



## Second Sunday of Christmas

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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### Deaths

Teddy Healy, Castle Lawn.

Bridie Ferguson (nee O'Carroll) USA, L/O Old Mill

### Mass intentions for this weekend

Saturday Vigil... Jimmy, Mary & MaryAnne Casey & Mike Hanlon

Sunday Mass..... Christopher (Christy) Flynn (1<sup>st</sup> ann)

### Mass intentions for the coming week.

Mon...6.00pm...*The Epiphany of The Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
 John Patrick O'Connell (month's mind)

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\* Please note there will be no Mass in the Church on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday as the Priests of the Pastoral Area will be attending The Priests Assembly.

### Mass intentions for next weekend

Sat....8.00pm Fr Paddy and Patsy Godley & Special Intention  
 Sun...10.00am Patrick & Kathy Kenny

Address: Chapel Rd., Ballyheigue, Tralee Co Kerry  
 Eircode: V92 HY57

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 Live streaming of masses on: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)-  
 Parishes - Ballyheigue –click on picture of the Church.

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 Under GDPR, the recording of Requiem/Funeral Masses, is a decision for the next-of-kin of the deceased and must be requested via the undertaker. The undertaker will make the family aware of this.

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 Church Open: 11am –4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday

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 The Parish Office is open in the Presbytery, 9.40am-1.00pm Wednesday & Thursday mornings (closed on Holy Days). All bookings for Masses, Baptisms and Weddings to go through the Parish office Mass cards also available. Email: [ballyheigue@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:ballyheigue@dioceseofkerry.ie) phone number (066) 7133110 (office hours)

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month.

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 Celebration of The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm. Individual Confessions available on request.

Offertory Collection Christmas season €1,907.49 & 29<sup>th</sup>/Dec €759.10  
 Thank you for your support and generosity to our Parish. You may continue to hand in your Parish Envelopes to the Post office and we thank the Post Office for continuing to provide this facility to us. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Pitch your tent next to His, this year!

*“The good news of the Second Sunday after Christmas is that God lights up a dark world which lives all too often by the adage: last person standing put out the lights! The readings today are telling us that Jesus became flesh and pitches his tent among us. He is the light that enlightens all people.*

*Our world receives the Christmas story with relative ease when it assumes it is about an inoffensive family whose existence is that of the underdog. Today's liturgy however asks questions of us: Who is Jesus Christ? Who is this Light, this Word, this Wisdom who pitches his tent among us?” (Sean Corkery)*

*This new year, as pilgrims of hope, let us pitch our tent next to His. In doing , we may come to know Him better, love Him and serve Him. ~ Fr Gerard*

Diocesan Collection -Needs of the Holy land will be taken up at all Masses next weekend 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January. A basket will be available near both exits. This collection provides assistance to Christian Communities in the Holy Land to help them to continue to live there It helps fund Dispensaries, Charitable institutions and Centres of Education and housing projects for the deprived.

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Munster Dioceses “Seeds of Hope” Conference. An initiative of the dioceses of Kerry, Limerick, Killaloe, Cashel and Emily. Learn how your local parish can respond to the ecological crisis. This biodiversity conference will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 in Springfort Hotel, Mallow. Further details from your parish office, and [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) To register, please email [maia.murphy@trocaire.org](mailto:maia.murphy@trocaire.org)

### We welcome into our Parish Community our newly Baptised in December

Senan Colgan, Dromgower

Alfie Jay Casey, Ballylongane

Sean Patrick O'Brien New Jersey & Tiershahahan

Cillian Jeremiah Bloomberg, Liverpool & Tiduff

May they grow in knowledge and wisdom and the grace of God

### Wedding Bells.

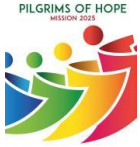
Congratulations to:

Stephen O'Connor & Yvonne Rice

who were married in St. Mary's Church in December

We wish them every joy and blessing in their future life together.

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Each day, you are invited to join in

- **Daily Prayer** – outlined in the Mission Booklet
  - **Mission Mass** live-streamed from 4 different churches in the diocese
  - **Schools Programme** – online
  - **Prayer Petitions** – online
  - **Family Time** – suggestions in the Mission Booklet
  - **Mission Talk each evening at 8pm**
- Sunday Jan 19th – Br Richard Hendrick, OFM Cap, *poet and mindfulness teacher*
  - Monday Jan 20th – Caoimhe de Barra, CEO of Trocaire, *passion for development and global justice*
  - Tuesday Jan 21st – David Wells, *author, international speaker, teacher*

- Wednesday Jan 22nd – Martina Lehane Sheehan, *author, spiritual guide, psychotherapist*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen ~*Pope Francis*

#### *The Jubilee Prayer 2025*

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope