

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 10th December 2023

PRIOR PARISH



BALLINSKELLIGS,
PORTMAGEE & THE GLEN

NEWSLETTER

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Recently Deceased

Ann O'Keeffe (née Smith), Portmagee, Kerry
Lil McGill Sellick, Nottingham/Ardcost, Kerry.

May their Souls Rest in Peace.

Fri 08 th Dec	Caherdaniel Ballinskelligs Portmagee The Glen	9.30am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Funeral Mass for Ann O'Keeffe
		11.30am	
		2.00pm	
		7.30pm	
Sat 09 th Dec	Ballinskelligs Portmagee	2.00pm	Baptism Bob & Sheila Smith
		7.30pm	
Sun 10 th Dec	Dromid Ballinskelligs	10.00am	Fr Hugh O'Donoghue. Mary & Pateen Sullivan. Denis & Kathleen Lyne. Michael J O'Leary. Karen McCabe.
		11.30am	
Fri 15 th Dec	Keel Portmagee	12.30pm	Wedding
		7.30pm	
Sat 16 th Dec	Portmagee The Glen	12.00pm	Wedding Patrick King, Joe Scott, Mary Kennedy
		7.30pm	
Sun 17 th Dec	Caherdaniel Ballinskelligs	09.30am	Patricia & Sheila Keating, Ballard.
		11.30am	

Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Fri 15th Dec - Portmagee - **Reader** – Cate Conway / **Eucharistic Minister** – Julie O'Connell. **Altar Servers** – Jack & Celina Hurley
Sat 16th Dec - The Glen - **Reader** – Joe Moore / **Eucharistic Minister** – Sarah Harty
Sun 17th Dec – Ballinskelligs – **Reader** Suzanne King / **Eucharistic Ministers** – Mary Lyne & Michael O'Sullivan- **Collector** – Michael O'Sullivan
Altar Servers – Sé & Micheál MacGiollachatháin

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Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.'
~Pope Francis

The season of Advent can be a lovely time to think and reflect about the important things in life. It can also be a time to celebrate the little and important things in life.

No matter how busy we are, there is an in-built need to mind ourselves, to relax, to be ourselves, to recharge and to prioritise what is important. The only way this can happen is when we slow down enough, but as we all know so well, doing this is always a challenge.

Advent 2023 has a powerful message that no matter how dark things may get there will always be light and hope. The prayers of Advent touch in on each person walking in some darkness and yet awaiting and anticipating a great light. The prayers also include prayers for peace. These prayers are not wishful thinking but genuine heartfelt prayers that can and will find results. Even if these results come in whispers, we will gladly embrace them. Advent is a time for us to hear those other quiet whispers in our lives of a God gently calling us from darkness to light.

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Scoil Bhréanainn Portmagee are now taking enrolment for Junior Infants & Autism Classes for school year 2024/2025. Please contact the school on telephone: 0669477211 or email: info@scoilbhreanainn.ie.

The Samaritans of Kerry are holding their Church Gate Collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across all Kerry parishes.

The Johnny O Mahony Memorial Tractor Display will take place on Saturday, 9th December in Cahersiveen. Registration starts from 4.30 pm in the Fair Field and gathering to leave the Fair Field at 5 pm. Entry Fee €30 per tractor entry. All proceeds to Cúnamh Iveragh.