

Second Diocesan Collection for Kerry Diocesan Youth Service will be taken up on this Sunday 1st December in St. Mary's @ 11.30am Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal is underway. The annual church gate collection takes place next Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th and the Masses. All money collected stays local. If you would like to donate a voucher and contribute to the collection you can also drop it into the parish office. Your continued support is very much appreciated

Castlegregory Mixed National School are now accepting enrolments for the 2025/26 school year. Enrolment forms can be found on the school website www.castlegregoryns.com

or by contacting the school on 066 7139419/info@castlegregoryns.com

The Annual Christmas Lessons and Carols service will be held in Kilgobbin Church, Camp on the 15th of December at 3pm, followed by tea in the Old School House in Camp. The Village Voices Choir from Castlegregory and the St. Mary's Camp Choir will take part.

Munster Dioceses "Seeds of Hope" Conference. An initiative of the dioceses of Kerry, Limerick, Killaloe, Cashel and Emily. Learn how your local parish can respond to the ecological crisis. This biodiversity conference will

place on Saturday 25th Jan 2025 in Springfort Hotel, Mallow. Further details from your parish office or on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofkerry.ie.

Free Information Day for Older Persons in partnership with Older Persons Groups in West Kerry and HSE on December 12th 2024 in Halla Cheann Trá, Ceann Trá. Speakers on Succession, Crime Prevention Fire Service and Health and Well Being . Lots of Information Stands on the Day . **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Please Contact John at 087 7590050 or email john.walsh2@hse.ie

Castlegregory Active retired Christmas Party will take place in the Clubrooms on Saturday December 7th. Mass starts at 12 noon. Booking essential, please contact Michelle on 085 2432251

Active retired dinners in the Clubrooms every Tuesday. New members are always welcome. Any cancellations to Michelle on 085 2432251.

Thought for the Week

*"Brothers and sisters, in prayer there is always a question of patience, always, of supporting the wait. Now we are in the time of Advent, a time that is typically of expectation, of expectation of Christmas. We are in waiting. This is clear to see. But all our life is also *in waiting*. And prayer is always in expectation, because we know that the Lord will answer."*

Pope Francis

Parish Life Newsletter

1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent – Year C



St Therese of Lisieux

“Do you realise that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... Don’t listen to the demon; laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.”

Office Hours

Mondays & Holy Days – Closed
Tuesdays – 11.00am to 3.00pm
Wednesdays – 11.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday – Working from home text or phone mobile number 087 1438060 between 11.00am to 4.30pm
Friday – 11am to 4.30pm.
Closed 1pm to 1.30pm for lunch.

Weekend Mass Times

St. Mary’s Castlegregory
Sunday 11.30am
St. Brendan’s Cloghane
Saturday Vigil 6.15pm
(alternating with St. Mary’s Camp)
(see newsletter)
www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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Parish Priest
Fr Eamonn Mulvihill

Parish Secretary
Bernie Dowling

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Confession

St. Mary’s – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass
St. Brendan’s – Tuesdays closest to First Fridays after the 7.00pm

Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary’s
Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday – 10.00am to 11.00am and 5pm to 9pm
Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am
Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm

St. Brendan’s
Tuesday – 11.15am to 12.15pm
Thursday – 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Saturday – 11.15am to 12.15pm
Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am

Week beginning 1st December 2024
First Sunday of Advent year C



This is the First Sunday of Advent, and it is the beginning of the Church's preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In today's Gospel Luke reminds us of another coming, namely Jesus' coming again at the end of time. The first part of the reading is apocalyptic, but it is a timely reminder to us to prepare for this coming and then we will rejoice when Jesus comes at the end of time. For each of us we'll meet Jesus face to face at the moment of death. Advent is a time when we can renew our Baptismal and Confirmation commitment to our Lord and discern what God is asking of us at this moment in our lives. There are many ways we can come close to Jesus: prayer, helping and caring for those who need it and in the sacraments which are very special encounters with Jesus. So, this Advent while we prepare for the birth of Jesus, let us also keep the second coming of Jesus in mind and erase any sinfulness in our lives through the sacrament of Penance. Every time

we receive Holy Communion, Jesus comes to us also and the more often we receive Him worthily the closer we come to Him and the more ready we are to meet Him whenever He calls us. That could be at any time when we least expect it. Be prepared!

Intentions for this Weekend

St. Mary's – Sunday 1st December @ 11.30am

Intentions 1) Mary Teahan, Castlegregory (2) Betty Fitzgerald, Castlegregory (3) Dan O'Sullivan, Cork (4) Rita Donnellan, Maharees

St. Brendan's – No Vigil Mass this weekend. Vigil Mass in Camp church @ 6.15pm

We Pray for

Maureen Dowd, New York and Clais, Ballydavid

Liam Dineen, Tullig First Anniversary

Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family, Carrigadav
Nell & Denis Fitzgerald

Weekday Mass Schedule
St. Mary's

Monday 2nd December @ 7.00pm

Intention: Deceased members of the O'Sullivan family, Carrigadav.

Tuesday 3rd December @ 10.00am – Private Intention:

Wednesday 4th December – No parish Mass

Thursday 5th December @ 10.00am – Private Intention,

Friday 6th December @ 7.00pm Intention – Liam Dineen, Tullig
First Anniversary (CONFESSION
AFTER MASS)

Saturday 7th December @ 3.00pm – Baptism

Sunday 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent @ 11.30am –

Intention: Patrick Finn,
Birmingham 1st Anniversary

St. Brendan's

Tuesday 3rd December @ 7.00pm – Intention: Nell & Denis
Fitzgerald

Saturday 7th December – Vigil @ 6.15pm - Intention: John &
Bridie Curran, Liss – daughter,
Mary O'Connor and
granddaughter, Sheila O'Connor,
Aughacsla (CONFESSION
AFTER VIGIL MASS)

Preparation Evening will take place this Monday 13th January 2025 @ 7.30pm. It is a
requirement to attend this

evening. Please call Bernie at the
parish office on 066 7139145 to
book a place.

The second family Mass will take place next Sunday 8th December @ the 11.30am Mass in St. Mary's. We are introducing
a special family Sunday Mass,
(similar to Masses prior to the
pandemic) with refreshments after
Mass in the Clubrooms.

It will be an opportunity to build up
the parish, by getting to know
young families or people who have
moved to the parish or just to add a
social dimension to the Sunday
Mass.

Priest on Deanery duty this Sunday 1st December is Fr Michael Moynihan, in the event
of an emergency, please call 066
9151208.

Planned Giving Boxes for 2025
are now ready for distribution.
They will be available for
collection at the Masses from this
weekend **1st December.**

Calls to the sick and housebound will take place this coming Friday 6th December at 10.30am. If you have a relative
of a neighbour who would like Fr
Eamonn to visit, please contact
the parish office.
