

## 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. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm.** George Harrington, Droum, Months Mind.

**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12.00pm.** Willie & Chrissie Sheehan, West End.

**Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm** Personal Intention.

**Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am.** Phyllis Walsh, R.I.P. recently deceased.

**Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am.** Carmel Harrington, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm.** Personal Intention

**Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm.** Tim Houlihan and deceased members of the Houlihan family.

**Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12.00pm** William and Shiela Harrington, and deceased members of the Harrington family, Finaha

**Confessions:** *on request only.*

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

*Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am Peggy O'Sullivan, Bank, Anniversary Mass.*

*Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am. Jimmy Sullivan, Bunow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, and deceased family members*

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

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

*Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am. Pat & Nellie Harrington.*

*Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am Mary and John Coughlan and their daughter Joan.*

\***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**, 16/17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Barry Sullivan, Kay Breen & Sandra O'Shea.

\***Readers** 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Catherine Mills, and Peter O'Leary.

\*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.** 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Evan Cronin, Luke O'Neill, Conor Lynch & Cian Twomey.

\* Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa's Annual Nativity Pageant, will take place in the Church of the Sacred Heart on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

## Second Sunday of Advent.

### 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr. John Kerin, 0861918246

Week 1.	Week 2.
<b>Saturday Vigil</b> 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole 6.30pm Allihies 8.00pm Eyeries <b>Sunday Mass</b> Bere Island 10.00am Castletownbere 12.00pm. Rossmacowen Church 10.00am <b>Holy Days as previous week.</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil</b> 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole <b>Sunday Mass</b> Bere Island 10.00am Cahermore 10.00am Castletownbere 12.00pm. Ardgroom 11.30am Rossmacowen Church 10.00am <b>Holy Days as previous week.</b>
Week 2. 9/10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Week 1. 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Week 2 23/24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	

### \*APOSTOLIC LETTER HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

#### ON THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

With this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.

**Reflection.** Week 2 Peace. The second candle is purple and represents **PEACE**.

Lord, keep us in perfect peace as our mind is stayed on the truth of your powerful love. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer.

God Bless

Fr. Noel 0872935969