

Second Sunday of Lent

Parish of Ardfert

16 March 2025

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

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Masses for week commencing Sunday 16 March – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Tony O'Halloran, Sandy Lane, Banna (Month's Mind) and his grandfather James Lyne, Sandy Lane; Tim McCarthy, Ballymacquin, Ardfert (Month's Mind/Birthday Remembrance)
Mon	11.00 am	St Patrick's Day – Private Intention
Tues	10.00 am	Mary Ann & John Neilan, Ballyduff and deceased members of the Neilan family
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Thurs	10.00 am	Fr Arthur Moynihan, former PP of Ardfert
Fri	10.00 am	Bernie (3 rd anniv) & Jerome Moriarty, Sackville and her parents Mick & Cathy Hanafin, Sackville. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross.
Sat	10.00 am	
Sun	11.00 am	Pat & Christina Fitzgerald, Ballinprior, Ardfert; Timmy & Kathleen Brandon, Cloonglebe, Ardfert (5th anniv) and Bill O'Leary, Cloonglebe (29th anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 16 March – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Rev Fr Xavier Lovett, Seattle, USA and Kilmoyley (10 th anniv)
Sun	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass for St Patrick's Day – John Flanagan, Kilmoyley
Fri	7.00 pm	Jenny Newman, Toherbane, Ardfert (1 st anniv)
Sat	7.00 pm	Bridie Curran née O'Keefe, Lerrig, Ardfert (Month's Mind); Mary Ellen Feehan, Knockbrack, Ardfert (8 th anniv)

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Robyn Mary Fitzgerald.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €980; Capital Envelope Collection: €680. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.
- ❖ Fr Pat will pray the Stations of the Cross after Friday morning Masses in Lent.
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **Trocaire Boxes** are in both churches – please take one home with you.
- ❖ **Walk With Me Lenten Booklets for Adults and Children and Lenten Calendars** are available in both churches. Please take one home with you.

- ❖ **LENTE 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.
- ❖ **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 March at 8 pm in Cúil Mhuire Pastoral Centre.
- ❖ **The Rosary** is recited each Thursday at 2 pm in Kilmoyley church. All welcome.

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

Prayer for the Health of Pope Francis. Heavenly Father, we thank You for the loving service of Pope Francis and the hope he has inspired in so many in Your great mercy. Have mercy on him in his illness now, we pray, and guide the medical staff in his care. Grant him peace and healing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen