##### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - 22 – 12 - 2024

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

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**FR. SEAN HANAFIN - 0878341083**

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

DEATHS: Maeve O’Connor, Dublin & Drumnacurra, Mary Connolly (nee Dineen) London & Cleandries (Sister of Nellie)

MASSES:

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

Tues. 6.30pm. Christmas Eve – Kathleen Hanly & dec. of Hanly Family, Denis, Elizabeth

 & Jerry O’Regan, Monty & Julie Leahy, Den Joe O’Connell, William, Julia,

 Maurice (Sonny) & Michael Dineen, J. P. & Margaret Cantillon, Mary B.

 & Michael Guerin, Peg & Mossie Foley, John Joe & Marita McGrath.

Wed. 10.00am. Christmas Day – Christmas Mass Bouquets & People of the Parish

Fri. 6.00pm. Dec. Leen, Carroll & Neville Families, Special Intention

Sun. 11.00am. 29th Dec. Patrick M & Margaret Dineen & dec. of Dineen Family, Sean,

 Michael & Mary Kavanagh, Patrick, Catherine & Pat Delaney.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:Christmas Eve – Roisin O’Hanlon, Norma O’Donoghue, Breda O’Dwyer, Bridie Kearney, Christmas Day – Margaret Leen, Mary Donegan,

Sun. (29th) – Bridget Buckley, Liz Keane

READERS:Christmas Eve – Paul O’Shea, Christmas Day – Bridget Buckley, Sun. (29th) Deirdre Flynn

CAUSEWAY COMMUNITY GROUP 50/50 DRAW: Fr. Gerard Finucane

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will resume on Thursday, 2nd Jan.

PARISH OFFICE Is now closed until Thursday, 2nd Jan.

CAUSEWAY COMMUNITY GROUP – CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM - Meenogahane Pier – 12 noon. Refreshments & Music. CHRISTMAS QUIZ - Sat. 28th Dec. – Hartys Bar – 8.30pm. €5 per head. Lots of spot prizes on the night. Come along for a great night out.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Carroll & Gillian Ryan on their marriage.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 10th – 17th Sept. 2025. Cork to Dubrovnik - €899. Phone – 016852244 or info@joewalshtours.ie More info from Maura O’Keeffe Harcksen – 0871517696. Spiritual Director – Fr. Francis Nolan – 0872100273

CONGRATULATIONS to the Clanmaurice Camogie Team & Management on winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Final last weekend.

**JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER**

**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**

**During this Christmas Season may you be blessed with the Spirit of the Season which is Peace, the gladness of the Season which is Hope, and the heart of the Season which is Love.**

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

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

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

## ANNIVERSARIES: Anto Horgan, Noreen O’Brien, Dara Hennessy, Tom O’Brien, Molly Browne, Nell McEllistrim, Nora O’Sullivan, Dec. of Scott & Burke Families, John & Kay O’Sullivan

## MASSES:

## Sat. 6.30pm. Chas Laide, 1st Anniver. May Scott – 1st Anniver. Catriona

 Dowling (10th Anniver), Thomas O’Connor, (Sleaveen),

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

John Michael Houlihan, John Regan.

Tues. 8.00pm. Christmas Eve – Cathy-Mai O’Halloran, John O’Carroll (Clash).

 Willie Laide & dec. of Family, Stephen & Margaret O’Sullivan,

 Nell Murphy, Dara Hennessy, Mike Joe Quinlan, Sean Quinlan,’

 & dec. of Quinlan Family, Mick & Margaret Fealy, Dec. of Wynne,

 Neilan, Goggin, Buckley, Breen, Casey & Lucid Families.

 Michael, Mary, Frank & Eddie O’Callaghan.

Wed. 11.00am. Christmas Day – Christmas Mass Bouquets & People of the

 Parish.

Thurs. 6.00pm. St. Stephen’s Day

Sat. 6.30pm. 28th Dec. Nora Rochford, Eileen O’Carroll - Williams, John Joe

 Browne, Catherine Lenehan (nee McCarthy), Ogie & Ray Barrett

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Sat. 28th Dec. Rita Goulding, Anthony Doyle, Sara Ann Ross.

READERS: Sat. 6.30pm. Des Rochford.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will resume of Wed. 8th January.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: Every Sunday – 3.00pm.

PARISH OFFICE now closed until Thursday, 2nd Jan.

ANNUAL FESTIVE RUN – 5K for Irish Cancer Society on St. Stephen’s Day – 11.15am. (note slight change of time). Registration from 10.30am. in Church Car Park. All welcome.

**Excerpts from Bishop Ray’s Christmas letter.**

**It is wonderful that Christmas continues to be a family celebration in Ireland. Families celebrate together, family members love to be home for Christmas. The birth of Jesus both fulfilled and revealed the loving plan of God for all peoples. In the Church, 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, a Holy Year. On Sunday, the 29th December, the feast of the Holy Family, the Jubilee Year will open. Pope Francis has chosen the theme ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. This points to the reality that life is a journey, a journey in search of meaning and fulfilment, a fulfilment that is to be found in**

**our relationship with Jesus Christ. This Christmas carry in your heart the song of the angels to the shepherds: ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven. Peace to all people who enjoy his favour.**

**FR. GERARD’S CORNER**

**BLESSED AND GRACED BY CHRIST IN OUR MIDST**

**The meeting of Mary and Elizabeth can help to remind us that it is our presence to each other that is important at this time of the year, rather than any presents we might purchase. Celebrating Christmas well is about being present to others in ways that leave them blessed and graced. May each of us this Christmas be a bearer of the Lord to others as Mary was a bearer of the Lord to Elizabeth. A blessed and Holy Christmas to all.**

LAST WORD: **This Christmas do not get so wrapped up in ourselves that we neglect those a**