

## MASS INTENTIONS 28TH DECEMBER 2020 - 3RD JANUARY 2021

### **ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:**

**Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am**

(available on the parish radio & parish webcam at  
www.killarneyparish.com)

<b>Mon 6.15pm</b>	Eileen Devitt, Moy, Lahinch, Co. Clare (Months Mind). Patrick Devitt, Moy, Lahinch, Co. Clare (Months Mind). The Deceased Members of the O'Connor & O'Donoghue Families who are buried in Muckross Abbey and for Paul & Paddy O'Connor who have passed away more recently. Jack Casey, Cummeen. Ann, Batt & Emily Horrigan, Muckross Road. James & Margaret McKenna, Castlerosse Cottages. Paddy O'Brien, 87 Ardshanavooly. Eileen Purtill, Galway & Killarney. Martin Beckett & his Son Martin Beckett Jnr, Cluainin, Woodlawn Road. Teresa Kenny, Mangerton Road.
<b>Tues 6.15pm</b>	Mary Whitsell, Hawthorne Avenue & her husband Gerard Whitsell.
<b>Wed 6.15pm</b>	James Eagar, New Road.
<b>Thur 6.15pm</b>	Pat Cleary, Roseville Avenue, Muckcross Road.
<b>Fri 5.00pm</b>	<b>MASS FOR PEACE</b> (No 6.15pm Mass)
<b>Sat 6.15pm</b>	Sr Kathleen Liston, Mercy Convent (1st Anniversary) Hanora Chrissie Reidy, Holy Cross Gardens (1st Anniversary). Kieran Foley, Knockreer. Brendan & Doreen Casey, Clasheens. Special Intentions. Thanksgiving. Timmy Buckley, Gortdromakerrie, Muckcross. Breda & Peter Ryan, Limerick & Sheila & Thady Buckley. Mary O'Brien, Coolcorcoran, Deerpark Michael Yeates, Greenhallows, Tiernaboul. Paddy Bowes, Ballyspillane. Mary Casey (1st Ann) & her husband Jack Casey. Colm Kenna, Cleeny.
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Tina Kelly, Upper Lissivigeen.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Dan & Nellie Kavanagh, Muckcross Road.

### **DEATHS: PLEASE PRAY FOR ...**

Eileen Cunningham, Friary Downes & Late of Athlone.  
Arthur E O'Keefe, Lissivigeen.  
Joseph (Joe) Ryan, New York & Park Road, Killarney.  
Anne O'Shea (née Fleming), Upper Lewis Rd

### **1ST ANNIVERSARIES...**

Sr Kathleen Liston, Mercy Convent (1st Anniversary).

### **BAPTISMS: Welcome ...**

Ailbhe Lily Murphy, Ballincollig.  
Cian Shane Fenton, Ballincollig.

Dylan Brosnan, Innisfallen, Rookery Road.  
Fergal Brendan O'Donoghue, Carrigeen, Headford.  
Lauren Malia O'Connor, Brooklawn, Woodlawn.  
Croia Lynn O'Connor, Knockataggle More, Kilcummin.  
Caoimhe Mairead McCarthy, Cummeen.

Sofia Teresa McCarthy, Ballyspillane.  
Cara Kate Falvey, Falshea House, Tralee Road.  
Gearoid Michael Flynn, Innisfallen, Rookery Road.  
Michael Anthony Hornibrook, Kings Park, Muckcross Road.  
Zach Daniel Dolan, Cruagh Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin.

### **MARRIAGES: Congratulations to...**

Maura Long, Currow and Denis McCarthy, Boherbue, Co. Cork  
Aisling Kelly, Newmarket, Co. Cork and Donnagh Moynihan, Artigallivan, Headford.

**MASSES ONLINE:** Due once again to government restrictions our Churches will remain open for private prayer and for visiting our the Crib, but our Masses will be held behind closed doors unfortunately. Our Masses in the Cathedral will be broadcast on the webcam and parish radio;  
Mon-Sat 10.30am & 6.15pm,  
Sun 8am, 10.30am & 12 Noon.

