

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

The Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020,

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**Recently Deceased: Patrick (Pat) Sugrue (Pound) Ballinskelligs.  
Adolf Anderson, San Francisco.  
Anniversary: Hannah & John O Shea.**

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

**Mass Intentions for the coming week.**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Online Mass (Portmagee)	7.30pm	Nora & Denis Lyons. Frank, Mary, Mary B O Sullivan & Deceased Family members
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Online Mass (The Glen)	10.00am	Michael, Margaret & Mary O Sullivan.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Online Mass (Dun Geagan)	11.30am	Bridget & John Cronin. John & Maureen Brennan. John Phil O Sullivan & Deceased Family members, Coom.
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	7.30pm	Vigil Mass Feast of The Immaculate Conception.
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Glen	10.00am	Feast of The Immaculate Conception.
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dun Geagan	11.30am	Feast of The Immaculate Conception.
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Portmagee	10.00am	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No Mass		
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dun Geagan	10.00am	
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 Geagan	11.30am	Pat & Sheila Keating.

**Readings.**

**The first reading.** Isaiah offers us an image of God as a shepherd who searches, carries us and consoles us, Isaiah says “Here is your God”

**The Second Reading:** We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth. The Day of the Lord will surprise us.

**The Gospel:** St Marks Gospel invites us into our own wilderness to recognise the voice of The Holy Spirit.

**OPENING OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.**

The Parish Pastoral Council held a meeting on Friday night and decided that our churches are opening for public worship on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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/Adventcalendar](http://catholicbishops.ie/Adventcalendar)

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

**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**.

**Franciscan Friary Killarney:** The Friary Office will continue to maintain some services and with a selection of cards during the current lockdown. Opening times Mon to Sat 9.30am – 4.00pm daily services can be accessed by phone, 064 6631066, [killarney@franciscans.ie](mailto:killarney@franciscans.ie) or post.  
**No direct physical access permitted to the friary office.**

**Chime** will be holding an outreach clinic on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 from 11am – 2pm in The Marina, Cahersiveen. Our FREE service of support and advice, cleaning and basic maintenance of Hearing Aids and information on entitlements. You need to make an appointment first so please call Jerry Kelleher before the 7<sup>th</sup> of December on 087-3747327. Our consultations are private and confidential.

**Reflection**

May the Virgin Mary help us so that, as we approach Christmas, we do not allow ourselves to be distracted by external things, but make room in our hearts for the One who has already come and wants to come again to heal our illnesses and to give us his joy.  
- Pope Francis

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- POPE FRANCIS

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