

## Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

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Please pray for all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Sacred Heart Church Castletownbere

Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	6.30pm	Michael & Mary McCarthy and Brenda McCarthy
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	12.00pm	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> John, Maurice & Dermot Cronin and deceased members of the Cronin & Kelly families.
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	7.00pm	Donal Harrington
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	10.00am 10.30am	John Dunne Months Mind Eucharistic Adoration (10.30am-11.30am)
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am	Private Intention
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	7.30pm	William & Chrissie Sheehan, West End.
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	6.30pm	Peter Hanley & deceased members of the Hanley family Oakmount
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	12.00pm	Michael & Philomena O'Neill Foildarrig

**Confessions at Sacred Heart Church Every Sat at 12:00 noon or on request.**

**Baptisms will be held on Saturdays at 2pm.**

### St Bartholomew's Church Rossmacowen

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10.00am	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> John Dunne Months Mind
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am	John & Mary Power and their daughter Marian and deceased members of the Power Family (The Shop, Rossmacowen)

### St Michaels Church Bere Island

**Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm**

Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	10.00am	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Paddy & Lena Sullivan.
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.00am	<b>Paul Elphick</b>

Parish Office (located at left side of church), Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am-1pm. Diary 2026 is available for bookings, contact Trish on 027 -70288. All town Masses streamed live. Mass cards are available at the office. Access the streaming <https://mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart-1>

<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Cait Donegan, Moira Duncan, Anne Harrington
<b>Readers</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Maria O'Connor, Anne Harrington
<b>Altar servers</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Nancy & Liam Sheehan, Robyn Kelly, Arty Duncan, Eva Mulpeter

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr . Amos Ruto 087 1085431

Week 1.	Week 2.
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<b>Week 1:</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>Week 2:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. <b>Week 1:</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.

**\*First Sunday of Advent:** The first purple candle symbolizes Hope, reminding us of the prophets- especially Isaiah-who foretold Jesus' birth and God's promises to be fulfilled.

**\*Cork Penny Dinners collection:** final date for donations Sunday 30th November. Contact Michelle on 087 9008705

**\*Scoil an Chroi Ro Naofa 6<sup>th</sup> Class Bazaar:** The children of 6<sup>th</sup> class will be hosting their annual bazaar on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Donations of items such as books, toys, games, sports jerseys, bric n brac can be made to the school's main office from 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please ensure donations are in good working order.

**\* St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate collection:** The annual church gate collection will be taken up on December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Your support will be very much appreciated.

**\*Switching on of Christmas lights:** The town lights & Tree switch on will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm. Fr. Amos will give a seasonal blessing, Carol singing from the Castletownbere Choir, Hot chocolate, mulled wine and plenty of festive cheer and treats for everyone. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December there will be a Christmas Market from 11.00am in Scoil an Chroi Ró Naofa. All are very welcome.

**\*Church Cleaning Volunteers:** If anyone would like to submit their names as volunteers for Church cleaning, please give your name into the office as the new rota will be compiled shortly.

**\*For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start.** The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in **your** school. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025 See- <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

God Bless

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