SKY channel 521 or on RTE News Channel, will be broadcast from our church on this Wednesday December 29th at 10.30am.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: on June 15th to 22nd 2022, flying Cork to Dubrovnik (morning flight) with Aer Lingus staying in Hotel Leone. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Cost pps €749.00 half board. Deposit of €250.00 secures place. COVID insurance cover included in cost. Contact Sean at 0862959380

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 on Wednesday December 15th. It was recorded in Balloonagh Convent Chapel. A recording of the Carol Service is available on the parish website at 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.

CHRISTMAS DUES: Many thanks to all who have returned their Christmas Dues envelope. You may return your Christmas Dues Envelope to the Parish Office letterbox. Your generous support of the clergy collections during the year is very much appreciated.

IN THESE ANXIOUS TIMES..... R.O.W.W.:

- Reduce** your social contacts
- Observe** your social distancing
- Wash** your hands
- Wear** your mask

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear God,
 May my life be of use to You this year.
 May my talents and intelligence
 help heal the world.
 May I remember how much I have
 by remembering how much I have to give.
 May I not be tempted by smaller things
 but serve my larger mission of forgiveness and love.
 Thus shall I be lifted, God,
 and know joy this coming year and beyond.
 Bless me and work through me
 to bless the entire world. Amen.

Fr Pdraig, Fr Amos and Sr de Lourdes wish you all a peaceful and happy New Year.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Dec 27th— Jan 2nd

Monday	9.30am Seamus O' Mahony, L/O Rock St. & Monavalley
Tuesday	9.30am Christmas Mass Bouquets.
Wed	9.30am Pam & Jack McCull, L/O Dunmanway, Co. Cork.
Thursday	9.30am Margaret & Jack Murray, L/O Dublin & Doon.
Friday	9.30am Christmas Mass Bouquets.
Saturday	9.30am Maureen & Tom O' Brien, L/O Basin View. 6.30pm Betty O' Shea, L/O St. Brendan's Park Paddy O' Connor, Oakpark Demesne. Eugene & Joan O' Connell, L/O Gurrane Richard O' Connor, L/O Pembroke St. Richard & Kathleen McHugh, L/O Pembroke St.
Sunday	10.00am Michael Shalvey, L/O Old Gallowsfield. Peggy & Johnny Guerin, L/O Ballyheigue. Chris Foley, L/O Lisloose Patrick O' Neill, L/O Ballyheigue & Brazil. 11.15am Jeremiah O' Keeffe, L/O Monavalley. 12.30pm Joe O' Sullivan, L/O St. Brendan's Pk.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, did not conceive until after a long and anxious wait. In the Bible, God's plans sometimes move forward through difficult or irregular conceptions.

Second Reading

This reading is all about love, and all about commandments. There is no contradiction, as love is the highest of the commandments and the fulfilment of the commandments.

Gospel

Mary and Joseph suffer the anxiety of losing their child. Jesus is becoming independent of his parents, yet still defers to their authority.

LIVE STREAMING: The webcam is available on the parish website www.stbrendansparishtralee.org The Masses are recorded and available on the website, soon after the Mass is celebrated.