

Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

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2nd Sunday after Christmas. 5th January 2024.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr. George Hayes, 0871226888

Please pray for all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Church Castletownbere

Saturday	4 th Jan.	6.30pm	Norma Murphy, Anniversary Mass
Sunday	5 th Jan.	12.00pm	Anne Marie Walsh, Bayview, C.T.B. and Clonakilty
Monday	6 th Jan.	12.00pm	Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord
Wednesday	8 th Jan	10.00am	Sebastian Bartos, 3 rd Anniversary. Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.
Thursday	9 th Jan	10.00.am	Private Intention.
Saturday	11 th Jan	6.30pm	Eileen Orpen, Daniel and Julia Duggan, Millstreet, John and Johanna Orpen, Bere Island.
Sunday	12 th Jan.	12.00pm	Private Intention.

Confessions at Sacred Heart Church Every Sat at 12:00 noon or on request.

St Bartholomew's Church Rossmacowen

Sunday	5 th Jan.	10:00am	
Sunday	12 th Jan.	10.00am	William Harrington Anniversary and his parents Joe and Philomena Harrington.

St Michaels Church Bere Island

Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm

Sunday	5 th Jan	10.00am	
Sunday	12 th Jan	10.00am	Bernadette & John K. O'Sullivan.

Parish Office: (located at left side of church) Tues. Wed. & Thurs. 10.00am to 1pm.

Mass Cards are for sale in the Parish office, **Diary 2025** is available in the parish office (70288) if you wish to book Masses. All town Masses streamed live.

Access the streaming <https://mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart-1>

*Weekly envelopes can be placed in the Black Box at the back of the Church.

* next Cleaning date group 2 Jan 13th. Morning 10.00am.

* Eucharistic Adoration. Wednesday at 10.30am -11.30am Main Church. All welcome

Ministers of the Eucharist	11/12 Jan	Catherine Mills, Liam & Ann O'Driscoll
Readers	11/12 Jan	Luke O'Neill. Conor Lynch and Margaret Hurley
Altar Servers	12 th Jan.	Danny Orpen, Laoise Orpen, Fionn Gilsean, Mike and Ollie Fenton.

Week 1.

Saturday Vigil

6.30pm Castletownbere

8.00pm Adrigole

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Sunday Mass

Bere Island 10.00am

Castletownbere 12.00pm.

Rossmacowen Church 10.00am

Holy Days as previous week.

Week 2, 4/5th Jan. Week 1, 11th/12th Jan. Week 2 18/19th Jan.

Week 2.

Saturday Vigil

6.30pm Castletownbere

8.00pm Adrigole

Sunday Mass

Bere Island 10.00am

Cahermore 10.00am

Castletownbere 12.00pm.

Ardgroom 11.30am

Rossmacowen Church 10.00am

Holy Days as previous week.

Contribution boxes have been delivered, if you have not received one, please contact the office.

Please collect the Eucharistic Minister's new rota in the Sacristy.

*2nd collection Jan 11/12th. Needs of the Holy Land.

As Ireland celebrates *Nollaig na mBan* (Women's Christmas) on 6 January, Julieann Moran, General Secretary of the Irish Synodal Pathway is drawing important parallels between the resurgence of this Irish tradition and the growing recognition of women's contributions in the Catholic Church, the revival of *Nollaig na mBan* offers a powerful reflection of what's happening within the Catholic Church in Ireland, particularly within the framework of the global Synod on Synodality. The Synod has emphasised the need to listen to and include women in leadership roles, a theme that emerged strongly in the Irish Church's synodal consultations.

Reflection. What is the 'hope' that Pope Francis calls us to, in other words what might it look like in the concrete circumstances of our own lives:

Hope looks like forgiving when you want to stay angry. It looks like being kind to someone who doesn't deserve it, because you believe they can change.

Hope looks like standing up for what is right, even when it costs you, because you believe justice matters. **Hope** is getting out of bed in the morning when you're struggling and depressed and uncertain – believing – just maybe – that today might bring something new. **Hope** looks like parents raising children in a digital world, helping them to understand that their value goes beyond screens, and teaching them to find their identity in something deeper than "likes" and "comments" on social media. **Hope** looks like peacemakers who refuse to give up on reconciliation ... and so much more."

God Bless.

Fr. Noel 0872935969