

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish of Ardfert

2 March 2025

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

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RECENT DEATHS: Michael (Mike) Dillane, Ballinorig, Causeway whose Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday.

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

Sun	11.00 am	Maurice Roche, West Commons (41 st anniv), his wife Bridie and deceased members of the Roche and Lucid families; Brendan Carmody, Sackville, Ardfert (1 st anniv); Michael (Mikey) Davis, Tubridmore, Ardfert (12 th anniv)
Mon	10.00 am	
Tues	10.00 am	
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.30 am	Ash Wednesday - Mass for All the People of the Parish
Thurs	10.00 am	
Thurs	3.30 pm	Confirmation Ceremony for Ardfert N S and Scoil Naomh Eirc, Kilmoyley
Fri	7.00 pm	First Friday
Sat	10.00 am	Jeremiah Wallace, Casement's View, Ardfert (Month's Mind)
Sun	11.00 am	Darren Thibeaud, Ardfert (2 nd anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 2 March – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Bridie Carroll, Snipefield, Ardfert (Month's Mind); Mary McElligott, Rotterdam, Holland and formerly of Lerrig (4 th anniv)
Weds	9.00 am	Ash Wednesday
Fri	10.00 am	First Friday – Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €840; Capital Envelope Collection: €300. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ The parish newsletter is available online at www.dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ Fr Pat will pray the Stations of the Cross after Friday morning Masses in Lent.

- ❖ **Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025 - the First Day of Lent:** Fr Pat will bless and distribute ashes at the 9.00 am Mass in Kilmoyley and at the 10:30 am Mass in Ardfert. The ashes come from burnt Palm Branches from Palm Sunday of last year or of previous years. Ashes on our forehead that day are an indication of our desire to become more like Jesus, living as He wants us to live. The gospel on Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6: 1-18) reminds us of the three traditional practices of Christianity: Prayer, Fasting (Denying ourselves things we enjoy and Making Sacrifices) and Almsgiving (Giving to those in need). Let us do our best to incorporate these into our daily lives during the Season of Lent this year. Ash Wednesday itself is a day of Fast and Abstinence from Meat.
- ❖ **Trócaire Packs** are available in both churches. They contain the Trócaire Box and information on Trócaire's work helping very needy people in the Developing World. We encourage you to take a Trócaire Pack home with you and to do your best to support Trócaire this Lent.
- ❖ **CONFIRMATION.** Fr Pat will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of sixth class in Ardfert N S and in Scoil Naomh Eirc, Kilmoyley in St Brendan's church, Ardfert on Thursday 6 March at 3.30 pm. Please pray for all those who will be confirmed that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will enrich their lives and our parish.
- ❖ **A Lenten Message from Pope Francis** – copies are available in both churches.
- ❖ **Walk With Me Lenten Booklets for Adults and Children and Lenten Calendars** are available in both churches. Please take one home with you.
- ❖ Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers at this time.
- ❖ **Prolife Online Talk - Monday 3 March 2025 - 7.30 - 8.30 pm.** Online free information event, register at prolifecampaign.ie/events.
- ❖ **Youth 2000 Retreat - Knockadoon Camp, Co Cork** 7 - 9 March ages 16 – 35. Please see www.youth2000.ie for further information.
- ❖ **Tralee Blood Donation Clinic** Mon 3 - Thurs 6 March - The Manor West Hotel, Tralee. New donors urgently required. Please see posters for times. Please call 1800 731137 9am – 5 pm to make an appointment or visit www.giveblood.ie.

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse – Friday 7 March 2025

Atonement Prayer. Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother. Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.