ST MARY’S PARISH NEWSLETTER, TARBERT

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**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11th  DEC. 2016**

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| ***Saturday 10th*** | ***10am***  ***6pm*** | ***James M. O’ Connor, Main St. ( 100 yrs.)***  ***Kennedy Family Members, Main St.*** |
| ***Sunday 11th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Brendan Creedon, Main St.*** |
| ***Monday 12th*** | ***10am*** | ***Finbarr Carrig, St. Patricks Tce.*** |
| ***Tuesday 13th*** | ***10am*** | ***Private Intention.*** |
| ***Wednesday 14th*** | ***10am*** | ***Margaret Enright, Main St.*** |
| ***Thursday 15th*** | ***10am*** | ***Thanksgiving Mass for the Senior Choir. From Noreen Carrig and Family.*** |
| ***Friday 16th*** | ***10am*** | ***Therese Downey, The Square.*** |
| ***Saturday 17th*** | ***10am***  ***6pm*** | ***Special Intention.***  ***Jeremiah O’ Connor, Sallowglen.*** |
| ***Sunday 18th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Joan and Frank Lavery, Church St.*** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND*: Fr. Declan O’ Connor 087-0908949.***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - **€ 800 Special Collection € 316 Míle Buíochas**.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vigil 6pm - Margaret Scannell, Bernie Kelliher, Fidelma Cregan.**

**WK Starting 05/12 11.30am - Patricia Anglim O’ Connor, Noreen Horan, Mossie Horan.**

***Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm***

**Readers for December.**

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| **Date** | **Saturday Vigil 6 pm** | **Sunday 11.30 am** |
| ***Dec 17th/18th*** | Maureen Considine | Mary Lavery Carrig |
| ***Dec 24th/25th*** | Laura Lavery | Marie Mulvihill |

**CONFESSION** – Christmas Confession will take place after all Masses next weekend on 17th and 18th of December.

**ABSENT FAMILY AND FRIENDS** – you are invited to write the names of family members and friends who cannot be home for Christmas. They will be remembered at all Masses here throughout the Holy Season.

**AN ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE** – and readings by Candlelight will be held on Friday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm in St. Marys Church Tarbert. Refreshments will be served immediately afterwards in the Community Centre. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – Christmas Eve - Tarbert 6pm / Asdee 6pm / Ballylongford 7pm. Christmas Day – Tarbert 11.30am / Asdee 9.30am / Ballylongford 10.30am.

**PRAYER WITH THE ADVENT WREATH IN OUR PARISH**

**YOUTH** ; God, we light the pink candle today.

This reminds us that you want joy for us,

you want us to trust you,

and believe that you are there for us,

even when times are hard.

**PRIEST** ; Jesus, our friend, we thank you for the joy you give us as a Parish,

for all the love and fun we enjoy together.

Help us to share our joy with others.

**ALL** ; Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our Parish.

**BLESSING**

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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**BINGO** – Jackpot €775 in 45 calls. Bingo in Tarbert Community Centre every Wednesday night at 8.30pm. All welcome.

**8 MASSES** – Anthony Foley’s son Tony has asked that we attend 8 Sunday Masses and light a candle to remember all our dead and also his Dad. This is a wonderful initiative by a young boy and we will join him in Tarbert by lighting a special candle on the altar for our masses between now and Christmas. - Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – The Christmas Senior Citizens Party is on in The Community Centre this Sunday @ 12.30pm.

**MANY THANKS** – to all who contributed so generously to the recent Concern collection. The amount raised was €393.

**TARBERT BRIDEWELL** - Christmas Craft Fair, Sunday 11th December 11am - 3pm. A great variety on the day.

**SANTA’S LETTER** - The Santa post box is due to arrive at Tarbert Post Office on Friday December 2nd, be sure to post early, including your full name and address on the outside of the envelope. Santa is getting his sleigh ready for the long journey to Ireland on Christmas Eve but will try to reply to as many letters as possible.

**TARBERT POST OFFICE** - Last dates for posting this Christmas are as follows: Ireland letters 21st Dec. & Parcels 21st Dec. Great Britain letters 19th Dec. & Parcels 19th Dec. Europe letters 19th Dec. & parcels 13th Dec. USA letters 12th Dec. & parcels 9th Dec. Postal boxes, padded envelopes, bubble wrap are available in the post office.

**ANAM CARA** - the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly parent evening on Tuesday 13th of December from 7.30pm to 9pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE -**  *Ardfert Historical Lecture Series:* Ardfert Video Archives by Steve Baker, Thur. 8th Dec. 8pm-10pm. *Advent Retreat:* Fr. Nick Harnan, Fri. 9th Dec. to Sun. 11th Dec.(bookings also available for those who wish to attend Sat. 10th only). Contact: 066 7134276.

**FERRY HOUSE CHRISTMAS SHOP** – now open with a large selection of Decorations Cards and Gifts. Open 7 days.

**DON’T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS -** Senior Help Line, Ireland’s only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm.  We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. Locall 1850 440 444, all calls 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - Tarbert’s 1916 / War of Independence Memorial will be unveiled on next Sunday 18th Dec. 2016 at 12.30pm at the Memorial Plaza. The event is being organised by the Development Association and the Historical Society. The pupils of Tarbert National School will participate in the ceremony. A special souvenir commemorative booklet will be on sale. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.