***Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Second Sunday in Lent.***

***Parish Newsletter***   ***25th February 2024.***

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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**

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| Saturday | 24th Feb | 6.30pm | Dr John Lyne, North Road |
| Sunday | 25th Feb | 12.00pm | Gerry Cronin, Derrymihian |
| Tuesday | 27th Feb. | 7.30pm | Joan McNulty, Somerset, formerly Joan Moriarty Castletownbere |
| Wednesday | 28th Feb | 10:00am | Mass for the people of the parish |
| T0hursday | 29th Feb | 10.00am | Private Intention |
| Friday | 01st Mar | 7.30pm | Personal Intention |
| Saturday | 02nd Mar | 6.30pm | Bernadette Harrington, Foildarrig, 1st Anniversary |
| Sunday | 03rd Mar | 12.00pm | Sr De Lourdes, Months Mind |

**Confessions at Sacred Heart Church Every Sat at 12:00 noon**

**St Bartholomew’s Church Rossmacowen**

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| Sunday | 25th Feb | 10:00am | Private Intention |
| Sunday | 03rd Mar | 10.00am | Private Intention |

**St Michaels Church Bere Island**

**Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm**

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| Sunday | 25th Feb | 10.00am | Imelda Sidley & deceased members of the Sidley family |
| Sunday | 03rd Mar | 10.:00an | Jim Crowley & Deceased members of the Crowley & Walsh family. |

**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>

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| **Ministers of the Eucharist** | 02nd /03rd Mar. | Mary Murphy, Oakmount/John Wiseman, Catherine Mills |
| **Readers** | 02nd /03rd Mar | Irene Lynch/ Michael Downey |
| **Alter Servers** | 03rd Mar | Danny Orpen, Laoise Orpen, Fionn Gilsenan |
| **Church Cleaning** | 19th Feb | Group 2 at 10:00am |

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

**Eucharistic Adoration.** Wednesday at 10.30am -11.30am Main Church. All welcome

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| **Week 1** 24th /25th Feb **Week 2** 02nd/03rd Mar **Week 1** 09th/10th Mar | |

**Castletownbere Parish Gathering**: In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope”*, Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes.

**A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on Wed. 6th March at 7.30pm at Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa**.

As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation.

**Beara Community School** Transition year students are holding a production of "The Ogre" on the 7th and 8th March, doors open at 6.30pm in Beara Community school, tickets on sale in school from 26th Feb in School from 1-2pm, Adults €10, Children €6, raffle, and tuck shop also on the night. This is a cash only event.

**Fraud & Crime Talk** in conjunction with an Gardaí & AIB in Twomey’s Bar on Tues 27th Feb at 8pm, Everybody Welcome

**The War in Ukraine:** The weekend of the 24/25th February marks **the second anniversary of the start of Russia’s war on Ukraine.** Mindful of how many Ukrainians have taken refuge among us, please acknowledge and pray for the people of the Ukraine.

***Pray, hope, and don't worry – Padre Pio*** God Bless FR Noel 087-2935969