

## The Presentation of the Lord

## Parish of Ardfert

2 February 2025

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

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RECENT DEATHS: Eileen Bradley née Sweeney, Gran Canaria and formerly of Killeacle, Ardfert ; Patsy Scanlon, Ballymacelligott

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 2 February – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Margaret Lucid, Ardfert (Birthday Remembrance); Anne Sinnott, Tubrid Cross (6 <sup>th</sup> anniv); Mary & Patrick Carmody, West Commons; Eileen Bradley née Sweeney, Gran Canaria and formerly of Killeacle, Ardfert (recently deceased)
Mon	7.00 pm	Marian Wallace, Casement's View, Ardfert (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv)
Tues	10.00 am	Martin & Bridie Higgins, Ardfert village
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Special Intention
Thurs	10.00 am	Special Intention
Fri	7.00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday – Patrick Moriarty, Caherslee, Tralee and formerly of Ardfert (4 <sup>th</sup> anniv)
Sat	10.00 am	Helen (Babe) Dennehy, Farmer's Bridge, Lissardboula, Tralee (13 <sup>th</sup> anniv)
Sun	11.00 am	George Clifford, Sackville (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv); John B Collins, Tralee Road, Ardfert (19 <sup>th</sup> anniv)

#### Masses for week commencing Sunday 2 February, Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	6.30 pm	First Saturday Devotions
Sat	7.00 pm	Thomas Brassil, Lerrig (21st anniv)
Fri	10.00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday - Mass for All the People of the Parish
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €800; Capital Envelope Collection: €94. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh. Diocesan collection next weekend for Lourdes Helpers.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: [ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie).
- ❖ **The Rosary** is recited each Thursday at 2 pm in Kilmoyley church. All welcome.

- ❖ **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will visit our Parish next weekend 8 and 9 February to appeal on behalf of the missions. The Sisters will tell us about their work and will be grateful for your support. Their bank details are as follows: AIB Bank, IBAN IE20 AIBK 9313 3019 2590 65.
- ❖ **Saint Blaise: Monday 3 February is the Feast of Saint Blaise** who was Bishop of Sebastea in Armenia and was martyred in 315 AD. He is patron saint of people with sore throats and sick cattle. Fr Pat will bless people's throats at the 7 pm Mass in Ardfert on Monday 3 February.
- ❖ **Candlemas Day: Sunday 2 February is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day.** It is also **World Day for Consecrated Life.**

#### St Brigid – Feast Day: 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Saint Brigid is the Secondary Patron of Ireland and is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c 454 AD in Faughart near Dundalk, Co Louth. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from Saint Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. The tradition is that when Brigid approached a local chieftain in Kildare looking for a piece of land on which she would build a monastery he refused her. She then asked him if he would give her as much land as her cloak covered. He had no problem with this and more or less laughed at her as she placed her cloak on the ground. However, miraculously, her cloak expanded to cover a huge area! The chieftain was a man of his word and gave her this land – enough for a double monastery! The Saint Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. The tradition regarding the Saint Brigid's Cross comes from the story that she was at the bedside of a pagan chieftain who was dying. To pass the time she started to make a cross from the rushes on the ground of the room where the chieftain and herself were. When he asked her what she was doing, she replied that she was making a cross and explained how Jesus died on a cross before rising from the dead and thereby saved the human race. When he heard this, the pagan chieftain decided to become a Christian before he died. Saint Brigid died in 524 AD and devotion to her is widespread not only throughout Ireland but throughout the world.

**St Brigid's Crosses** will be blessed at Masses this weekend.