



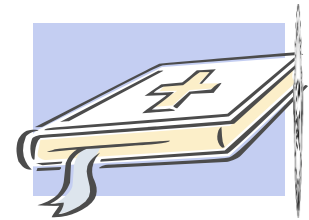
Our Lady & St Brendan's Parish

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Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Kerry: If you have any concern, please contact ☐087 6362780



December 22nd (4th Sunday of Advent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

***Margaret Gurnett (nee McCarthy)**, Doon & Banna East, Ardfert.

***Thomas Joseph Hearne**, Mitchels Square.

***Ulick Devane**, Ballinalourth & Annagh.

***Frances Locke**, Kevin Barry Villas.

****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; The Parish Office will close on Monday December 23rd at 12.30pm and re-open on Thursday January 2nd at 9.00am.

ADORATION PRAYER ROOM; Will be closed from Monday December 23rd until Thursday January 2nd. The weekly adoration on Thursday December 26th will not take place.

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. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY: Mass on Thursday morning December 26th at 9.30am.



*Fr. Padraig, Fr. Amos
and Fr. Sospeter wish
you all—every peace &
blessing this
Christmas time.*

2025: A JUBILEE YEAR IN THE CHURCH: A Jubilee Year is held every twenty-five years. Pope Francis will officially open the year by opening a Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The beginning of the Jubilee Year will be celebrated worldwide on the following weekend on the Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and at all our Masses that weekend. Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

We are asked to treat the year ahead as a year-long pilgrimage seeking together to become more aware that truly Jesus Christ Our Saviour is with us each day, - as our help, strength and guide. When we speak of 'Hope' we mean 'Hope in Jesus Christ', Hope in our God, Father, Son and Spirit. There will be a number of events around the diocese to celebrate the Jubilee Year.

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

BILL KIRBY MEMORIAL 4 MILE WALK; in aid of Palliative Care. Gathering at the Brogue Inn on St Stephen's Day at 11am. Walk commencing at 11.30am. Sponsorship cards available from Michael Fox O'Connor ☐087 9833075.

PARISH CALENDARS 2025: are available at the Church doors.

TÍR NA nÓG ORPHANAGE; in Tanzania was founded by Tralee native Louise Quill. If you wish to support their Christmas Appeal, you can leave you donation at the Parish Office. Many thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS CD: with carols by the students from Mercy Mounthawk are available for sale in the Parish Office, €15 each.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY

*December 24th: Vigils at 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm
The 4.30pm will be the Children's Mass.

*December 25th: 10am, 11.15am, 12.30pm.
The 10am will be the Children's Mass

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 those words 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.

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Dec 23rd—29th

Monday	9.30am John O'Shea, L/O St. Brendan's Park.
Tuesday	9.30am Bridget, Alfie & John Stack, L/O Listowel 4.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil (Children's Mass) 6.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil 8.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil
Wed	10.00am Christmas Day Mass. (Children's Mass) 11.15am Christmas Day Mass. 12.30pm Christmas Day Mass.
Thur.	9.30am Bridie & Thomas Counihan, L/O Gurrane.
Friday	9.30am Jim Healy & his son James, L/O O' Rahilly's Villas.
Saturday	9.30am Seamus O'Mahony, L/O Monavalley. 6.30pm Margaret Murray, L/O Doon & Dublin. Renata Taddei, L/O Italy. Denis & Maura Brosnan, L/O O' Rahilly's Villas. David Griffin, L/O Highfield Grove, Caherslee. Peter Healy, L/O Oakpark & Lisdoonvarna. Alan Johnson, L/O Dublin. Margaret Leen, L/O Kilflynn.
Sunday	10.00am Kathleen Roche, L/O Woodlee. Bridie O' Brien, L/O Doon South.(5th Anniv) Margaret Duffy (nee Kerins), L/O The Kerries & Tullamore. Tadhg Foley, L/O Racecourse Road & Cork. (Months Mind) Mary Martin, L/O Blackrock. (Rec. Decd.) Special Intention. Joan & Hugh McCarthy, L/O Ballyroe. Mary, Bobby & John Miller, L/O St Brendan's Pk. Edward Fitzgerald & his son Richard, L/O Manor West. Cathal Kelly, L/O Cavan Town. (Recently Decd.) Eugene O'Sé, L/O Ventry. John & Mary O'Regan, L/O Cliff Rd., Ballyheigue. 11.15am Pam & Jack McCull, L/L Dunmanway. 12.30pm Joan Kavanagh, L/O Woodlee.(1st Anniv)