

First Sunday of Advent

Parish of Ardfert

1 December 2024

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

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RECENT DEATHS: **Brendan Lawlor, Ardconnell, Ardfert** whose Funeral Mass was held on Friday.

Masses for week commencing Sunday 1 December – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Bridget McGrath (14 th anniv) and Johnny McGrath (51 st anniv), Knockbrack; Deceased members of St Brendan's Hurling Club, Ardfert; Kathleen (4 th anniv) & Patrick Slattery (24 th anniv), Barrow, Ardfert; Patrick, Margaret and Betty Lawlor, Carrahane, Ardfert
Mon	10.00 am	John Martin O'Sullivan, Barrow
Tues	10.00 am	Denis Kelliher, Banna and Killarney, Patrick & Margaret Kelliher, Banna and Phyllis Kelliher, Banna
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Thurs	10.00 am	Johnny & Margaret Costello, Liscahane, Ardfert and their sons Brendan, John and Tom.
Fri	10.00 am	First Friday
Sat	9.30 am	First Saturday Devotions
Sat	10.00 am	Charles Stack, Tubrid and late of Banna
Sun	11.00 am	Anto O'Halloran, Station Road, Ardfert (13 th anniv) and deceased members of the Lyne family, Sandy Lane, Banna & England and Joan Kelly, Crawley, Sussex (recently deceased); Bill McCarthy, Ardfert village (1 st anniv); Kieran Fitzmaurice, Carrahane (19 th anniv) & dec'd members of the Fitzmaurice family and William & Eileen O'Halloran, Ballyheigue

Masses for week commencing Sunday 1 December Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Magdalen Gentleman, Lixnaw and Toherbane (1 st anniv); Kieran Treacy, Listrim, Ardfert (12 th anniv)
Fri	7.00 pm	First Friday – Brendan O'Sullivan, Ardrahan (5 th anniv)
Sat	7.00 pm	Mary McElligott, Lerrig (1 st anniv); Denis McCarthy, Ballinprior & a special intention and Donie Wall, Luton; Mrs Mary Lovett, Kilmoyley & Sr Dolores Lovett, Wexford & Kilmoyley; Maurice Brick, Ballymacandrew & dec'd members of the Brick family; Hannah (48 th anniv) & Jim O'Reilly (43 rd anniv), Lerrig, Ardfert

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Regan Lee Stack.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €945; Capital Envelope Collection: €250. 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.
- ❖ **ALTAR SOCIETY – DECEMBER (Ardfert church):** Michele Moore
- ❖ **CHURCH CLEANING – DECEMBER (Ardfert church):** Team F
- ❖ **MUSIC MINISTRY – Ardfert church.** We would like to extend an invitation to singers/musicians who would like to join our ministry. Please contact Frank, Ann, Katie or John before or after Sunday Mass if interested. Thank you.
- ❖ **Christmas Mass Bouquet cards** and a selection of other Mass cards are available from the parish office.
- ❖ **ADVENT.** The season of Advent is a period of about four weeks in which the Church prepares every year for the great feast of Christmas when we commemorate the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. It is similar to the season of Lent in preparation for the great feast of Easter. During both seasons we prepare ourselves spiritually for the up-coming feasts by trying to devote more time to prayer and we reach out to others especially those most in need as we try to become more like Jesus Himself.
- ❖ **SACRED SPACE for ADVENT** is on the altar of Ardfert church. A place for quiet prayer & reflection with Advent prayers to take home.
- ❖ **Biographies of Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Nicholas** are available in both churches. Please take one.
- ❖ **Vacancy for Pastoral Centre Secretary.** Applications are invited for the position of a part-time secretary with experience in Microsoft Office and general office duties. Closing date for applications is 5 pm on Friday 6 December. For further information, please see www.dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **Kerry Choral Union presents 'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert** at the church of St John the Baptist, Castle Street at 7:30pm on Sunday 8 December with guests the Kerry Scotia Ensemble. Tickets available on the door €20. Visit www.kcu.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/KerryChoralUnion> for more info.
- ❖ We send our very best wishes to the Clanmaurice Camogie Team and Management ahead of their All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship Semi-Final against Saint Brigid's (Laois) in Bansha, Co Tipperary this Sunday. We also congratulate them on winning the Munster championship again this year. The players and management have certainly done themselves and their families and our county proud! We say "well done" to all involved!