

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

The Forth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 20th December 2020,

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Recently deceased: Patrick (Paddy) Fitzpatrick, Ballinskelligs.
Maire O Mahoney (nee O Neill), Cahersiveen
Bridie O Connell (nee O Leary), London & Portmagee.
Vincent O Neill, Birmingham & Portmagee.

All Masses online at www.ChurchServices.tv/Portmagee.

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

Sat 19 th Dec	Portmagee	11.00am	Paddy Reardon (Months Mind)
Sat 19 th Dec	Portmagee	7.30pm	Brendan, Denis & JJ Shanahan. Dan & Mary Margaret O Driscoll, Johnny Driscoll & Noreen Walsh.
Sun 20 th Dec	The Glen	10.00am	Patrick King. Patie Murphy & Deceased Family Members.
Sun 20 th Dec	Dun Geagain	11.30am	Thomas Murphy (1 st Anniv) John & Julianne Sugrue.
Mon 21 st Dec	Portmagee	10.00am	Catherine Burns
Tues 22 nd Dec	No Mass		
Wed 23 rd Dec	No Mass		

All Masses: Thur Dec 24th to Sunday 27th are available Online Only

Thurs 24 th Dec	Dun Geagain	6.30pm	Michael & Nora O Shea Emlagh.
Thurs 24 th Dec	Portmagee	8.00pm	John & Bobby O Shea. Eileen & Andrew Kennedy.
Fri 25 th Dec	The Glen	10.00am	Patrick & Nora Moore. Jack & Sheila O Connell, John O Connell & Mary Hainsworth.
Sat 26 th Dec	Portmagee	7.30pm	Hannah & John O Shea.
Sun 27 th Dec	The Glen	10.00am	Mary Lawlor & Nora Brennan.
Sun 27 th Dec	Dun Geagain	11.30am	Private Intention.

Readings.

The first reading; Here is another invitation to listen to God's message and respond to it. Good Advent advice.

The Second Reading: A secret mystery is revealed to us that will change us forever.

The Gospel: Mary hears the angel say "Rejoice, *do not be afraid, Listen, you have won God's favour*"

Christmas Masses

The Parish Pastoral Council has given much thought and consideration to the Christmas Mass schedule for this year. Considering the ongoing COVID situation we have decided that all Christmas Masses will be held virtually with them being streamed online from all three churches in the parish. We have reluctantly made this decision in response to the enforced capacity restrictions which limit the numbers that can attend masses. We do not want to be in a position where people are turned away from masses. We appreciate that people will be disappointed at this decision, but it is in the best interest of all in our parish at this time. We encourage people to gather in their homes or in family units and join in the Christmas Celebration online with us. We also extend an invitation to people to visit the Cribs in our churches during the Season of Christmas.

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

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

Eileen O Connor would like to thank everyone for their kind generosity to the **Iveragh Hospice Foundation**. A total of €850.00 was made to the Iveragh Hospice foundation. Go raibh maith agaibh as ucht bhur gineáltais.

Bishop's Parish Appeal. While understandably income is down, parish finance committees and parish priests have been greatly encouraged that many people have found a way of contributing to their parish over the past year: contributions supporting the two accounts, - parish expenses and the support of the priest. Thank you for your loyalty and generosity. Many among us have severely suffered financially as a result of the virus. Our hearts go out to all of them. I ask you, if you are in a position to do so, please make a contribution to your parish and the Christmas collection for the support of your priest(s) before the year end. Similarly, think of supporting local charities. Many traditionally fund-raise around now. The St. Vincent de Paul collection is particularly in need, so many homes require their help this Christmas. Thank God for the good work of all the people involved in local voluntary bodies. For all of us Christmas will be simple and quiet, be confident it will be a good Christmas too. Thank God for all the goodness and kindness shown in our communities since the corona virus first appeared. Every Christmas blessing of Peace and Love. Bishop Ray Browne.

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 or www.samaritans.ie/kerry. We thank you for your generosity.

Reflection

Joy,
prayer and
gratitude
are three
attitudes
that
prepare us
to live
Christmas
genuinely.

POPE FRANCIS



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At Christmas we allow God
to tip toe into our lives.
We celebrate God stooping down to
our size, the size of an infant and
becoming one of us.
- Bishop Denis Nulty



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