

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. 23rd Dec. 6.30pm.	Anniversary Mass, Joe O'Leary, West End & deceased family members and his brother, Patrick O'Leary, recently deceased.
Sun. 24th Dec. 12.00pm	P.V. Breen, Castletownbere & Galway. Months Mind.
Sun. 24th Dec. 7.00pm.	Michael & Margaret Murphy, Clonaglaskin.
Sun. 24th Dec. 9.00pm.	Special Intention.
Mon. 25th Dec. 12.00pm.	Christmas Day Mass for the people of the parish.
Tues. 26th Dec. 7.30pm	No Mass.
Wed. 27th Dec. 10.00am.	No Mass.
Thurs. 28th Dec. 10.00am.	No Mass
Fri. 29th Dec. 7.30pm.	John, Peg and Aoife Downey and deceased members of the Downey Family, Bere Island.
Sat. 30th Dec. 6.30pm.	James, Catherine, Finbarr and Declan Mullins
Sun. 31st Dec. 12.00pm.	Joe & Mary Regan, West End.

Confessions: on request only.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Rossmacowen

<i>Sun. 24th Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>Dan & Bridie Sullivan & John Joe Sullivan Taylor.</i>
<i>Mon. 25th Dec. 10.00</i>	<i>Christmas Day Mass for the people of the parish</i>
<i>Sun. 31st Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>For All who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2023</i>

St. Michael's Church, Bere Island.

<i>Mass live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm.</i>	<i>10.00am.</i>
<i>Sun. 24th Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>John & Kathleen Hanley, Ardagh.</i>
<i>Mon. 25th Dec. 10.00am.</i>	Christmas Day Mass for the people of the parish
<i>Sun. 31st Dec. 10.00am.</i>	<i>Murphy & Walsh Family, Gortmore, Bere Island and Mayfield.</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**, 30th/31st Dec. Cáit Donegan. Liam & Anne O'Driscoll.

***Readers 30th /31st Dec.** Gillian O'Neill & Grace Forde.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent. 24th December 2023.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr. Liam O'Brien, 0873480050

* **Eucharistic Adoration.** Wednesday at 10.30am -11.30am

***Altar Servers.** Dec.31st. Aoibheann Donegan, Katie O'Sullivan & Nathan O'Shea.

Week 1.	Week 2.
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole 6.30pm Allihies 8.00pm Eyeries	Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole
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Holy Days as previous week.	Holy Days as previous week.
Week 2 23/24 th Dec. Week 1.30/31 st Dec. Week 2. 6/7 Jan.	

***24th December Christmas Eve. 7.00pm. Children's Mass. Castletownbere**

24th December. Christmas Eve. 9.00pm.	Castletownbere Vigil Mass.
25th December. Christmas Day Masses.	Rossmacowen 10.00am.
25th December	Bere Island 10.00am
25th December.	Castletownbere 12.00pm.

***Christmas Tree.** You are invited to write names of absent family or friends on white side of tie tags which you will find at Sacred Space. Please hang them on the big Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

***Christmas Day Collection.** The Christmas Dues (which supports your priests) will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your generous support during the year.

***Reflection.** Week 4 Fourth Sunday of Advent Spirit of God, calling together the creatures of the earth, the vulnerable with the powerful. By your becoming one with creation renew the earth. Come to our divided world. Come to our fragmented lives. Come to heal and save. In you our life is one again and all things come together, each connected to the other, ourselves and all things living: heaven and earth, time and space, the whole created universe in you. Through Christ.

**Le gach dea-ghuí, í gcomhair na Nollag.*

Every Christmas blessing on all in our communities.

Give Christ joyful welcome, love him and revere.

cherish one another with a love sincere.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for the whole world. + Ray Browne

*Wishing everyone a very happy & Holy Christmas and God's many blessings in health and happiness in 2023.

God Bless

Fr. Noel 0872935969