

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

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**Christmas Mass Times –**

**St. Mary's – Christmas Eve 8pm**

**and Christmas Day @ 11.30am**

**St. Brendan's – Christmas Day @**

**10.00am**

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**2025, A Jubilee Year in the**

**Church.** A Jubilee Year is held every twenty-five 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, 29<sup>th</sup> December 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 and Spirit.

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**The Annual Christmas Lessons and Carols service will be held in Kilgobbin Church, Camp this Sunday 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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**St. Vincent de Paul - 087  
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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.**

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**Active retired dinners take a break now until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Wishing everybody a Happy Christmas.**

**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 Courtney & Townsend families invite you to a **coffee morning in of Féileacáin**, (stillbirth and neonatal death support) in the Clubrooms this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 11.30 to 1pm.

**Samaritans of Kerry** annual church gate collection takes on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Please support !

**Thought for the Week**

*Lord, the good news of Jesus' arrival brings such joy to our world! Reach those who are lost and searching with the message of hope that we have through the Messiah. God, allow your message of peace to bring comfort to our anxious world. As we all go about the holiday season, let the message of great joy pierce through all the noise and into people's hearts. Amen.*

# Parish Life Newsletter

15<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)**

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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**

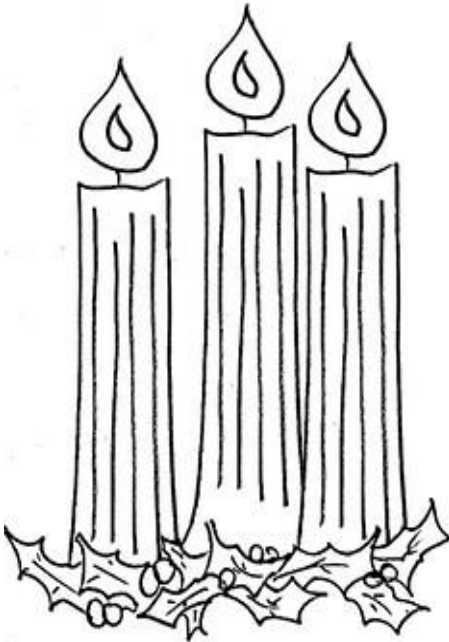
**Saturday – 11.15am to 12.15pm**

**Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am**

**Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December  
2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent year C**

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This Sunday we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing. The readings encourage us to find joy and hope in the coming of the Lord. Zephaniah in the First Reading tells us to shout for joy and be glad because the Lord has removed the judgement against us. He is in our midst and we have no reason to fear. In the second reading from St. Paul, he tells us to always rejoice in the Lord

and not to worry about anything. He encourages us to pray and give thanks to God and then we will experience God's peace. In today's Gospel, after John the Baptist preaches the good news of repentance, the people asked him, 'What must we do? John tells them they must be generous and share with those who have less, and be just in their dealings with others. The people were filled with expectation as he preached the good news to them. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas, let us ask that same question 'what must we do? How do I find joy and peace in the midst of difficulties? We can only find the peace of Christ when our relationship with Him is in the right order. A good start is an examination of conscience and then seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Advent is a great opportunity to be inspired to live our lives with renewed Faith, Hope and Love and so prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus.

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**Intentions for this Weekend**

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**St. Mary's - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**December @ 11.30am Intention:**

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

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**St. Brendan's - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**December - No vigil Mass -**

**The vigil Mass will be in Camp @ 6.15pm.**

**We Pray for**

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Séamus Sullivan, Kilmore & New York died recently. Also, remembering his wife, Eileen. Norris family, Chicago & O'Connor family, Kilshannig West.

Hannie Maunsell, Kellysheight  
Noreen Galvin, College Street  
John Paul O'Mahony, Kilcummin

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**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**St. Mary's**

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**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00p**

**Intention: Noreen Galvin, College Street.**

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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @**

**10.00am - Intention: Hannie**

**Maunsell, Kellysheight**

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**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - No**

**parish Mass**

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @**

**10.00am - Private Intention.**

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.00pm**

**Intention - John Paul Mahony, Kilcummin**

**(CONFESSION AFTER MASS)**

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Fourth**

**Sunday of Advent @ 11.30am -**

**Intention: Martin Ferriter,**

**Aughacsla.**

**St. Brendan's**

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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @**

**7.00pm - Intention: Séamus**

**Sullivan, Kilmore & New York who died recently & his wife, Eileen.**

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Vigil**

**@ 6.15pm - Intention: For all**

**those who help in the parish. (CONFESSION AFTER MASS)**

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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 9<sup>th</sup> December is Fr**

**Eoghan Ó Cadhla. In the event of**

**an emergency, please call 087**

**6951318.**

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