**** 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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**BIRTH OF CHRIST THE SAVIOUR CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DEC. 2016**

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

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| ***Saturday 24th*** | ***6pm*** | ***Christmas Eve Family Mass.*** |
| ***Sunday 25th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Christmas Day Mass.*** |
| ***Monday 26th*** | ***10am*** | ***Leslie Pledge,*** |
| ***Tuesday 27th*** | ***10am*** | ***Myra, John and Therese Downey, The Square.*** |
| ***Wednesday 28th*** | ***10am*** | ***Der O’ Connor, Ballinoe, 1s Anniversary.*** |
| ***Thursday 29th*** | ***10am*** | ***Irene and Tommy Brassill, Shanaway.*** |
| ***Friday 30th*** | ***10am*** | ***The Carrig Family, Tarbert.*** |
| ***Saturday 31st*** | ***10am***  ***6pm*** | ***Christina Histon, Tarbert Island. Months Mind.***  ***Henry and Margaret O’ Donnell, The Square.*** |
| ***Sunday 1st*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Joan and Patrick Anglim, Tarmons Hill.*** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND*: Fr. Kevin Mc Namara 089-4044816.***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - **€ 845 Míle Buíochas**.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vigil 6pm – Catherine Ferris, Teresa Spaight, Helen O’ Connor.**

**WK Starting 19/12 11.30am - Eileen Dineen, Denis Dineen, Anne Normile.**

**Please see the Special Christmas Rota on the Notice Board.**

***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.***

**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.

**STATION DISTRICT PEOPLE** – The boxes of envelopes for the coming year are now ready for collection. Please collect same in the Sacristy after Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or else you can collect them in the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

**ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

**YOUTH** ; Jesus, today we light a white candle,

to celebrate your birthday,

thank you for coming into our lives,

and thank you for all the presents,

we received to celebrate your birthday.

**PRIEST** ; My Jesus, you are our friend and brother,

help us to be a friend to everyone we meet.

**ALL** ; Stay with us Lord Jesus in our hearts and in our Parish.

**BLESSING**

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the last candle 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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**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 for his Dad on the altar at all our Masses this Christmas. – Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad.

**MANY THANKS** – The Tarbert Defibrillator Group would like to thank all who contributed and to the people who stood at their recent church gate collection. The total amount collected was € 615.00.

**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, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents.  All calls completely confidential.

**TARBERT GAA JUVENILE CLUB** – would like to wish all its players, parents and supporters a happy and peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in the red and black in 2017.

**PUBLIC TALK** - taking place at the Assembly on Tuesday 10th January, 2017 at 8.00pm in the Gleneagle Ballroom.

We welcome Bishop Billy Crean back to his home diocese. A chance to renew acquaintances. He will reflect on the challenges facing our parishes in our time. Title of Public Talk: “**From what wells do we drink now**.”  Reflections on the changing patterns of faith and practice in Ireland today.”

**TARBERT’S 1916 / WAR OF INDEPENDENCE** – booklet is now available in local retail outlets. Thanks to the boys and girls of Tarbert National School and all who participated in last Sunday’s Commemorative Ceremony.

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE** – will call to The Square, Tarbert on 4th and 18th January 2017 from 12.15pm to 1pm and fortnightly thereafter. New members welcome.

**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.