(expect for January 1st with Mass at 10.30am & 5pm Mass for peace).

Please God this situation will improve soon and we will be able to gather together again for Mass, but until then be assured of our prayers for you, your loved ones, those who are sick and those in the frontline services.

### **BISHOP RAY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2020**

#### ***Nollaig shona dhiobh go léir.***

Christmas 2020 is different. Each home, family and community can look back and acknowledge how difficult 2020 has been collectively and individually. Many have endured severe stress; some have had to cope with life-changing situations. Many cannot be at home for Christmas, be it the Irish living abroad or international people who have made their home in Ireland. It is good to have the days of Christmas as 'down time', as family time, and as time to turn to Jesus Christ, our God.

***"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. . . You will find rest for your souls."*** Mt 11:28

Faith in God is at the heart of Christmas. I invite and encourage everyone to each day of the Christmas season pause for a few moments, gaze at the crib, and ponder the mystery:

***"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord."***

Consider three aspects of the birth of Jesus in a stable:

- *"Mary and Joseph experienced hardship and concern when Jesus was born, yet the scene in the stable is one of warmth, love and joy".* This Christmas amid any concerns and troubles you have be in touch with the joy in your own heart.
- Mary and Joseph in their distress got good support. The community helped, they were offered the use of the stable; shepherds and the wise men visited. Give thanks for your neighbours and community, a great and vital blessing in all

our lives.

- The birth of the child Jesus is the mystery of God's presence in our world. He came to be with us. God is ever present caring for us all, - caring for the world amid the corona virus. Renew your hope in God.

Have a grateful and generous heart this Christmas. Appreciate all that is good in your life. Continue to think of others, think of their needs, give practical support and assistance where you can. If you can afford it, be generous in support of local charities and voluntary bodies: for example, Kerry Parents and Friends, St Vincent de Paul, or the Hospice; clubs and organisations dedicated to sport, culture, or music. Well done to our priests, parish workers, ministers, and many others who have contributed to the life of our parishes since last March. I think especially of enabling Mass to be made available via streaming and social media, and also all the volunteer cleaners and ushers. Though often unable to gather around the altar, our personal prayer has kept us united in Jesus Christ. Be understanding as parishes implement their plans for Christmas Mass attendance. Sadly, not everyone who wishes will be able to attend Christmas Mass. Think of alternatives: come to Mass some day before the New Year, tune in to Mass from home, visit the church crib as a family. All of us realise it will be a simple, quiet Christmas, it will still be a "good Christmas". Over the years a familiar phrase about Christmas has been "As long as it is special for the young children, isn't that what matters". Remember to talk to children about God the Father sending us Jesus, and about Mary the mother of Jesus. Over the Christmas, each day turn your eyes to the crib for a few moments to nourish your faith. United in the Holy Spirit, let us pray for one another and for all in our communities. Be assured you are in my prayers in all the Masses I celebrate over the Christmas.

***Um Nollaig agus ar feadh na hAthbhliana, síocháin an Linbh Íosa libh go léir.***

+ Ray Browne  
Diocese of Kerry.

**PARISH OFFICE:** is now closed and will reopen on the 4th January.

### **FIAT 90: DO YOU WANT TO GROW CLOSER TO YOUR MOTHER MARY?**

Join a group of women growing together in faith and friendship from January 4th for 90 days. Fiat 90 is a 90-day spiritual retreat for women with prayer, fasting and other challenges to help us grow closer to Jesus through Mary. For more information or to join us contact Catherina on (087) 919 4509.

*"How to find Christmas peace in a world of unrest? You cannot find peace on the outside but you can find peace on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body, namely let Christ be formed in you."* - Fulton J. Sheen.

*Wishing you the Lord's blessing of peace and joy for 2021 and may the love of Christ surround you and your loved ones always.*

*Bishop Rgy, Fr Kieran, Fr Jim & Fr Niall.*