

**PARISH OF PRIOR NEWSLETTER  
DUN GEAGAN – PORTMAGEE – THE GLEN**

**The Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020,**

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**All Masses can be viewed online at [www.ChurchServices.tv/Portmagee](http://www.ChurchServices.tv/Portmagee).**

**Mass Intentions for the coming week.**

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	7.30pm	Michael & Mary Kennedy. Sheila Smith.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Glen	10.00am	Mary Kennedy.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dun Geagain	11.30am	Pat & Sheila Keating.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	10.30am	Catherine Burns.
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Glen	10.30am	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	10.30am	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass		
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass		
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	11.00am	Paddy Reardon (Months Mind)
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	7.30pm	Brendan & JJ Shanahan. Dan & Mary Margaret O Driscoll, Johnny Driscoll & Noreen Walsh.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Glen	10.00am	Patrick King. Patie Murphy & Deceased Family Members.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dun Geagain	11.30am	Thomas Murphy (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Readings.**

**The first reading.** Good news, freedom, joy and healing are offered to us by Isaiah. Great free gifts for Christmas!

**The Second Reading:** Pray constantly, give thanks. Think before you do anything. God will not fail us.

**The Gospel:** Who is it that stands among us unknown to us he leads us to the ways of God?

**OPENING OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.**

**Our churches are now open for public worship.**

**Guidelines in relation to Christmas will be published by the Diocese closer to Christmas.**

- 1. The Diocesan Guidelines advocate strict adherence to HSE guidelines**
- 2. The capacity of the churches are as follows: Portmagee 35. The Glen 30. Dun Geagan 40.**
- 3. When the capacity is reached in each church, a notice will be placed at the entrance.**
- 4. Communion will be distributed after the final blessing as the people exit the church.**

**The facility to make Online donations to the Parish is now available.**

**[www.dioceseofkerry.ie/parish/ballinskelligs](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/parish/ballinskelligs).**

**On the welcome page of Ballinskelligs, you will see the blue donate link.**

**DONATE**

**Follow the online instructions.**

**Your generosity is very much appreciated.**

**ADVENT CALENDAR:** There is an online Advent calendar available which contains reflections for each day of Advent, it is highly recommended. The Link is [catholicbishops.ie/Advent calendar](http://catholicbishops.ie/Advent%20calendar)

**PARISH CALENDAR:** The 2021 Calendar is ready and will be distributed to houses. A digital version is also be available: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie/parish/ballinskelligs](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/parish/ballinskelligs). The link is on the welcome page of Ballinskelligs.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**South West Kerry Family Resource Centre** are organising a Christmas Hamper Drive this year to provide hampers to families and elderly people in our local community. (**Kells to Castlecove**). We would appreciate all donations of toys, board games, gifts, chocolates, non-perishable foodstuffs, cash donations or vouchers if you wish. **We are unable to accept used items during this time.** Donations can be dropped off at the South West Kerry Family Resource Centre, 18 Main Street, Cahersiveen Monday - Thursday from 10am-3pm. The final day for donations is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. For further information, please contact **087 170 1520**.

**Kerry Youth Virtual Choir.** To celebrate Christmas, the Diocese of Kerry has embarked on a new and exciting venture, we have formed a youth virtual choir. There are over 30 young people from parishes throughout the diocese involved in this project. They come from parish choirs, school choirs and parish folk groups. The virtual choir video will be launched from Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> on the diocesan You-Tube page, see <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-6sYgdt-EzcLwuJ5G4E51w>, the diocesan website, see <https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/> and the diocesan Facebook page, see <https://www.facebook.com/KerryDiocese/posts/4054332214580237>. Also see the Diocese of Kerry Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/youthdok/?hl=en>. For more details contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**SAMARITANS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** Our collection will take place in all parishes on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Anyone unable to attend church services who wishes to make a donation, can do so online on [www.idonate.ie/kerrySamaritans](http://www.idonate.ie/kerrySamaritans) or [www.samaritans.ie/kerry](http://www.samaritans.ie/kerry). We thank you for your generosity.

*Reflection*



I wish to encourage the tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.  
- Pope Francis



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*The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... Let us ask God to be like that, "kindly lights" amid the encircling gloom.*  
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