



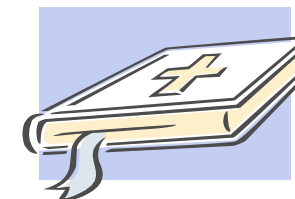
Our Lady & St Brendan's Parish

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December 17th (Third Sunday of Advent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ***Noreen Moran**, Connolly Park & formerly The Spa.
- ***William (Bill) Mc Carthy**, Ardfert.
- ***Sr Ita Higgins**, Cork & Blackrock, Tralee.
- ***Denis O'Callaghan**, Clash Cross & formerly Abbeydorney.
- ***Paul Hobbart**, Hawley Park.
- ***Richard O'Sullivan**, Ard na Lí, Oakpark.
- ***Maurice O'Connor**, Racecourse Lawn.
- ***Dermot O'Sullivan**, Castledrum, Castlemaine.
- **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 Mark Moriarty ☐087 2069656.

PARISH OFFICE: will close for the Christmas break on Friday Dec 23rd at 12.30pm and re-open on Tuesday January 2nd at 9.00am

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY OAKVIEW: the Blessing of the crib will take place in St. John's Cemetery Oakview on this Sunday Dec 17th after the 12.30pm Mass in St. Brendan's. All welcome.

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.

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

SAMARITANS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: will take place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

PENANCE SERVICE; for Christmas will be held on Tuesday December 19th at 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS: on Friday next, Dec 22nd 6.30pm—7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DUES: The second collection on Christmas Day will be 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.

PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS: The Greyhound Track grounds will be available for parking on Christmas Eve. We encourage Mass-goers travelling from Oakview and Oakpark to use the Greyhound Track for parking please. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

MEALS ON WHEELS: free Christmas Day delivery in Tralee. For more information contact 086-0234706 or email mealsonwheelstralee@gmail.com

SIAMSA TIRE TRALEE: Celebrate Nollaig na mBan with P.J. & Paula Murrihy appearing in concert on Jan 5th 2024 at 8pm Tickets available on siamsatire.com

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF IRELAND ASHE ST: will hold a service of Carols and Readings on this Sunday Dec. 17th at 7pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to reduce the number of morning Masses on the Sunday morning. While there will be three vigil Masses on Christmas Eve (Sunday evening), there will be only one Mass on next Sunday morning.

*December 23rd: 6.30pm

*December 24th: 10am only (No Mass at 11.15am & 12.30pm)

*December 24th: Vigils at 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm

*December 25th: 10am, 11.15am, 12.30pm.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEKEND

First Reading

We hear the words that, hundreds of years later, Jesus would apply to himself, as he preached in the synagogue at Nazareth: 'He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.'

Second Reading

'Be happy, pray constantly. The two parts of this exhortation are closely related. It is in prayer that we find the strength and balance to maintain happiness.

Gospel

God, who is almighty, needed someone to witness to what he was doing. John the Baptist was a faithful witness.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Dec.18th—24th

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| Monday | 9.30am Angela O' Mahony, L/O Connolly Pk. (4th Anniv) |
| Tuesday | 9.30am Decd. Members of the Foley & Mc Neice Families, L/O Tralee. |
| Wed | 9.30am Bridget O' Connor, L/O Ballymacelligott. |
| Thur. | 9.30am Julia & Patrick Conway & decd. Family Members, L/O O' Rahillys Villas. |
| Friday | 9.30am John O' Shea, L/O Clahane, Ballyard. |
| Saturday | 9.30am Jim Healy, L/O O' Rahillys Villas. |
| | 6.30pm Breda O' Callaghan, L/O Casements Ave & her daughter Pauline Lynch, L/O Derrymore. |
| | Maura Brosnan, L/O Knockclogher, Ballyroe. (7th Anniv) |
| | Willie Casey, L/O Doon |
| | John Browne, L/O Listellick North. (9th Anniv) |
| | George Mc Neice, L/O St Brendan's Park. |
| | Decd. Members of the Mc Neice & Foley Families. |
| | Michael Barry, L/O Rock St. (Month's Mind) |
| | Decd. Members of the Sheehy & Horgan Families, L/O Duagh |
| | John & Nora Casey & their daughter Joan, L/O Cordal, Castleisland. |
| | David Griffin, L/O Caherslee. |
| | Special Intention. |
| Sunday | 10.00am Therese O' Connor, L/O Ragoonane. |
| | Bebe O' Mara, L/O Woodlee. (9th Anniv) |
| | Behan Family, L/O Fortwilliam, Abbeydorney |
| | Bridget, Alfie & John Stack, L/O Listowel. |
| | Jerry & Noreen O' Sullivan & their sons Michael, Pat & Dermot, L/O Rock Street. |
| | Molly & Denis Curry, L/O St. Brendan's Park. |
| | Eileen Coleman, L/O Stillorglin, Co Dublin (Recently Decd.) |
| | Thomas & Bridie Counihan, L/O Gurrane. |
| | Mary, Ellen & Joseph O' Shea, L/O Kevin Barry Villas. |
| | Catherine O' Connor, L/O Spa Rd. (Month's Mind) |
| | Peggy & Johnny Guerin, L/O Glenlea, Ballyheigue |
| | 11.15am No Mass |
| | 12.30pm No Mass |