

Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

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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. 2nd Dec. 6.30pm.	Peter Hanley, Anniversary Mass.
Sun. 3rd Dec. 12.00pm.	Michael & Philomena O'Neill, Filedearg.
Tues. 5th Dec. 7.30pm.	Kitty Murphy, anniversary Mass, her husband Peter and daughter Gillian Biger, recently deceased.
Wed. 6th Dec. 10.00am.	Deceased members of the O'Neill & Dudley families.
Thurs. 7th Dec. 6.30pm.	Donal Harrington, Droum. Anniversary Mass.
Fri. 8th Dec. 12.00pm.	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Harrington Family, Gour.
Sat. 9th Dec. 6.30pm.	George Harrington, Droum, Months Mind.
Sun. 10th Dec. 12.00pm.	Willie & Chrissie Sheehan, West End.
<i>Confessions: on request only.</i>	
St. Bartholomew's Church, Rossmacowen	
<i>Sun. 3rd Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>Brigid Armstrong & deceased members of the O'Shea Family.</i>
<i>Sun. 10th Dec. 10.00am</i>	<i>Peggy O'Sullivan, Bank, Anniversary Mass.</i>
St. Michael's Church, Bere Island.	
<i>Mass live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm.</i>	<i>10.00am.</i>
<i>Sun. 3rd Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>Paddy & Lena Sullivan.</i>
<i>Sun. 10th Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>Pat & Nellie Harrington.</i>

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

***Mass Cards** are for sale in the Parish office, **Diary 2024** is available in the parish office (70288) if you wish to book Masses. All town Masses streamed live.

*Access the streaming <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart-1>

***Ministers of the Eucharist**, 9/10th Dec. Mary Murphy (Droum), John Wiseman & Catherine Mills.

***Readers** 9th /10th Dec. Mary Harrington. Mary Power.

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

* Eucharistic Adoration. Wednesday at 10.30am -11.30am

Adoration in the Main Church for an hour. All welcome.

***Altar Servers.** 10th Dec. Ruby Mc Carthy, Ellie O'Sullivan & Anita Carmel Turner Bowles.

First Sunday of Advent.

3rd December 2023.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr. George Hayes, 0871226888

Week 1.	Week 2.
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Week 1. 2/3 rd Dec. Week 2. 9/10 th Dec. Week 1. 16 th /17 th Dec.	

"**The annual collection by St Vincent de Paul** will be taken up on December 9th & 10th 2023. Your support will be very much appreciated. Thank you"

*This month's Bantry Memory Café takes place in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry on Wed 6th Dec from 11am to 1pm. We will have teas/coffees, mince pies and Christmas Carols with special guest Liz Clarke. Bantry Memory café provides a warm and welcoming place for people to meet others also living with dementia/ cognitive impairment, their friends & family as well as health & social care professionals.

*Wednesday December 13th from 11am to 1pm - Beara West Family Resource Centre Christmas Party We invite you to join us for our Christmas party. All are welcome, whether you've availed of our services or not. Come and enjoy some Christmas treats and a cuppa.

Reflection

The Advent season is a time for reflection and anticipation—reflection on our spiritual lives, and anticipation for the arrival of Christmas. While Advent traditions vary based on religious denominations and cultures, one common practice includes focusing on four themes. These themes, or virtues, can be various things. The most common Advent themes are hope, peace, joy, and love. Some traditions include lighting a different candle on a wreath each Sunday of Advent and reflecting a different theme.

Week 1. Hope. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. —

God Bless

Fr. Noel 0872935969