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ST MARY’S PARISH NEWSLETTER - TARBERT

**Parish Office Opening Hours:**

**Mon. 10.30am -2.30pm. Wed. 10.30am-1.30pm Priests :**

**Fri. 10.30am-2.30pm Phone ; 068-36111.** **Fr. Sean Hanafin 087-8341083**

### Email: [tarbert@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tarbert@dioceseofkerry.ie) Fr. Michael Hussey 087-2386084

**Notices for Parish Newsletter have to be in on Safeguarding Children: 087-6362780 Wednesday by 12 Noon. Defib. Emergency No. 999 or 112**

**Webpage: www.stmarystarbert.com (Outside Surgery Hours)**

**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

**8th January 2023**

**R.I.P. Eileen Steel ( née Henchy ), Kilpadogue. Michael Hennessy, Tarbert.**

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| **Day/Date** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| ***Saturday 7th*** | ***6pm*** | ***Liam Meade, Doonard Crescent.***  ***Paddy and Nora Lynch and Kitty Moran, Chapel St.***  ***Diana Lyons, Chapel St.*** |
| ***Sunday 8th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Bridie Sheahan, Glin.***  ***Tommy and Mary Ann Donovan, Tieraclea.*** |
| ***Monday 9th*** | ***10am*** | ***Mass in Tarbert.***  ***Private Intention.*** |
| ***Tuesday 10th*** | ***7pm*** | ***Mass in Ballylongford.*** |
| ***Wednesday 11th*** | ***\_\_\_\_\_*** | ***No Mass.*** |
| ***Thursday 12th*** | ***10am*** | ***Mass in Asdee.*** |
| ***Friday 13th*** | ***7pm*** | ***Mass in Tarbert.***  ***Special Intention.*** |
| ***Saturday 14th*** | ***6pm*** | ***Danny Enright, Doonard Crescent.***  ***Marie McGinley, Doonard Crescent.*** |
| ***Sunday 15th*** | ***11.30am*** | ***Josie, Thomas and Bartley O’ Connell, Carhoona.***  ***Maurice O’ Connor, Main St.*** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND*:* Fr. Pat Crean - Lynch 087-6709491.**

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  Amount received will be published at the end of each month.

**LIVE SERVICES** – Unfortunately due to a lightning strike our online services are down at the moment, we are endeavouring to have the problem sorted as quickly as possible. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused.

**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.**

**TARBERT ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP** – meet every Friday in the Tarbert Bridewell between 10.30am and 12 Noon. We have different activities every week followed by Tea/Coffee and a chat. New members are welcome.

**AA OPEN MEETING** - The Tarbert Group of Alcoholics Anonymous opened its doors to the suffering alcoholic back in 2002. We are beginning our 21st year with an Open Meeting in the Tarbert Community Centre on  Saturday 14th January 2023 at 8pm - Everybody Welcome. Open meetings seek to reach the suffering alcoholic through a third party and will very often be attended by a group of Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, Teachers, Prison Officers, Gardai, Spiritual Advisors, Public Media etc. These people in their daily work are frequently in contact with the suffering alcoholic and by their very presence at our meeting have shown their concern and willingness to help from the earliest beginnings of AA when Henrietta Sieberling introduced Dr. Bob to Bill W. Many thousands of alcoholics who found sobriety in AA, were first put in contact with AA by a non-alcoholic third party, be it a family member or a concerned friend /employer etc. These good friends of AA knew AA existed, where it could be found and what help AA offered to the problem drinker.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES** - All the boxes of Church envelopes have now been delivered around the Parish, if there is anyone who did not get a box and would like to have one, you may call the Parish Office on 068-36111 during office hours and James will arrange to have one delivered to you.

***DIOCESAN MISSION 2023 -*** The online Mission, *Growing in Love*, will take place from Sunday Jan 22nd – Wednesday 25th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission talk, Prayer, Mass, Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Dr Patricia Kieran, Fr Hugh Lagan, Fr Michael Conway and Tríona Doherty. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/)

**THANK YOU - for your continuing support and financial donations that underpin the smooth running of St. Mary’s Parish Church. Please continue to donate what you can on a weekly basis at any of our Masses on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Donations can also be made by bank transfer – our bank details are as follows :**

**IBAN No- IE76 AIBK 9354 3380 3050 83, Account Name – Tarbert Church Account,**

**Bank - AIB, The Square, Listowel Co. Kerry.**

**Thanking you on behalf of the Finance Committee,**

**John McMonagle (Chairperson), Fr. Sean Hanafin, Mary Holland, Kitty Kelly, Amanda O’Sullivan,**

**Seamus Enright, Declan Downey, Gabriel McNamara, James Lavery and Paddy Creedon.**