

Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

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4th Sunday in Ordinary time.

29th January 2023.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare, Fr. Niall Howard, 0879365370

Please pray for all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Church, Castletownbere, this week:

Sat. 28th Jan. 6.30pm. Philip Mulligan, Months Mind. Live streamed

Sun. 29th Jan. 12.00pm. William and Margaret Murphy Live streamed

Tues. 31st Jan. 7.30pm. Private Intention Live Streamed.

Wed. 1st Feb. 10.00am. St. Brigid's Day Live streamed.

Thurs. 2nd Feb. 10.00am. Private Intention Live streamed.

Fri. 3rd Feb. 7.30pm. Missa Pro Populo Live streamed.

Sat. 4th Feb. 6.30pm. Private Intention. Live streamed.

Sun. 5th Feb. 12.00 pm. Anne Walsh, nee Murphy, Bayview House, Castletownbere and Ardfield, Clonakilty. Recently deceased. 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 30th Jan. 6.30pm. Private Intention

Monday 6th Feb. 6.30pm. Willie Martin Harrington, Curraduff. Months Mind.

St. Michael's Church, Bere Island.

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

Sun. 29th Jan. 10.00am. Margaret Murphy N.T. 1st Anniversary.

Sun. 5th Feb. 10.00am. Michael & Mary McCarthy and their son John McCarthy.

*Readers for weekend, 4/5th Feb. Catherine Mills /Peter O'Leary.

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

*Mass Cards for the living & deceased, 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, 4th/5th Feb. Cait Donegan. Kay Breen/Sandra O'Shea.

*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.

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

Text Mary at 0830905230 if you have not received your church envelopes yet.

*Eucharistic Adoration. On Wednesday after 10.00am Mass. Adoration in the Main Church for an hour. All welcome.

Week 1.

Saturday Vigil

6.30pm Castletownbere

8.00pm Adrigole

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Sunday Mass

Bere Island 10.00am

Castletownbere 12.00pm.

Monday Rossmacowen Church 6.30pm

Holy Days as previous week.

Week 1 28/29th Jan. Week 2. Feb. 4/5th Week 1, 11/12th Feb.

Week 2.

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Sunday Mass

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Cahermore 10.00am

Castletownbere 12.00pm.

Ardgroom 11.30am

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* Beara Community Spring Gathering. February 10th at 12.30pm. The cost is €10 per head and transport to and from the venue is available on request. Please book your place by January 31st by contacting Moira at 027 70998.

* St. Brigid's Day. 1st Feb. Please take a St. Brigid's cross home with you..

When she was young, St Brigid wanted to join a convent, however her father insisted that she marry the wealthy man he had promised her to. The story goes that she asked God to take away her beauty. Her wish was granted, her father gave in and she joined the convent. Her beauty returned and she was even more beautiful than ever. She asked her father to give her land in Kildare to set up a convent. Her father said that he would only give her as much land as her cloak could cover. With God's help, the cloak grew to cover acres of land. When she was young, St Brigid wanted to join a convent, however her father insisted that she marry the wealthy man he had promised her to. The story goes that she asked God to take away her beauty. Her wish was granted, her father gave in and she joined the convent. Her beauty returned and she was even more beautiful than ever. She asked her father to give her land in Kildare to set up a convent. Her father said that he would only give her as much land as her cloak could cover. With God's help, the cloak grew to cover acres of land.

*The story of the Cross

St Brigid was by the sick bed of a dying pagan chieftain, possibly her father. She began telling the story of Christ on the Cross, picking up rushes from the ground to make a cross. Before his death, the chieftain asked to be baptised. Initially, legend has it, people used to make similar crosses to hang over the door of their homes to ward off evil, fire and hunger. Over time, word spread about St. Brigid, her kindness, faith and the making of the cross became synonymous with her and the tradition now bears her name

*The collection for the Lourdes helpers will be taken up at the 2nd collection on 4th /5th Feb.

The main purpose of this collection is to take the sick to Lourdes for this we need helpers. Many are students and need help to finance the trip. The Lourdes helpers fund also assisted pilgrims who may not be able to pay the full fare and would like to go to Lourdes.

Reflection/Prayer. God, grant us this year a wider view, so we see other's faults through the eyes of You.

God Bless.

Fr. Noel 0872935969