

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Parish of Ardfert

22 December 2024

### ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, ARDFERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH, KILMOYLEY

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RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Gurnett née McCarthy, Doon North, Tralee and formerly of Banna East, Ardfert; Thomas (Tom) Laffin, Bray, Co Wicklow; Dermot O'Callaghan, Killarney.

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 22 December, St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Elizabeth Davis, Tubridmore, Ardfert (5 <sup>th</sup> anniv); Hannah May Leen, Station Rd, Ardfert (Birthday Remembrance), Kitty & Jer Lyne and their son Tom Joe and their grandson Thomas McElligott (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv)
Mon	10.00 am	Special Intention
Mon	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Tues	10.00 am	Peg & George Crean-Lynch, Annascaul
Tues	9.00 pm	Christmas Midnight Mass - Mass for All the People of the Parish
Weds	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass – Tony Browne, Ardahan, Ardfert
Thurs	10.00 am	
Sun	11.00 am	Sheila & Tom Stack and deceased members of the Stack family, Banna Cross and Peg McCarthy, Carrahane

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 22 Dec – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Hannah & James Sheehy, Ballinorig; Mary Keane, Kilmoyley South (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv); Patrick O'Sullivan, Ardahan; Michael Deenihan, Ardahan
Tues	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass – Johnny O'Driscoll, Lerrig, Ardfert (15 <sup>th</sup> anniv)
Weds	9.30 am	Christmas Day Mass
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Caoimhe Nora Roche.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €1350; Capital Envelope Collection: €660. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office will be open on Monday 23 December from 9.30 am – 12 midday.** Tel: 7134131/ email: [ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie).
- ❖ 'A Christmas Message' from Bishop Ray Browne is available in both churches. Please take one home with you.
- ❖ **SAMARITANS Annual Collection** will take place at all Christmas Masses.

- ❖ **Christmas Collections.** The Parish Finance Council thanks you for your continued financial support of our parish and our priest throughout the year. **Christmas Dues Priest's Collection** - yellow envelopes are available in both churches for those of you who do not have a box of envelopes. All parish envelopes can be securely posted through the letterbox of the parish office or put in the collection box in Ardfert church porch. Please make cheques payable to 'Ardfert Parish'. Thank you.
- ❖ **2025, A Jubilee Year in the Church.** A Jubilee Year is held every 25 years. Pope Francis officially opens the Year by opening a Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The Beginning will be celebrated on the following Sunday, 29 December, Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and thus at all our Masses next 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' and Hope in God, Father, Son & Spirit.
- ❖ **A Message from Ardfert Altar Society** – At Christmas time we remember all former members of the Altar Society who have gone to their eternal reward. We remember especially Eileen, Mary and Gráinne. May they rest in peace.
- ❖ 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** at 8.30 am. Available on 210 Saorview TV and on the Radio Maria app.
- ❖ We're delighted to congratulate the **Clanmaurice Camogie Team and Management** on their magnificent achievement in retaining their All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship title by virtue of their victory in the final against Ahascragh/Caltra, Co Galway last Sunday in Croke Park. Their victory was most comprehensive on the scoreline of 2 – 16 to 1 – 1 and the camogie played by Clanmaurice was truly exhibition stuff! Once again all involved in this wonderful success have done themselves and their families and our county proud! Ciarraí abú!

Fr Pat would like to wish all the People of the Parish a very happy and peaceful Christmas, praying God's blessing on you and all belonging to you at this time and throughout the coming year.

#### A Christmas Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that same hour O my God hear my prayer and grant my request. Amen.