**** 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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**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. 1ST JANUARY 2017**

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

**R.I.P. Mary Philomena Buckley Coolnanoonagh,**

**Willie Foley Kilcolgan Upper Timmy Kiely New York and Tarbert.**

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| ***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.*** |
| ***Monday 2nd*** | ***10am*** | ***Kit and Jim Stackpoole, Tarmons.*** |
| ***Tuesday 3rd*** | ***10am*** | ***Finbarr Carrig, St. Patricks Tce.***  ***At the request of St. Mary’s Cemetery Committee.*** |
| ***Wednesday 4th*** | ***10am*** | ***Patrick ( Patsy ) Healy, St. Alban’s.***  ***At the request of the Tarbert Bereavement Group.*** |
| ***Thursday 5th*** | ***6pm*** | ***Kitty Lavery Hynes and John Hynes, New Ross.*** |
| ***Friday 6th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Maurice O’ Connor*** |
| ***Saturday 7th*** | ***10am***  ***6pm*** | ***Marie Holly, Chapel St. Months Mind.***  ***O’ Brien Family, Shanaway.*** |
| ***Sunday 8th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Lynch Family, Shanaway.*** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND*: Fr. Noel Spring 087- 2935969.***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION** - **€ 1965 Míle Buíochas**.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Vigil 6pm – Caroline Martin, Eileen Haugh, Helen 0’ Connor.**

**WK Starting 02/01 11.30am - Mary Lavery Carrig, Catherine O’ Sullivan, Pat O’ Leary, Kay Higgins.**

***NEW YEAR’S 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 for 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.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION** – A second collection will be taken up next weekend 7th / 8th Jan. for Needs of the Holy Land.

**New Year 2017 – 1st January**

The New Year begins with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a feast which celebrates a mysterious union between God and a woman. When the appointed time came God sent his Son, born of a woman to redeem the subjects of the Law and enable us to be adopted as sons!

The church puts forward Mary to guide us on our journey of faith.

Although she was singled out to be the mother of our Saviour, she was a woman who had to walk in faith and for whom belief was a constant struggle. She did not enjoy an easy life.

At the birth of her Son she had nowhere to call a home. At his death she stood silently at the cross, hardly understanding all that was happening. As a mother, she was the great giver who formed Christ and made him fully human. She will form us and bring us close to her Son if, in the coming year, we put ourselves under her protection. Even our sorrows and sacrifices will be turned into joys and gladness beyond our imagining.

There is surely no better way of starting the year than celebrating the day that Mary became the mother of God.

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**BINGO** – Tarbert bingo resumes this Wed. 4th Jan. 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 for his Dad on the altar at all our Masses this Christmas. – Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad.

**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 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.

**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.