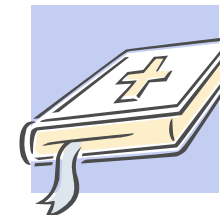




Our Lady & St. Brendan's Parish



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December 29th & 30th

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CHRISTMAS DUES: We wish to thank very sincerely everyone who has been very generous with their Christmas Dues. All Christmas Dues Envelopes can be handed in to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CENTRE AND PARISH OFFICE; will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9am.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: The annual collection in aid of Needs of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses Saturday & Sunday, January 5th & 6th. This collection provides assistance to those in need in the Holy Land and helps fund Dispensaries, Charitable Institutes, Centre of Education and also housing projects for the deprived.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT; will resume again on Wednesday, January 2nd.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY; Sunday January 5th. The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

FIRST FRIDAY: If any Parishioners are unable to attend Mass on a temporary or permanent basis, the Priest for their area will bring them Holy Communion. Please contact the Parish Office on ☎066 7125932.

PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL FRIDGE MAGNETS; are again in stock and can be acquired at our Pastoral Centre. Cost €1.

LOSING A SPOUSE OR PARTNER: Bereavement Group & Help Support Meeting in St Brendan's Pastoral Centre January 9th at 7.15pm.

ST PADRE PIO; monthly Mass in Our Lady & St Brendan's Church will take place on Tuesday, January 15th at 6.30pm.

CLERGY ASSEMBLY/PUBLIC TALK: Bishop Brendan Leahy will be the speaker at the Public Talk during the Priests Assembly, in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday January 9th, from 8pm-9.30pm. There is no admission fee for this event and all are welcome.

CLUB IDE; will recommence on Wednesday January 9th at 3pm. All welcome.

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA; May 10th to May 17th. Led by Fr Noel Spring. Ex Cork Airport. Enquires to Maureen Harty ☎066 7131328 or Premier Travel Cork ☎021 4277700 emailnorardy@premiertravel.ie

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS:
Spiritual Development Course with Fr Seán Sheehy on Wednesdays. Starting January 16th, 7.30pm-9.00pm.
Be Still and Know with Fr. Louis Hughes O.P. Saturday February 9th, 10.00am-4.00pm
Life in the Spirit with Moss & Janice Carrig on Tuesdays. Starting February 19th, 7.30pm-9.00pm.
Gathering of Diocesan Parish Readers & Eucharistic Ministers with Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy February 21st, 7.30pm-9.30pm.

KERRY PND (POSTNATAL DEPRESSION) JANUARY MEETING: If you are a mom and need some extra support after having your baby, please come along to their meeting at the Library Room, Meadowlands Hotel on Wednesday January 2nd at 8pm. For further information ☎086 7872107.

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 Padraig, Fr Niall and Sr de Lourdes wish you

all a peaceful and happy New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS December 31st to January 6th

Monday	9.30am	Christmas Mass Bouquets.
Tuesday	9.30am	Joe O'Sullivan, St Brendan's Park - 6th Anniversary.
Wed.	9.30am	Deceased Members of Legion of Mary.
Thurs.	9.30am	Michael Shalvey, L/O Old Gallowsfield, Tralee.
Friday	9.30am	Deceased Members of Twomey & Stack Families, L/O Doon.
Saturday	9.30am	Sheila Dowling, L/O Main Road, Caherslee - 2nd Anniversary.
	6.30pm	Brendan Breen, L/O Cloonanorig, Tralee - 1st Anniv. Jeremiah O'Keefe, L/O Monavalley. John & Philomena Shanahan, L/O Bawnboy, Tralee. Deceased members of the Falvey Family, L/O The Spa and the Hynes Family, L/O Navan. Thomas & Mary Moore & Marie Griffiths, L/O Ballybunion. Frances & Paddy Dwyer, L/O Skibbereen.
Sunday	10.00am	Parish Mass.
	11.15am	John Doody, L/O Mountain View, Caherslee - 9th Anniversary.
	12.30pm	Jim Sheehy, L/O St Brendan's Park - 15th Anniv.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY; offer a free transport service to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Cork University Hospital, University Hospital Kerry, Mercy University Hospital, Cork & South Infirmary, Cork. For more information, patients can contact their treatment team in the hospital or ☎01 2310566.

PIETA HOUSE; provides a free, therapeutic approach to people who are in suicidal distress and those who engage in self-harm. Contact ☎066 7163660.

AWARE DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP MEETS;

Killarney - Mondays, KDYS at 8pm.
Tralee - Tuesdays, meeting room at rear of St John's Church at 8pm. Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary.

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.

