**** ST MARY’S PARISH NEWSLETTER, TARBERT

**Parish Office Opening Hours: Priests:**

**M Mon. 10.30am -2.30pm. Wed. 10.30am-1.30pm Fr John Lawlor PP 087-6794112**

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**Notices for Parish Newsletter have to be in Safeguarding Children: 087-6362780 Wednesday by 12 Noon. Defib. Emergency No. 087-3315999**

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**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18th DEC. 2016**

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

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| ***Saturday 17th*** | ***10am***  ***6pm*** | ***William and Nellie Mulcahy, Main St.***  ***Jeremiah O’ Connor, Sallowglen.*** |
| ***Sunday 18th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Joan and Frank Lavery, Church St.*** |
| ***Monday 19th*** | ***10am*** | ***Private Intention.*** |
| ***Tuesday 20th*** | ***10am*** | ***Quill Family, Tarbert.*** |
| ***Wednesday 21st*** | ***10am*** | ***P.J. O’ Connor.*** |
| ***Thursday 22nd*** | ***10am*** | ***Vincent Coolahan, Main St.*** |
| ***Friday 23rd*** | ***10am*** | ***John Brannigan, Woodview Place.*** |
| ***Saturday 24th*** | ***6pm*** | ***Christmas Eve Family Mass.*** |
| ***Sunday 25th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Christmas Day Mass.*** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND*: Fr. Maurice Brick 087-9473317.***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - **€ 838 Holy Day € 207 Míle Buíochas**.

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

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

***Christmas blessings to you.***

***From Fr John, Fr Noel, Fr Padraig and Fr John.***

***May the blessings of the Divine Child and the love of His Mother,***

***be yours at Christmas and every day of the coming year.***

**CONFESSIONS** – Christmas Confessions will take place after all Masses this 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.

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

**FOLK CHOIR** – Practice for Christmas Eve Mass will be on Wednesday Dec. 21st. at 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE CALLS** – Fr. Kennelly will do his Christmas house calls after Mass on this coming Monday morning.

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

**YOUTH** ; Jesus our friend and brother, we ask you to bless all the people,

who are waiting to celebrate your birthday.

Help us to spend these days of waiting,

by showing love and kindness to everyone.

**PRIEST** ; My God, your love for us meant that you would give us your own Son.

Help us to realise that you love us so much.

We look forward to showing your love,

by being with you on Christmas Day.

**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 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** – Jackpot €800 in 46 calls. 1 to 90 Game, Christmas Raffle and many other surprises on the night. Bingo in Tarbert Community Centre this coming 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.

**SANTA’S LETTER** - The Santa post box is at Tarbert Post Office, 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.

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

**G.A.A. DRAW** – The Christmas G.A.A. lotto draw will be at Carmody’s Bar this Saturday night. All welcome.

**GRATEFUL THANKS** - to all the women of Tarbert’s Women’s Group….the blankets you gave are just fabulous and will be a great joy for those who receive them. Please God, those who receive them will know our prayers and support through the blankets. – Frances Roland – Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

**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.

**IRISH CANCER SOCIETY** – Con Holly and Family wish to acknowledge gratefully the generous donations in memory of Marie, R.I.P., which amounted to € 655. Many thanks.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - Tarbert’s 1916 / War of Independence Memorial will be unveiled this 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.

**BEANNACHTAÍ NA NOLLAG** – Le gach dea ghuí I gcomhair na Nollag agus na hAthbhliana agus go mbeiriníd go léir beo ar an am seo arís.