

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. Please pray for Lizzie O'Sullivan (Cumba). Late of Derrymihan East, who died recently in Birmingham. May they rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Church, Castletownbere, this week:	
Sat. 16th Dec. 6.30pm.	Tim Houlihan and deceased members of the Houlihan family.
Sun. 17th Dec. 12.00pm	William and Shiela Harrington, and deceased members of the Harrington family, Finaha
Tues. 19th Dec. 7.30pm	Daniel F. & Margaret O'Sullivan, Main Street. & the Barron Family, Bantry. Anniversary Mass.
Wed. 20th Dec. 10.00am.	Michael O'Donoghue, Corner House, Castletownbere.
Thurs. 21st Dec. 10.00am.	Don Murphy, West End, Anniversary Mass, and deceased family members.
Fri. 22nd Dec. 7.30pm.	John & Patricia Murphy, Church Gate.
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. 9pm.	Special Intention.
Confessions: on request only.	
St. Bartholomew's Church, Rossmacowen	
Sun. 17th Dec 10.00am.	Jimmy Sullivan, Bunow, 2 nd Anniversary, and deceased family members
Sun. 24th Dec. 10.00am.	Dan & Bridie Sullivan & John Joe Sullivan Taylor.
St. Michael's Church, Bere Island.	
Mass live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm.	10.00am.
Sun. 17th Dec. 10.00am	Mary and John Coughlan and their daughter Joan.
Sun. 24th Dec. 10.00am.	John & Kathleen Hanley, Ardagh.

***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**, 23/24th Dec. Ellen Dunne. Mary Dudley & Joan Murphy.

***Readers** 23/24th Dec. Irene Lynch and Michael Downey.

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

Third Sunday of Advent. 17th December 2023.

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr. Niall Howard, 0879365370

* Eucharistic Adoration. Wednesday at 10.30am -11.30am

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

***Altar Servers.** 24th see Christmas rota.

* Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa's Annual Nativity Pageant, will take place in the Church of the Sacred Heart on **Sunday 17th December 2023.** 6pm.

Week 1.	Week 2.
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole 6.30pm Allihies 8.00pm Eyerics	Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole
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Holy Days as previous week.	Holy Days as previous week.
Week 1. 16 th /17 th Dec. Week 2 23/24 th Dec. Week 3 30/31 st Dec.	

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

With a visit from Santa.

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 3 Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this third candle of Advent reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

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

God Bless

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