##### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 15– 12 - 2024

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND - From Sun. 1.00pm. to Mon. 9.00am**

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**FR. PAT CREAN-LYNCH - 0872200114**

***CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CAUSEWAY***

DEATHS: Jim Walsh, Cork (Husband of Nora O’Connor, Clash)

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Joseph Diggins, Dave O’Connor, Mary O’Connor, Pat Joe O’Connor, Jim McNulty, Mai McNulty.

MASSES:

Sun. 11.00am. Patrick Pigott (Marian Tce.), Nancy, Dan & Ann McCarthy,

 John & Mary Thornton, John Michael, Bridget & Michael O’Sullivan

Tues. 10.00am. Thomas Joseph Diggins, Marian Tce.

Thurs.10.00am. Thomas Costello, Michael O’Carroll, Special Intention – Mass Cards

Fri. 7.30pm. Dave, Mary & Pat Joe O’Connor, Jim & Mai McNulty, Eileen O’Connor,

 John Foran.

Sun. 11.00am. 22nd Dec. Mick & Baby Barron, Mary Barron-Leahy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:Sun. 11.00am.– Íde Barrett, Geraldine Quilter

READERS:Sun. 11.00am. Gary Moriarty

CAUSEWAY COMMUNITY GROUP 50/50 DRAW: Ciara Counihan

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday after Mass

COMMUNION CALLS - This coming week for Christmas & the New Year, Note no calls

In January 2025

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Causeway Church, Tuesday next 17th Dec. – 7.30pm. We encourage as many people as possible to come along and avail of this

opportunity for Christmas. Beautiful short service with Fr. Gerard. Please come along.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve – 6.30pm., Christmas Day – 10.00am.

CONGRATULATIONS to Seamus Breen & Niamh Guerin on their marriage: to Orla Casey & Paul O’Grady on their marriage.

SEEDS OF HOPE - Returning Biodiversity to Our Parishes. A Laudato Si conference for

the Diocese of Kerry, Killaloe, Limerick, Cashel & Emily. Join us for a day to equip yourself

and your parish community to walk more gently on the earth, with dynamic speakers, practical workshops and a marketplace to support. Saturday, 25th January 2025 from 10.00am. to 4.00pm. in Springfort Hall, Mallow, Co Cork. To register, please email maia.murphy@trocaire.org

2025 – A YEAR IN THE CHURCH: A Jubilee Year is held every 25 years. Pope

Francis will officially open the year by opening a Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The beginning will be celebrated worldwide on the following Sunday, 29th

Dec. – Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and thus at all our Masses

that weekend, Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme – “Pilgrims of Hope”. We are

asked to treat the year ahead as a year-long pilgrimage seeking together to become more aware that truly Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, is with us each day – as our help, strength and guide. When we speak of “Hope” we mean “Hope in Jesus Christ”, Hope in our God, Father, Son & Spirit.

***At the end of this day, write down all the good things you have in your life. This will very probably help you to have a good night’s sleep and subconsciously set you up for***

 ***a good day tomorrow. We should count our blessings and think positively.***

**PARISH PRIEST – FR. GERARD FINUCANE - 0870554874**

**PARISH OFFICE – TUESDAY – FRIDAY 10.30AM.- 1.00PM. - 0667148404**

## ***CHURCH OF SS PETER & PAUL BALLYDUFF***

## DEATHS: John Doherty

## ANNIVERSARIES: Tom O’Brien, Noreen O’Carroll

## MASSES:

Sat. 6.30pm. Jack & Kit McEllistrim, Mary B. & John O’Rourke,

 Michael Lucid, Marian Godley, James & Dan O’Sullivan,

 (The Square), Eddie Joe, Hannah & Cecelia Herbert &

##  Deceased of Family, Kitty & Pats O’Connor

Wed. 7.00pm. Noreen O’Carroll

Sat. 6.30pm. 21st Dec. Chas Laide, 1st Anniver. Mary Scott – 1st Anniver.

 Catriona Dowling (10th Annive.) Thomas O’Connor (Sleaveen),

 Nora & John McKenna, Willie & Nell Goggin, John Hillard.

 John Michael Houlihan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Richard Casey, Teddy O’Sullivan,

Martina O’Mahony.

READERS: Sat. 6.30pm. Tina Egan

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wed. 10.30am.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Every Sunday – 3.00pm.

COMMUNION CALLS this coming week for Christmas & the New Year.

Note no calls in January 2025

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – Ballyduff Church - Monday next 16th Dec. – 7.30pm. We encourage as many people as possible to come along and

avail of this opportunity for Christmas. Beautiful short service with Fr. Gerard. Please come along.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve – 8.00pm Christmas Day – 11.00am.

BUDS FRC BALLYDUFF: Greeting Cards & Care Packs will be sent by post

on Tuesday next, 17th Dec. We still have some Nursing Homes and Care Facilities to fill all over Kerry.. If you would like to make a difference in someone’s life in

full-time nursing care, this is a wonderful opportunity not to miss out on.

**FR. GERARD’S CORNER**

**WHAT MUST I DO**

‘What must we do?’ is a question that begins today’s Gospel. It is a question we

will often find ourselves asking. For us as followers of Jesus, as people who have been baptized into Christ, the question becomes ‘What does the Lord want me to do?’ ‘What is the Lord asking of me?’ The answer to that question won’t always

be easy to find. We may need guidance. The people in today’s gospel looked to John the Baptist for guidance. We too may need to talk to someone who can

help us to see what it is we must do. We each have to work out what the call of

the gospel means for us in our own specific circumstances of life: what must I do

no one else can do, that no one else is called to do, because my circumstances

in life are unique to me?

LAST WORD: **Do something this weekend – either lead, follow or get out of the way.**