Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th May 2023

BALLINSKELLIGS,

PORTMAGEE &THE GLEN

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Recently Deceased

Frank Shanley, Foilmore, Cahersiveen/London
Leah Davis, Caherdaniel / Dublin

May their souls Rest In Peace

Fri 12th May	The Glen	7.30pm	Thomas & Hannah Keating & dec family members
Sat 13th May	Ballinskelligs Portmagee	11.00am 7.30pm	1st Holy Communion Kitty Dee (nee Kennedy). Deceased members of the Ward family.
Sun 14th May	Caherdaniel Ballinskelligs	09.30am 11.30am	 Kitty Morley, Boston/Portmagee Timothy & Nora O'Driscoll
Tue 16th May	Knightstown	9.30am	
Fri 19th May	Portmagee	7.30pm	Kathleen Esther Barry Jeremiah & Mary Keating. Una & Gearoid Keating & deceased family members.
Sat 20th May	The Glen	7.30pm	Florrie & Kitty Moriarty. Frank O'Connor
Sun 21st May	Aghatubrid Ballinskelligs	10.00am 11.30am	

Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Fri 19th May - Portmagee - Reader – Marie O'Driscoll / Eucharistic Minister – Julie O'Connell
Altar Servers – Seán O'Sullivan & Laura O'Sullivan
Sat 20th May - The Glen -Reader – Fiona O'Sullivan /Eucharistic Minister – Orla O'Connor
Sun 21st May – Ballinskelligs – Reader Sile Sugrue / Eucharistic Ministers – Catherine Curran & Margaret O'Driscoll Collector – Michael O'Sullivan / Altar Servers Lola de Brún & Liadh Nic Gabhann

'It is what it is but it will become what you make it'.

REFLECTION

In life, we think that the point is to pass the test or overcome the problem. **The real truth is that things don't really get solved.** They come together for a time, then fall back apart. Then they come together again and fall apart again. It's just like that.

Personal discovery and growth come from letting there be room for all of this to happen; room for grief, for relief, for misery, for joy. Suffering comes from wishing things were different. Misery is self-inflicted, when we are expecting the ideal to overcome the actual or needing things to be different for us so we can then be happy.

Let the hard things in life break you. Let them affect you. Let them change you. **Let these hard moments inform you.** Let this pain be your teacher. The experiences of your life are trying to tell you something about yourself. Don't cop out on that. **Don't run away and hide under your covers, lean into it.**

What is the lesson in this wind?

What is this storm trying to tell you? What will you learn if you face it with courage, with full honesty and lean into it?

~ Pema Chodron

The Feast of St Brendan falls this Tuesday 16th May.

On the feast Day we encourage people to privately visit a local Grotto to Our Lady, or a local Holy Well / Mass Rock, and pray for vocations to the priesthood and synodality. Pray also for the 'courage of St Brendan' for students coping with the tension of upcoming exams at both second and third level.

Pause for a moment before any stained-glass window, statue or icon to St Brendan in the church. Notice the detail. St Brendan's commitment to go forth to share the Good News of the Gospel and his courage in facing the dangerous unknown of the ocean is a model of Christian mission.

St Brendan believed his future was in good hands, - the hands of God.

St Brendan navigated the seas; we tend the home shores.

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