

**Planned Giving Boxes for 2025 are now ready for distribution. Please take your box.**

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**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal is underway. The annual church gate collection takes place this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and the Masses.**

All money collected stays local. If you would like to donate a voucher and contribute to the collection you can also drop it into the parish office. Your continued support is very much appreciated

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**A big thank you to all who supported the bake sale in Mean Scoil on Thursday. A total of 800 euro was raised for the local St. Vincent de Paul conference.**

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**The Annual Christmas Lessons and Carols service will be held in Kilgobbin Church, Camp on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 3pm, followed by tea in the Old School House in Camp. The Village Voices Choir from Castlegregory and the St. Mary's Camp Choir will take part.**

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**Kerry Hospice are again giving you the opportunity to remember your loved ones by sponsoring a light on the online Memorial tree. To shine a light for your loved one, go to <http://www.lighttoremember.com> and add your own personal tribute. Thank you for your support.**

**Free Information Day for Older Persons** in partnership with Olders Persons Groups in West Kerry and HSE on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Halla Cheann Trá, Ceann Trá. Speakers on Succession, Crime Prevention Fire Service and Health and Well Being . Lots of Information Stands on the Day . **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Please Contact John at 087 7590050 or email [john.walsh2@hse.ie](mailto:john.walsh2@hse.ie)

**Active retired** dinners in the Clubrooms every Tuesday. New members are always welcome. Any cancellations to Michelle on 085 2432251.

**The children from Castlegregory National School** will have a Christmas carol service in St. Mary's church on Thursday morning 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 11am. Everyone is welcome.

**The Radio Maria Ireland Family** invites you to their Annual Fundraising Social at the Meadowlands Hotel Tralee on **Fri Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** Doors open at 6.30. pm. Thanks to our benefactors, a host of spot prizes will be available on the night. Book your ticket by ringing RMI 01-4123456. Music by: Sheila Fitzgerald and Deacon Thady.

## **Thought for the Week**

**“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.” *Henri Nouwen, priest***

# Parish Life Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C



## *St Therese of Lisieux*

*“Do you realise that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... Don’t listen to the demon; laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.”*

### Office Hours

**Mondays & Holy Days – Closed**  
**Tuesdays – 11.00am to 3.00pm**  
**Wednesdays – 11.00am to 4.00pm**  
**Thursday – Working from home text or phone mobile number 087 1438060 between 11.00am to 4.30pm**  
**Friday – 11am to 4.30pm.**  
**Closed 1pm to 1.30pm for lunch.**

### Weekend Mass Times

**St. Mary’s Castlegregory**  
**Sunday 11.30am**  
**St. Brendan’s Cloghane**  
**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm**  
**(alternating with St. Mary’s Camp)**  
**(see newsletter)**  
[www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

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**Parish Priest**  
*Fr Eamonn Mulvihill*

**Parish Secretary**  
*Bernie Dowling*

**DONATE**



### Confession

**St. Mary’s – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass**  
**St. Brendan’s – Tuesdays closest to First Fridays after the 7.00pm**

### Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration

**St. Mary’s**  
**Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am**  
**Wednesday – 10.00am to 11.00am and 5pm to 9pm**  
**Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am**  
**Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm**

**St. Brendan’s**  
**Tuesday – 11.15am to 12.15pm**  
**Thursday – 2.00pm to 3.00pm**  
**Saturday – 11.15am to 12.15pm**  
**Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am**

**Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Advent year C**

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Today the second Sunday of Advent we are again looking forward in joyful hope to the coming of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for His arrival. The Bible readings tell us when Jesus comes at the end of time, we will see the fulfilment of Gods promises when all things and people will be judged by Christ. While we wait, we are meant to repent and do reparation. In the St. Luke's Gospel today we are told John the Baptist is calling people to repent and prepare by fasting prayer and alms giving. John lived in the desert away from attractions and distractions of the world; he was able to give his whole life to God. The most important question for each of us is: Do I allow Jesus

Christ into my life to become my Lord and Saviour?"

We need to spend some quiet time reflecting every day and ask ourselves: Where do I stand with God. By doing a self-inventory we go beyond the everyday thinking and challenge ourselves. Jesus gave us His Church and the Sacraments to enable us to have a relationship with Him and in order to be present to us in the Eucharist. By receiving Him as the Bread of Life regularly and going to Confession we can stay close to Him and He lives in us. Today let us begin again and open our hearts to Him anew as we prepare to celebrate His birth at Christmas and allow Him to enter and fill us with His abundant love and graces during these days of Advent. Light a purple candle in your home as a sign of repentance in preparation for the Coming of the Lord.

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**Intentions for this Weekend**

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**St. Mary's – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 11.30am Intention:**  
**Patrick Finn, Bermingham – First Anniversary.**

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**St. Brendan's - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.15pm – Intention:**  
**John & Bridie Curran, Liss – daughter, Mary O'Connor and**

**granddaughter, Sheila O'Connor,  
Aughacarla**

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**We Pray for**

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**James O'Sullivan, Kilmore &  
New York**

**Fr Seamus McKenna,  
Ballyferriter**

**Brian Lynch, Chicago &  
Maharees**

**Peg Knightly, nee Dennehy –  
Annascaul and Illauncaum**

**John McMahon, Brandon &  
Newcastle West**

**Bill Lalor, Tipperary &  
Castlegregory**

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**Weekday Mass Schedule  
St. Mary's**

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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00pm**  
Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of BVM. Private  
Intention.

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**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @**  
**10.00am – Private Intention:**

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – No**  
**parish Mass**

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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @**  
**10.00am – No Intention,**

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00pm**  
**Intention – Bill Lalor, Tipperary &**  
**Castlegregory (CONFESSION**  
**AFTER MASS)**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Third**  
**Sunday of Advent @ 11.30am –**

**Intentions: (1) Maurice & Mary**  
**Bowler, London & The Warren**  
**(2) Thomas & Catherine Flaherty**  
**& their son, John Joe,**  
**Meenascarty.**

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**St. Brendan's**

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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am**  
Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of BVM. No Intention.

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**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @**  
**7.00pm – Intention: John**  
**McMahon, Brandon & Newcastle**  
**West who died recently.**  
**(CONFESSION AFTER MASS)**

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – No**  
**vigil Mass in St. Brendan's.**  
**Vigil Mass in Camp church @**  
**6.15pm.**

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**Preparation Evening will take**  
**place this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
**2025 @ 7.30pm.** It is a  
requirement to attend this  
evening. Please call Bernie at  
the parish office on 066 7139145  
to book a place.

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**Priest on Deanery duty this**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December is Fr**  
**Eamonn Mulvihill. In the event of**  
**an emergency, please call 066**  
**7130145.**

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