

MASS INTENTIONS 25TH OF DECEMBER—31ST DECEMBER 2023

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am

Mon 6.15pm	Christmas Day
Tues 6.15pm	St. Stephen's Day
Wed 6.15pm	Jerry O'Leary & his wife Mary Jo O'Leary, Emmett's Tce, Lewis Road
Thur 6.15pm	Mary Whitsell & her husband Gerard, Hawthorne Ave
Fri 6.15pm	Michael & Margaret Moriarty, Woodlawn Park
Sat 6.15pm	Brendan O'Brien, Dingle & Marian Tce (1st Anniversary) Tom Murphy, St. Brendan's Tce Paddy O'Brien, Ardshanavooley, Park Road Martin Griffin, Dalton's Ave & Deceased Family Members of the Griffin Family Paddy Kerrisk, Countess Road James Eagar, New Road Noreen O'Connell, St. Margaret's Road Tim Shine, Knockragh John O'Sullivan, Shamrock Lodge, Upper Ballycasheen Helen Walsh, Countess Road James O'Brien, Arbutus Grove
Sun 8.00am	Brendan & Doreen Casey, Clasheen & Special Intention
Sun 10.30am	Pat Cleary & her Husband Martin Cleary, Roseville Ave
Sun 12noo	No Intention

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Morning Mass Mon—Sat 9.30am

Mon 9.30 am	Christmas Day
Tues 9.30 am	Donie, Eileen, Terry, Jimmy & Noel Clifford
Wed 9.30 am	Teresa Kenny, Mangerton View
Thur 9.30am	Mary O'Brien, Coolcorcoran Deerpark
Fri 9.30am	The O'Keeffe Family
Sat 9.30am	No Intention
Sun 11.00am	Jerry & Margaret & Donal Coffey, Tullig, Killarney

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MUCKCROSS

Sun 9.30am	No Intention
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DEATHS: Please Pray for ...

Sr. Dolores Ahern, Holy Cross Convent & Fivemilebridge, Cork
Eric Lloyd - Davies, Havens Rest, Tralee Road

1ST ANNIVERSARY...Janie Griffin, Coolgreen Park

Brendan O'Brien, Ballydavid, Dingle
Timothy Shine, Knockragh

MARRIAGES: Congratulations to...

Elise (Teresa Elizabeth) Broderick, Dunmanway, Co. Cork & Ciaran Nangle, Crumlin
Mairead Dunlea, Carrighbfear, Cork & Damien Martin, Watergrass Hill, Blaitthin Cronin, Fagh, Muckcross & Evan Griffin, Walkinstown, Dublin
Mary O'Reilly, Front Royal, Virginia & John Teller, Cincinnati, Ohio

BAPTISMS We Welcome;...

Nicholas Patrick Murphy, Woodville House, Lissivigeen
Riadh Agnew, Castlefalls, Ross Road
John James McCarthy, Ballyspillane
Erin Whyte, Saxby Close, Botany, Sydney

Mass Times - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Sunday 24th of Dec Christmas Eve, also 4th Sunday of Advent**

Masses at St Mary's Cathedral Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am - (No 12noon)

Church of the Resurrection 9.30am—(No 11.00am)

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckcross—9.30am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Sunday Vigil 6.15pm & Midnight Mass

St Mary's Cathedral Monday 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon (No 6.15pm)

Church of the Resurrection Vigil 6.00pm & Monday 11.00am

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckcross—Vigil 9.00pm, Monday 9.30am

Franciscan Friary Sunday 24th 7.00pm and 9.00pm Vigil Masses

Franciscan Friary Monday 25th 8.30am 10.00am and 11.30am.

BLESSING OF A CRIB AT HOME

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love; when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DUES COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day as a second collection. Dues envelopes available at the church doors if you would like to contribute if you are not using parish weekly envelopes. As always, a sincere thanks for your continued support to the Parish Clergy.

THE ANNUAL GOAL MILE run and walk takes place again this Christmas Day at the Deenagh Lodge, Knockreer. Time: 10 am to 12.30 .
Run, jog or walk and give a donation

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL RESUME; Church of the Resurrection; Tuesday 9th of January & St. Mary's Cathedral; Wednesday 10th of January

JAN 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE: Masses will be celebrated at 8.00am, & 10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4pm– 5pm followed by Mass for Peace at 5pm in the Cathedral, as we pray for peace in our lives, in our homes, in our country, in our world.

MEDJUGORJE THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON Currans Community Centre; Thursday December 28th from 2-5pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2024 1st—8th May 2024 & 18th—25th Sept 2024. Cost €510. For further information contact Tom Collins: 086 8380406 Community Centre; Thursday December 28th from 2-5pm. Rosary, Mass, Adoration

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE DIOCESE OF KERRY 2023

*Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths;
let us walk in the light of the Lord. Is 2:1-5*

Dia dhiabh. Nollaig Shona dhiabh. Christmas is a season of encouragement and hope. God, Creator and Lord of all creation, truly loves his creation. In Jesus God choose to be with us and to care for us, and to give hope to the whole human family.

This year the cathedral crib in Killarney has brand-new scenery replacing the wooden stable that had come to the end of its lifespan. The 'freshness of the new' has caused many to see new aspects of that night in Bethlehem. May children especially love our new crib.

The crib scene has many people: shepherds, kings, a woman at the village well, and of course Mary and Joseph. How deep was the faith of each that first Christmas night? How did they understand the excitement at the birth of Jesus? Did they live to hear him preach when he began his public ministry? We, the people who will stand and gaze at the new cathedral crib, what of our faith, - our faith in Jesus Christ who is 'with us always'?

Each year the crib scene speaks to what is happening in the world around us. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a 'Son being born for us' who would be 'Mighty God and Prince of Peace'. Every day of Christmas let us each pray to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace where there is war, - the Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, Sudan and sadly so many other places.

Far from home for the census, Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. Without any of the facilities of home, not even neighbours to help out! If that simplicity and poverty was the lot of the Holy Family as Jesus entered the world, surely, we his disciples, ought to have a simple Christmas, the basics with no excess or extravagance?

All his life Jesus lived for others, again and again he reached out to help and share with people in need. I firmly believe that what we give to the various charities who seek funds at Christmas time is money well spent. Give to charities, especially to Saint Vincent de Paul who do so much good work throughout the diocese. There are so many among us who through some misfortune or other find themselves in need this Christmas. Let us open our hearts to them, 'In giving we receive'.

The Holy Family on Christmas night was far from home and without a bed. Then, out of fear of King Herod, they fled to Egypt where they remained until Herod died. The situation is not that different for the refugees and migrants and the Ukrainians fleeing war who are with us in Ireland this Christmas. As a people, as individuals, let us welcome them, let us do what we can to support them. Put the crib scene, the birth of Jesus, at the centre of your Christmas. Let it remind you of how God 'so loves the world', and that all of us have so much to be grateful for. May God's goodness to us inspire our goodness to others. Le gach dea-ghuá, 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 you the Lord's blessing of peace and joy.
From Bishop Ray, Fr Kieran, Fr Joe, Fr Sean
& all the Parish Team.

