

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary S Joseph

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28th-29th December 2024

Deaths

Maurice Fitzgerald, The Village *Anniversaries*

Eamonn Timmins, Eily Lawlor Colm & Flor Casey

Mass intentions for this weekend

Saturday Vigil... Ned Casey

Sunday Mass..... Annie O'Hanlon (months mind)

Mass intentions for the coming week.

Tue....7.00pm Paddy & John Cantillon & dec Dunne family

Thur...7.00pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

7.30pm Nelius Reidy

Fri.... 6.15pm (*First- Friday*) Flor & Colm Casey (please note time)

Sat....8.00pm Jimmy, Mary & MaryAnne Casey & Mike

Hanlon

Sun...10.00am Christopher (Christy) Flynn (1st ann)

You may continue to hand in your Parish Envelopes to the Post office and we thank the Post Office for continuing to provide this facility to us. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Address: Chapel Rd., Ballyheigue, Tralee Co Kerry Eircode: V92 HY57

Live streaming of masses on: www.dioceseofkerry.ie-Parishes - Ballyheigue –click on picture of the Church.

Under GDPR, the recording of Requiem/Funeral Masses, is a decision for the next-of-kin of the deceased and must be requested via the undertaker. The undertaker will make the family aware of this.

Church Open: 11am –4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday

The Parish Office is open in the Presbytery, 9.40am-1.00pm Wednesday & Thursday mornings (closed on Holy Days). All bookings for Masses, Baptisms and Weddings to go through the Parish office Mass cards also available. Email: ballyheigue@dioceseofkerry.ie Telephone (066) 7133110.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month.

Celebration of The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place on 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm.

*Individual Confessions available on request.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family and we mark the opening of a Jubilee Year. The theme of the year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Pope Francis invites us to understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than "masters of the world". He also invites us to renew our hope and discover a vision for life that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone".

As Catholics, we understand Jubilee time as a time for a restoration of balance, that the goods of the earth are shared fairly, and a reminder that God is always drawn to those who are most vulnerable, marginalised and unfairly treated. Hope does not disappoint, Pope Francis says –

"If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry."

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

<u>Míle Buíochas</u> A sincere *thank you* to the Liturgy Group for preparing and decorating the Church this Christmas. A *Special Thank You* also to all our singers and musicians, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers who contribute to the smooth running of our Masses not just at Christmas but all year round. *May The Infant Jesus Our Saviour reward them as only he can.*

<u>The Parish Office</u> will reopen on Thursday 2nd January at 9.40am.

<u>Pilgrimage to Medjugorje</u> 10th to 17th Sept 2025 Cork to Dubrovnik €899. Booking by 20th Dec. with Joe Walsh Tours gives €100 discount. Ph 016852244 info@joewalshtours.ie. Further information from Group Leader Maura O'Keeffe Harcksen 087 1517696. Spiritual Director Fr Francis Nolan 087 2100273

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen ~Pope Francis