***Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.***

***Parish Newsletter***   ***31st December 2023.***

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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. 30th Dec. 6.30pm.** James, Catherine, Finbarr and Declan Mullins

**Sun. 31st Dec. 12.00pm.** Joe & Mary Regan, West End.

**Tues.2nd Jan. 7.30pm** Private Intention.

**Wed. 3rd Jan. 10.00am**. Private Intention.

**Thurs. 4th Jan. 10.00am.** Personal Intention.

**Fri. 5th Jan. 6.30pm**. Eileen Orpen and her parents Daniel & Julia Duggan, Millstreet and Johnny & Hannah Orpen, Bere Island.

**Sat. 6th Jan. 12.00pm** **The Epiphany of the Lord.** Noreen & Seamus Carey

**Sun. 7th Jan. 12.00 pm.** Anne Marie Walsh, 1st Anniversary, Bayview House & Clonakilty

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

***St. Bartholomew’s Church, Rossmacowen***

*Sun**. 31st Dec. 10.00am. For All who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2023*

*Sun. 7th Jan. 10.00am. William Martin Harrington, 1st Anniversary.*

***St. Michael’s Church, Bere Island.***

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

*Sun. 31st Dec.10.00am. Murphy & Walsh Family, Gortmore, Bere Island and Mayfield.*

*Sat. 6th Jan. 10.00am* **The Epiphany of the Lord***. Denis Crowley, The Bungalow.*

*Sun. 7th Jan. 10.00am. Daniel Crowley. Month’s Mind.*

**\*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**, 6th/7th. Jan. Rosemary O’Driscoll. Liam & Anne O’Driscoll.

\***Readers 6th /7th Jan**. Maria O’Conor, Moira Duncan.

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

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

\***Altar Servers**. Jan. 7th. Julianne Murphy. Oisin Turner Bowles Nancy Sheehan.

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| **Week 1.** | **Week 2.** |
| **Saturday Vigil**  6.30pm Castletownbere  8.00pm Adrigole  6.30pm Allihies  8.00pm Eyeries  **Sunday Mass**  Bere Island 10.00am  Castletownbere 12.00pm.  Rossmacowen Church 10.00am  **Holy Days as previous week.** | **Saturday Vigil**  6.30pm Castletownbere  8.00pm Adrigole  **Sunday Mass**  Bere Island 10.00am  Cahermore 10.00am  Castletownbere 12.00pm.  Ardgroom 11.30am  Rossmacowen Church 10.00am  **Holy Days as previous week.** |
| Week 1.30/31st Dec. Week 2. 6/7 Jan. Week 1. Jan 13th/14th. | |

***Diocesan Mission 2024***

The diocesan mission, *Hope Alive!*, will take place from Sunday Jan 21st – Wednesday Jan 24th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Adi Roche, Dr Michael Conway, Dr Keith Gaynor and Mellett. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

\*Some tips from Pope Francis for a happy life.

1*.* Live *and let live. Following the ancient advice of the Romans: Campa e fascia campa. Who am I to Judge?*

*2.” Be giving of yourself to others”. Charity extends beyond money and includes giving your time to someone who needs it. Withdrawing into yourself runs risks of stagnation.*

3**.** *“More quietly” in your youth you can be a rocky stream that runs over everything. But as you become older, become a running river and in old age quietly peaceful.*

4. “*Have a healthy sense of Leisure.” Consumerism has brought us many anxieties. Make time to be with friends and family. Find time to play, to read and listen to music.*

*5. “Sunday is for family”.*

*6. “Find ways to make jobs for your people*.” The rate of drug use and suicide is high among unemployed people under 25. Work, Honest Work gives us dignity.

\*Thanks to all who helped out in care of the church this past year.

Wishing everyone God’s many blessings in health and happiness in 2024.

God Bless Fr. Noel 0872935969