

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish of Ardfert

25 August 2024

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

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#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 25 August – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Margaret Lucid, Banna and Ardfert; Josephine Conway née Griffin, Ballinorig, Causeway (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv); Don Kirwan, Walnut Grove (24 <sup>th</sup> anniv); Mary (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv) & John Jeffers, North Commons, Ardfert
Mon	10.00 am	Tony Browne, Ardrahan (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv)
Tues	10.00 am	
Tues	<b>11.00 am – 12 noon</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	<b>7.00 pm</b>	John Michael O'Sullivan, Tubrid Hill, Ardfert (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv)
Thurs	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Padre Pio Devotions</b> - Mass for All the People of the Parish
Fri	10.00 am	
Sat	10.00 am	Eileen Stack, Casement's View, Ardfert (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv), her partner Mike Joe Stack and parents Michael & Ellen Stack
Sun	11.00 am	

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 25 August – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Richie & Mary Ann Stack and their sons Rob and France, Ballymacquinn, Ardfert
Fri	7.00 pm	Denis Treacy Snr, Listrim, Ardfert (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv)
Sat	7.00 pm	Bridie Maunsell, Lerrig Lough (20th anniv)

- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: [ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie).
- ❖ **BAPTISMS.** At least three weeks' notice should be given. Please contact the parish office. Tel: 7134131.
- ❖ **Padre Pio Evening of Devotions** – Thursday 29 August at 7 pm in Ardfert church
- ❖ **Altar Society September (Ardfert church):** Anne Kearney & Lynda McElligott
- ❖ **Ardfert Church Cleaners – September - Team E.**
- ❖ **Pattern Day Mass in Ballyheigue – Sunday 8 September 12 noon.** Bishop Ray Browne will once again celebrate Ballyheigue's Pattern Day Mass at 12 noon on Sunday 8 September at our Lady's Well and Grotto. All are welcome. **Please note: Mass in St Brendan's Church, Ardfert will be at 10.30 am on that day.**

#### **Saint Monica (332-387) – Feast Day: 27<sup>th</sup> August and St Augustine (354-430) – Feast Day: 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine was born in Tagaste in modern Algeria in North Africa in 332. Married to a pagan, Patricius, she had three children, two sons, Augustine and Navigius, and a daughter, Perpetua. Through her efforts Patricius was converted to Christianity in 370, the year before he died.

Monica tried to give Augustine the best education possible since she recognized his extraordinary gifts. Above all, she wanted him to use his gifts for God and the Christian faith. She was very disappointed however when he became wayward and rejected Christianity in his late teens and twenties. Turning to God, Monica spent herself in earnest prayer for her wayward son. A clergyman whose advice she sought said to her, "It is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." Monica followed her son to Rome in 383 and then to Milan in 386. She was thrilled when he decided in Milan to become a Christian and was present when Saint Ambrose baptized him at Easter in 387. She was happy after that to return to Africa. However sadly she fell mortally ill at Ostia, the port to the west of Rome. Augustine tells of her moving words of farewell before she died. "Son, all my hopes have been fulfilled. All I wished to live for was that I might see you a Christian and a child of Heaven. God has given me more: I see you ready to give up everything and become his servant." When Augustine's brother worried that she would not be able to make it home to Africa to die there and be buried there she famously remarked, "Bury me where you like, but all I ask of you is that you remember me at the altar of God!" Saint Monica is the Patron Saint of Mothers.

Saint Augustine, who had been born in Tagaste on 13<sup>th</sup> November 354, returned to Rome in November 387 after the death of his mother Monica at Ostia. The following year he returned to Tagaste where he remained for three years until 391 when he was ordained an assistant to Bishop Valerius of Hippo in Algeria. He succeeded Valerius as Bishop of Hippo in 396 and held that position until his death on 28<sup>th</sup> August 430 at the age of 75. He was noted for his holiness as well as his wonderful preaching and writing. His most famous works are *Of the City of God* and *Confessions*. The latter contains some of his famous sayings including "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, O Beauty ever new!", as he recounted his conversion to Christianity in his early thirties. He is one of the 37 Doctors of the Church. That title has been conferred on these 37 saints because of their great teaching or preaching or writing and Saint Augustine belongs to that very select group.