

## Fifth Sunday of Lent/Feast of St Patrick

## Parish of Ardfert

17 March 2024

### ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, ARDFERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH, KILMOYLEY

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RECENT DEATHS: John Carmody, Crotta, Lixnaw and formerly Liscahane, Ardfert

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela O'Sullivan née Griffin, Beaufort and formerly Liscahane

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: Tom Joe Lyne, Casement's View (70<sup>th</sup> birthday)

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 17 March – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Tom Joe Lyne, Casement's View (70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance)
Mon	10.00 am	Emer O'Sullivan, Killeacle (8th anniv)
Tues	10.00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Tues	<b>11.00 am – 12 noon</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Fr Arthur Moynihan, former Parish Priest of Ardfert
Thurs	10.00 am	Bernie Moriarty, Abbeylands (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv), her husband Jerome and parents Kathy & Mick Hanafin
Fri	10.00 am	Holy Souls – Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Sat	10.00 am	Private Intention
Sun	11.00 am	Pat & Christina Fitzgerald, Ballinprior

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 17 March – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	John, Kay, Maeve and Brendan Flanagan, Kilmoyley
Fri	7.00 pm	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Sat	7.00 pm	Rev Fr Xavier Lovett, Kilmoyley and Seattle, USA (8 <sup>th</sup> anniv); Nicholas & Hannah Roche, Ballyheigue, Alanna Tobin and Timothy McCarthy, Ballinprior, Ardfert

- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €590; Capital Envelope Collection: €150. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Thursday and Friday this week from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: [ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie).
- ❖ **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL.** A meeting of the Parish Finance Council will be held in Cúil Mhuire Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 27 March at 8 pm.
- ❖ **Padre Pio Devotions** will be held on Monday 25 March at 7 pm (including Confessions during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament).
- ❖ **Ardfert Church Altar Society and Church Cleaning Teams.** A word of thanks to the 40 members of the Altar Society and Church Cleaning Teams who prepare and clean the altar and church every week. Thank you for your ministry. We are always looking for new volunteers to join – please contact Sheila in the parish office if you are interested.

- ❖ **LENTEN SACRED SPACE in Ardfert church.** You are invited to spend time in prayer and reflection during the Lenten season. Lenten prayers and reflections are available at the Sacred Space for you to take home.
- ❖ **Easter Mass Bouquet Cards** are available from the Parish Office together with a selection of Mass cards for the living and our dearly departed.
- ❖ **The Legion of Mary Annual Consecration to Our Blessed Lady** on Sunday 24 March at 3 pm, in the Prince of Peace Church in Fossa. All are welcome.
- ❖ **Trocaire: Help families in Forgotten Crises.** Out of the media spotlight this Lent, loving families are suffering in forgotten crises, from poverty and climate change. Please take a **Trocaire Box or envelope** to help them or give online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by Freephone 1800 408408. Thank you for your support.

#### Saint Patrick (c 385 – 461 AD) – Feast Day: 17 March

Saint Patrick is believed to have been born around the year 385 AD in Wales in Roman Britain. His father Calpurnius was a Deacon and a municipal official. He was not really committed to the Christian faith in his childhood. At the age of 16 he was captured by Irish Raiders who brought him to Ireland and he was sold into slavery. During the next six years he looked after animals probably on Slemish Mountain in County Antrim. He underwent a profound religious transformation during these years and spent many hours each day and night at prayer. After he escaped from slavery he decided to study for the priesthood in France. After ordination he heard in a vision or a dream the voice of the Irish inviting him: "We ask thee, boy, come and walk among us once more". He was ordained a Bishop and returned to Ireland around 432AD. There was a very small number of Christians in Ireland prior to this. He was hugely successful in converting most of the other people in Ireland to Christianity before his death in 461AD. He is believed to have established Armagh as the primatial see of Ireland. He is buried in Downpatrick. He was a very humble man of prayer as is evident from his work **Confessio** (a moving testimony of his personal faith). He also wrote 'Letter to Coroticus', a troublesome chieftain. Legends about Saint Patrick abound, perhaps the most famous that of his expulsion of snakes from Ireland. He used the three-leafed Shamrock to teach the Irish about the Trinity (ie 3 persons in the one God). He is the Patron Saint of our country.

#### Saint Joseph – Feast Day 19 March (A favourite prayer of Pope Francis)

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen