

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish of Ardfert

9 June 2024

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

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RECENT DEATHS: *Mary Stack née O'Sullivan, Ballinprior, Ardfert and formerly of Baltygarron, The Spá, Tralee* whose Funeral Mass was held on Thursday. *Carol Estridge, Ballinprior, Ardfert.*

ANNIVERSARIES: Paudie Donovan, Tubrid, Ardfert (6th anniv); Dan and Margaret Griffin, Liscahane

Masses for week commencing Sunday 9 June – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Declan Ryan, Sackville, Ardfert (Month's Mind)
Mon	10.00 am	Special Intention
Tues	10.00 am	Ellie King née O'Toole, her brother Christy O'Toole and deceased members of the O'Toole family, Co Mayo
Weds	7.00 pm	Jim Healy, Casement's View, Ardfert
Thurs	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Fri	10.00 am	Get Well (Mossie)
Fri	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Sat	10.00 am	Pat Twomey, Whitehall, Dublin and Newtownshandrum, Co Cork and Castlegregory, Co Kerry (4 th anniv)
Sun	11.00 am	John and Mary O'Mahony, Abbeylands; Debbie Sheehan, Sackville (Month's Mind)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 9 June – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Nora O'Neill, Lerrig (1st anniv)
Fri	6.30 pm	
Sat	7.00 pm	John Murphy, Ballymacquinn Lower (9 th anniv); Dermot Carroll, Banemore (40 th anniv)

- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €670; Capital Envelope Collection: €420. Family Services and Accord: €170. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.** The next meeting will be held in Cúil Mhuire Pastoral Centre on Monday 17 June at 8 pm.
- ❖ **Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk** are visiting our parish this **Monday 10 June** at 10 am. They are fundraising for their orphanage and community projects and will set up their stall in St Brendan's church, Ardfert selling hand-made icons and crafts. Please spread the word and support this worthy cause.

Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua/Blessing of Lilies: Thursday 13 June 2024 is the **Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua (1195 – 1231)**. Fr Pat will bless lilies in his honour at the Mass on Thursday morning and at subsequent Masses in both churches this coming week and next weekend. We pray to the Lord that through the intercession of Saint Anthony, these blessed lilies will put evil spirits to flight and ward off illness. Those who would like to have lilies blessed should bring them along to these Masses.

Saint Anthony of Padua – Feast Day: 13th June. Saint Anthony was born into a wealthy noble family in Lisbon, Portugal, on 15th August 1195. He was christened Fernando Martins de Bulhom. He received a good education in his native city before joining the Regular Canons of Saint Augustine there at the age of 15. Soon afterwards, he was transferred to their monastery in Coimbra which was then the capital of Portugal, where he devoted himself to prayer and to the study of theology and Latin. He also developed there a great knowledge of the Bible. When the relics of Franciscans who had been martyred were brought to Coimbra in 1220 this had a profound effect on Fernando who requested permission to become a Franciscan. Granted that permission he took the name Anthony as he joined in 1221 that new order which had been founded by Saint Francis of Assisi in 1209. Anthony wished to go as a friar to Morocco in North Africa to preach Christianity and to die there as a martyr. However illness forced him to return home immediately after his arrival in Morocco. On his way home a storm forced his ship off course and he ended up in Sicily and he was to spend the last 9 or 10 years of his life in Italy. He travelled all over that country preaching the Gospel. He was a great teacher and a very eloquent preacher and many miracles were attributed to him during his lifetime. He settled in Padua in the north-east of Italy in 1226 and that's where he passed away on 13th June 1231 at the relatively young age of 35. Less than a year later he was canonised on 30th May 1232 by Pope Gregory IX. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1946. Apparently lilies were placed on his tomb in Padua shortly after his death. Mysteriously these did not wither for a considerable period of time and so the tradition arose of the Franciscans blessing lilies in his honour on his Feast Day. Many graces have been received by people through these blessed lilies and cures have been reported through them. People also invoke St Anthony's intercession to help them to find things that are lost.

Ardfert and Kilmoyley Graveyard Masses 2024

1. Friday 21 June at 7.30 pm - Mass in Old Kilmoyley Graveyard
2. Friday 12 July at 7.30 pm – Mass in the Abbey (New) Cemetery
3. Thursday 18 July at 7 pm - Blessing of Graves in Ardfert church grounds followed by Mass at 7.30 pm in Ardfert Cathedral
4. Friday 26 July at 7.30 pm - Mass in Reilig Naomh Erc (Kilmoyley New Graveyard). Please take this opportunity to tidy up family graves.