

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

Our next Family Sunday Mass takes place on January 12th @ 11.30am – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – it will celebrate also, all the babies baptized in 2024

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, 29th 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.

Deacon Thady O'Connor will feature the Kilflynn Christmas Concert and Remembrance Service on St Stephen's Day during his Breakfast Show on Radio Maria Ireland. Time 8.30 am. Available on 210 Saorview TV or on the Radio Maria Ireland app.

Baptism Preparation Evening will take place this Monday 13th January 2025 @ 7.30pm

Parish Office will close on Friday 20th December and reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Christ Day Swim @ 12.45 Castle Beach. Donations to local SVP.

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

Rambling House will take place in the Clubrooms on Friday 27th @ 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Evening of Gospel & Country music with slideshow from the local men's and ladies' choirs will take place in the Clubrooms on Friday 3rd January @ 7.30pm. No admission charge, silent donations on the way out in aid of the Alzheimer's society.

To all our parishioners, we wish the peace and joy of Christmas to you and your families Thank you for your continued support throughout the year



Parish Life Newsletter

22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent
29th December – Feast of the Holy Family



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

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

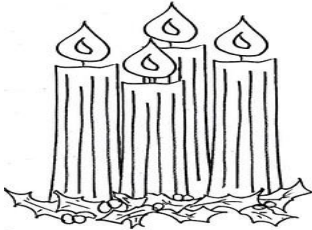
St. Mary’s
Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am
Wednesday – 10.00am to 11.00am and 5pm to 9pm
Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am
Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm

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

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**Week beginning 22nd December
2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
29th December – Feast of the
Holy Family**



In the Gospel, according to Luke, on this fourth Sunday of Advent, we see the very beginnings of God's plan for us, the incarnation of His Son who would show us how to live and love as God the Father wants us to. Mary and Elizabeth were the instruments of God's saving plan. From the very beginning the humility of Mary was obvious, she travelled many miles to visit Elizabeth, newly pregnant with God's Son. As soon as Mary greeted Elizabeth there was a reaction from Elizabeth and from John in her womb who leaped in joy in her womb at the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb. "Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." She then recognised Mary as the mother of Jesus and was humbled that the mother of God should visit her. Mary brought Jesus to Elizabeth and Elizabeth recognised the presence of Jesus in Mary. We can also try to imitate Mary and Elizabeth in spreading the Kingdom of God in our own communities. Does our humility, our commitment to Jesus, our worship, our Christian living bring Jesus presence to other people? Like

Elizabeth, do we recognise Jesus presence in every person we meet each day especially in those we don't particularly like, in the addicted, in people who hold different views to our own and of course in those closest to us? At this stage as we approach Christmas, most of the preparations are done or at least well under way, Santa, food, presents and parties, etc. The single most powerful and meaningful preparation we can make is by saying "Yes" to Jesus as Mary did when she was asked to conceive Him. Jesus is asking us to say "Yes" to His plan for us; to trust in Him and to know He is walking beside us throughout our lives. So, as we face another Christmas let's be happy and renew our Confirmation "Yes" to Jesus as we welcome our Saviour. This will lead us to the real joy and happiness of Christmas.

Intentions for this Weekend

**St. Mary's – Sunday 22nd
December @ 11.30am Intention:
Martin Ferriter, Aughacasla**

**St. Brendan's - Saturday 21st
December @ 6.15pm – Mass for
all who help in the
parish/Church.**

We Pray for

John Johnson, Leixlip and Brandon
Funeral Mass – See St Brendan's
Kitty Barry, Limerick & Beal Geal

Tiny Kennedy & his sister Breda,
Main Street.
Mary Courtney, Cutteen
Peggy Courtney, Maharabeg
Patrick O'Sullivan, Murrigrane &
his son, Enda.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary's Church,

Christmas Eve @ 8.00pm

Christmas Day @ 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day @ 11.00am -

Tiny & Breda Kennedy, Main St.

Friday 27th December @

10.00am - Mary Courtney,
Cutteen

Saturday 28th December @ 2pm
Baptism

Sunday 29th December @

11.30am - (1) Peggy Courtney
Maharabeg (2) John & Mary
Goodwin, Ceandehy & deceased
family members

No Mass 30th & 31st December

New Year's Day 1st January @

11.00am - Mass for all who help
in the parish/church.

No Mass on the 2nd & 3rd
January.

Sunday 5th January @ 11.30am -

Intention: Tom & Margaret
Kennedy, Coolroe & deceased
family members.

St Brendan's Church,

Monday 23rd December -

Funeral Mass for John Johnson,
Leixlip & Brandon. Arriving at St.
Brendan's at 10.30am for Mass at
11am. Burial in Milltown
Cemetery, Dingle.

Christmas Day @ 10.00am

Saturday 28th December @

11.00am - Months Mind for
Catherine Dowd, Cloghane & also
remember her husband, Sean,
whose anniversary occurs at this
time.

No Mass on the 31st of
December

New Year's Day 1st January @

10.00am - **Intention:** Patrick
O'Sullivan & his son, Enda,
Murrigrane.

Saturday Vigil 4th January @

6.15pm Vigil - Maura & Frank
Fitzgerald, Cappagh

Priest on Deanery duty this
Sunday December 22nd is Fr
Michael Moynihan. In the event
of an emergency, please call 066
9151208.