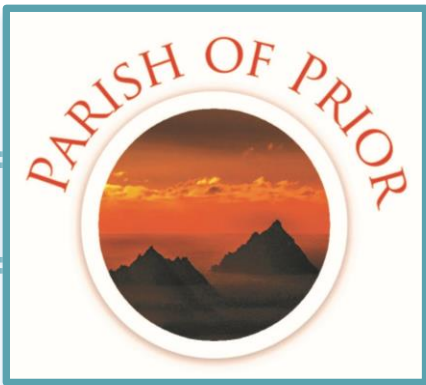


Third Sunday of LENT
Sunday 03rd March 2024

PRIOR PARISH



BALLINSKELLIGS,
PORTMAGEE & THE GLEN
NEWSLETTER

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Recently Deceased

Anne Casey, (née O'Connell), New Street, Cahersiveen, Kerry
Sr. Kathleen Power, Perth, Australia/Waterford
Pat Joe O'Sullivan, Rathmore, Kerry

May their souls Rest in Peace.

Fri 01 st Mar	The Glen	7.30pm	Maurice Brennan Aghort. Dan & Delia Shea
Sat 02 nd Mar	The Glen	12.00noon	Ted O'Dowd (1 st Anniv)
	Portmagee	7.30pm	Dick & Ellie O'Shea, Lative
Sun 03 rd Mar	Dromid Ballinskelligs	10.00am	
		11.30am	
Tue 05 th Mar	Knightstown	9.30am	
Fri 08 th Mar	Portmagee	7.30pm	Vincent O'Keeffe
Sat 09 th Mar	The Glen	7.30pm	
Sun 10 th Mar	Caherdaniel Ballinskelligs	9.30am	Jim & Massie Fitzgerald, Michael Sigerson & deceased family members Marie O'Connell nee Devane Michael Bracken, Tommy Harty. Mikey, Jim & Maura Sugrue & deceased family members.
		11.30am	

Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Fri 08th Mar - Portmagee - **Reader** – Gary O'Sullivan / **Eucharistic Minister** – Mary O'Donoghue
Altar Servers – Nathan Courtney & Darragh Barry
Sat 09th Mar - The Glen - **Reader** – Joe Moore, **Eucharistic Minister** – Sarah Harty
Sun 10th Mar – Ballinskelligs – **Reader** – Catherine Curran. **Eucharistic Ministers** - Phil Gibbons & Catherine Curran - **Collector** – Catherine Curran, **Altar Servers** – Rónán, Shane & Michaela Ó Conchúir

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Moving Forward in Hope

In his 2024 pastoral letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*, Bishop Ray Browne expressed his wish that all parishes/parishioners would meet to discuss the questions he has listed below. A meeting of all parties involved in the Prior parish will be held in the Glen Daycare Centre on Wednesday, March 06th at 7.30pm.

Discussions will centre around the following 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?

In his letter Bishop Browne mapped out the challenge ahead as he sees it.

A Valuable and Valued Resource

"I see the life of the 110 local church-communities as a valuable and valued resource for people now and into the future. In the light of fewer clergy, we need to explore how each local church-community can thrive with local leadership acting co-responsibly with the priests ministering to the parishes of the pastoral areas," said Bishop Browne. "A church can still be the centre point for community life, even if there is no weekend Mass.

Think of your local church community in four ways:

- a social/friendship community
- a caring compassionate community
- a praying, worshiping and sacramental community
- and a community whose mission is to nourish and develop its faith, and hand it on to the next generation."

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind

Beag Ballinskelligs is organising a Community Tree Planting on Sat, 09 March @ 2pm in The Heritage Centre, Dun Geagan. All Welcome!