

Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day)

Parish of Ardfert

12 May 2024

ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, ARDFERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH, KILMOYLEY

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RECENT DEATHS: Francis (France) Stack, Ballymacquin, Ardfert whose Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARIES: John O'Mahony, Abbeylands; Harry O'Flaherty, Ardfert village

Masses for week commencing Sunday 12 May – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Roger & Mary Rice, Kilgulbin, Ardfert
Mon	10.00 am	Eileen Hannafin, Tubridmore (6 th anniv) and Phyllis Carmody, West Commons and deceased members of the Hannafin and Carmody families
Tues	10.00 am	
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Private Intention
Thurs	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Thurs	7.30 pm	St Brendan's Day Mass at Wethers Well, Tubrid
Fri	10.00 am	
Sun	11.00 am	John Dowling, The Square, Ardfert (25 th anniv) and deceased members of the Dowling family; Tom McCrohan, Banna and Ardfert (12 th anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 12 May – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Sean Lovett, Kilmoyley (36 th anniv); Margaret Fenton, Waterford and Kilmoyley; Chrissie O'Sullivan, Ardrahan
Fri	7.00 pm	
Sat	11.00 am	First Holy Communion Ceremony for Kilmoyley N S
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Téidí Barra Sheehy.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €730; Capital Envelope Collection: €311. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.
- ❖ **Congratulations** to the children of second class in Ardfert National School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday.
- ❖ **St Brendan's Day – Thursday 16 May 2024.** Mass will be celebrated at Wether's Well, Tubrid, Ardfert at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 May in honour of St Brendan. All are welcome.

- ❖ **OFFICIAL OPENING OF ARDFERT SCHOOL'S NEW HALL - Friday 24 May at 10 am.** Minister for Education, Norma Foley will officially open the New Hall on 24 May at 10 am. All are welcome to attend this wonderful occasion and view this marvellous facility which will benefit the children and the wider community.
- ❖ **Blessing of Rogation Water:** Fr Pat will bless Rogation Water this weekend 11 & 12 May 2024, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. People traditionally sprinkle this water on their fields, gardens, crops and machinery.
- ❖ **First Friday Calls to the Sick and Housebound.** If you know of any parishioner – a family member, friend or neighbour who might wish to receive a First Friday call, please contact Fr Pat or the parish office.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.

Rogation Prayer. As we sprinkle this holy water on our fields, crops, gardens and our animals, our tractors, machines and cars, may they be protected by Your grace and power. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima – 13th May

The six apparitions of Our Lady to the Children of Fatima took place in the summer and autumn of 1917, beginning on 13th May when the 'Lady' asked the three visionaries to pray for sinners and an end to the First World War. In the final apparition on 13th October, the 'Lady' identified herself as **Our Lady of the Rosary** and called for prayer and conversion. On 13th May 2017 Pope Francis canonised the two younger visionaries, Francisco Marto, who was born on 11th June 1908, and his sister, Jacinta Marto, who was born on 11th March 1910. Francisco died on 4th April 1919 and Jacinta on 20th February 1920. Both suffered greatly before their deaths. The third visionary, Sr Lucia de Jesus dos Santos, who was born on 28th March 1907, became a nun and was 97 years old when she died on 13th February 2005. The process for her beatification and canonisation is underway.

Prayer in honour of St Brendan. God, our heavenly father, we thank You for the wonderful life and example of St Brendan. May we like him, dedicate our lives to the work You have given us to do. We ask You through the intercession of St Brendan for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Ireland to awaken in our generation the precious treasure of the gift of the Holy Faith given to our ancestors. The Faith was revered by our forefathers who in their lives have given a wonderful example of courage under persecution and of faithfulness to the Gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.