

Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

The Presbytery Tel: 027-70849 / office 70288. Email: castletownbere@dioceseofkerry.ie

Please pray for all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Church Castletownbere

Saturday	21 st Dec.	6.30pm	Joe O'Leary, West End & deceased family members.
Sunday	22 nd Dec.	12.00pm	John Michael & Patricia Murphy, Church Gate.
Tuesday	24 th Dec	6.00pm 9.00pm	Children's Mass. Michael & Margaret Murphy Special Intention
Wednesday	25 th Dec.	12.00pm	People of the parish. The Nativity of our Lord
Thursday	26 th Dec.	10.00.am	No Mass.
Friday	27 th Dec.	7.30pm	No Mass
Saturday	28 th Dec	6.30pm	Opening of Jubilee year 2025 James, Catherine, Declan and Finbar Mullins.
Sunday	29 th Dec	12.00pm	Joe & Mary Regan.

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church Every Sat at 12:00 noon or on request.

St Bartholomew's Church Rossmacowen

Sunday	22 nd Dec	10:00am	Jimmy Sullivan, Bunow. Anniversary.
Wednesday	25 th Dec	10.00am	People of the Parish. The Nativity of our Lord.
Sunday	29 th Dec	10.00am	Opening of Jubilee year 2025 Dan & Bridie O'Sullivan Taylor. John Joe Taylor and Mary Duffy.

St Michaels Church Bere Island

Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm

Sunday	22 nd Dec	10.00am	John Walsh. At the request of the graveyard committee.
Wednesday	25 th Dec	10.00am	People of the Parish. The Nativity of our Lord.
Sunday	29 th Dec.	10.00am	Opening of Jubilee year 2025 John Sullivan, Barrule.

Parish Office: (located at left side of church) Tues. Wed. & Thurs. 10.00am to 1pm.

Mass Cards are for sale in the Parish office, **Diary 2025** is available in the parish office (70288) if you wish to book Masses. All town Masses streamed live.

Access the streaming <https://mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart-1>

*Weekly envelopes can be placed in the Black Box at the back of the Church.

* Eucharistic Adoration. Wednesday at 10.30am -11.30am Main Church. All welcome

Ministers of the Eucharist	28/29 th Dec	Trish Orpen, Liam & Anne O'Driscoll
Readers	28/29 Dec.	Catherine Mills/Sandra O'Shea

4th Sunday of Advent. 22nd December 2024.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr. Sean Murphy, 0876684971

Altar Servers	29 th Dec.	Ellie & Sean O'Sullivan, Anita Carmel Turner Bowles, Roise O'Neill
----------------------	-----------------------	---

Week 1.	Week 2.
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole 6.30pm Allihies 8.00pm Eyerics Sunday Mass Bere Island 10.00am Castletownbere 12.00pm. Rossmacowen Church 10.00am Holy Days as previous week.	Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole Sunday Mass Bere Island 10.00am Cahermore 10.00am Castletownbere 12.00pm. Ardroom 11.30am Rossmacowen Church 10.00am Holy Days as previous week.
Week 1 Dec. 14/15 th Week 2. Dec. 21/22 nd . Week 1. 28 th /20 th Dec.	

24th December Christmas Eve. 6.00pm. Children's Mass. Castletownbere
24th December. Christmas Eve. Castletownbere Vigil Mass. 9.00pm
25th December. Christmas Day Masses. Rossmacowen 10.00am.
25th December Bere Island 10.00am
25th December. Castletownbere 12.00pm.

***Christmas Tree.** You are invited to write names of absent family or friends on white side of tie tags which you will find at Sacred Space. Please hang them on the big Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

24th Dec. Christmas Eve. Santa will be at the Children's Mass 6.00pm.

Contribution boxes have been delivered, if you have not received one, please contact the office. Please collect the Eucharistic Minister new rota in the Sacristy

***Second Collection Christmas Day Collection.** The Christmas Dues (which supports your priests) will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your generous support during the year.

Tralahan Annual Christmas Day Swim will take place at 1.15pm, everyone welcome to take the plunge. Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of Tralahan Strand. Raffle on the day.

*Wishing everyone a very happy & Holy Christmas and God's many blessings in health and happiness in 2025.

Reflection Put the crib scene, the birth of Jesus, at the centre of your Christmas. Let it remind you of how God 'loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16), and that all of us have so much to be grateful for. May God's goodness to us inspire in us goodness towards others. This Christmas carry in your heart the song of the angels to the shepherds:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, And peace to all people who enjoy his favour.'

God Bless.

Fr. Noel 0872935969