

# Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

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## Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare, Fr. Noel Spring, 0872935969

Please pray for all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Frank Long, Florida, who died on 27th Dec. Frank was originally from West End, Castletownbere

### **Sacred Heart Church, Castletownbere, this week:**

**Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 6.30pm.** James, Catherine and Declan Mullins. Anniversary Mass.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 12.00pm.** Joe & Mary Regan. West End. Live streamed

**Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 7.30pm.** Eileen Orpen, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Live Streamed.

**Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am.** Private Intention. Live streamed.

**Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6.30pm.** Vigil Mass. The Epiphany Live streamed,

**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12.00pm.** The Epiphany of the Lord.

Sebastion Bartos. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass. Live streamed.

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6.30pm** Private Intention Live streamed.

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12.00pm.** Norma Murphy, 1<sup>ST</sup> Anniversary. Live streamed.

*Confessions: Saturdays at 12 noon in Sacred Heart Church, Castletownbere; and at any other time on request.*

### **St. Bartholomew's Church, Rossmacowen**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 6.30pm.** Dan & Bridie O'Sullivan Taylor and John Joe Taylor.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 6.30pm.** Private Intention

### **St. Michael's Church, Bere Island.**

*Mass live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm. 10.00am.*

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10.00am.** Denis Crowley, and deceased members of the Crowley family,

*The Bungalow.*

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am.** The Epiphany of the Lord.

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am.** Private Intention.

### **Readers for weekend, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Gillian O'Neill/Moira Duncan.**

\***Parish Office:** (located at side of church) Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10.00am to 1pm.

\***Mass Cards** for the living & deceased, Christmas Mass Bouquet also available, signed by Fr. Noel Spring, are for sale in the Parish office or from **J.J. McLaughlin.** **Diary 2023** is now available in the parish office (70288) if you wish to book Masses.

\* Access the streaming; <https://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart-1>

\***Ministers of the Eucharist, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Jan. Rosemary O'Driscoll/Ann O'Driscoll.**

\*Weekly envelopes can be placed in the Black Box at the back of the Church

\*An area has been designated to the right of Centre aisle for the use of people with mobility issue. God Bless. Fr. Noel 0872935969

Week 1.	Week 2.
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<b>Week 1. 31/1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Week 2 7/8<sup>th</sup> January Week 1. 14/15<sup>th</sup> Jan.</b>	

\*Anyone interested in **reading at mass** in the Sacred Heart Church for 2023 please contact 087 2927534.

\*Join the online **Mission 2023** from January 22nd to 25th 2023. Go to the dioceseofkerry.ie to register

\* **Beara records..** The records which Kerry Genealogical Research Centre transcribed and digitised are among the first to appear on the website [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie). The website is hosted by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and it has been redesigned with a web-based search facility for the Church records of Baptism, Marriage and Death under the Church Records Project. The website is an important aid to family history and genealogical research and is an attraction for visitors planning to visit Ireland in search of their roots.

\*New **FUEL Allowance** is a means tested payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. The current rate of Fuel Allowance is €33 per week.

### **What is the new means test for people over 70 for the Fuel Allowance?**

- a single person over 70 can have income of €500 per week and a couple can have income of €1,000 per week
- people over 70 will no longer need to be in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment to be eligible for Fuel Allowance
- in the case of a couple where one person is over 70 and one is under 70, they will be assessed under the Over 70s Means Test criteria
- the amount of savings that are disregarded in the means assessment for the Fuel Allowance payment for people aged over 70 has increased from €20,000 to €50,000.

### Reflection

\*We cannot see the stars in the bright light of day, but only in the darkness of night. The Magi saw the star only because they were not afraid to travel in the dark. In a sense, all of us are night-time travellers. However, we need no longer fear the darkness, because with the coming of Christ, a light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.