

Next Sunday we welcome everyone to our family Mass at 11.30am in St. Mary's. Teas/coffee/refreshments will be served in the Clubrooms afterwards. This Sunday we will raffle some Christmas Hampers. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Rehearsal for the Nativity Play will be in the church at 5pm on **Monday 1st December.**

First Holy Communion meeting for parents and children takes place **Tuesday evening 2nd December** at 7pm in the church.

ADVENT – This Sunday 30th November is the **First Sunday of Advent** – the beginning of a new church year. Please note the following services will be taking place during **Advent** – a preparation time before **Christmas:**

Friday 12th December – **Penitential Service** with **Confession** in **St. Mary's @ 7pm** – an opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** before **Christmas.** We encourage parents to bring their children and teenagers.

Wednesday 17th December – **Holy Hour** with **Adoration, Scripture hymns, reflections.** The theme is **Joy.**

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal is underway. The annual church gate collection takes place on **Saturday 6th of December** in **Cloghane church @ 6.15pm** and the following **Sunday 13th/14th December** in **St. Mary's** at the **11.30am mass.** All money collected stays local. If you would like to donate a voucher and contribute to the collection you can also drop it into the parish office. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Síle Mulcahy on receiving an award from the **Kerry Archaeology and Historical Society** for her contribution to history here in **Kerry.**

Senior citizen lunches in the **Clubrooms** every **Tuesday** at **12.45pm.** Everyone welcome.

Tri na Cheile Men's Group meet every **Monday morning 11am-to 12am** for a cup of coffee, chat and a singsong. New members always welcome.

Castlegregory N.S. are currently accepting enrolments for the **2026/27** school year. Enrolment forms can be found on the school website or by contacting the school directly. 066 7139419

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Parish Life Newsletter

30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

St Therese of Lisieux

"If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient; but I only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future."

Office Hours

Monday 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 11am to 1pm

Wednesday 11am to 4pm

Thursday 10am to 2pm

Friday 11am to 4pm.

Closed Holy days and Bank holidays

Weekend Mass Times

St. Mary's Castlegregory

Sunday 11.30am

St. Brendan's Cloghane

Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

(alternating with St.

Mary's Camp)

(see newsletter)

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Parish Priest

Fr Eamonn Mulvihill

Parish Secretary

Bernie Dowling

Tap to Donate!

Confession

St. Mary's – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass

**St. Brendan's – Tuesdays closest to First
Fridays after the 7.00pm**



Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's

Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am

**Wednesday - 10.00am to 11.00am
and 5pm to 9pm**

Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am

Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm

St. Brendan's

Tuesday – 11.00am to 12.00pm

Thursday – 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday – 11.00am to 12.00pm

Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am

**Week beginning 30th
November 2025
First Sunday of Advent**



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Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's new year. Advent means preparing and waiting; we are a people who celebrate the fact that Jesus has come, is here now in His Church, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. So Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate His birth and presence in His Church and in our hearts and prepare for His coming again at the end of the world. Each of us will meet Him the day we die.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, all the tribes and nations of the world will come together to worship the Lord on God's holy mountain. Having been transformed by God they will all be unified in their praise of Him and God will be their judge and through His justice there will be peace on earth. St Paul has an urgent message for us: the time is now to pay attention, wake up from our spiritual slumber, do not be foolish. Get our life in proper order by

putting God first and recognise the reality of eternal life. We are to walk in the light of Christ and his Gospel. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that no one knows the day or the hour that the Son of Man will return to judge the living and the dead; only the Father in heaven knows. Thus Jesus tells us the importance of being ready and prepared. Keep watch and be vigilant, we are told. The Church gives us another opportunity during Advent to look at ourselves again, to open our hearts fully to Christ and to make a new beginning. If we want a relationship with Jesus, we can find Him in His Church, that is where He is primarily present to us in the Holy Eucharist. In all the Sacraments He comes to us to nourish and sustain us on our journey through life. By our continuous and regular attendance at Holy Mass we grow in knowledge and grace and our faith grows stronger giving us confidence and the hope that we all need as we go from this world to eternal life with God.

Intentions for this Weekend

St. Mary's 30th November
Mary's @ 11.30am - Intention:
Dan O'Sullivan, Cork.

St. Brendans - Saturday 29th
November- No Vigil Mass.

Vigil Mass will be in Camp church Saturday 29th November @ 6.15pm.

WE PRAY FOR

Hannah Philbin nee Rohan, late of Chicago and Deelis Camp. Maurice O' Connor, Bornadeehy. Deceased O'Sullivan family, Carrigadav. Timmy and Mary Dowd, Aughasla. Maureen Nakash late of Carrigadav. Jeremiah, Kathleen and John O'Shea.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ST. MARY'S

Monday 1st December @ 7.00pm
Intention: Mass for deceased O'Sullivan family, Carrigadav.

Tuesday 2nd December @ 10.00am Intention: Timmy and Mary Dowd, Aughasla.

Wednesday 3rd December – No Parish Mass

Thursday 4th December @ 10.00am – Mass for Maureen Nakash, late of Carrigadav.

Friday 5 December – No Parish Mass

Saturday 6 December @ 12 noon. Mass for Care of the

Aged and party in the Clubrooms.

**Sunday 7th December-
@11.30am (1) Jeremiah,
Kathleen and John O'Shea,
Aughasla**

St. Brendan's

Tuesday 2 December @ 7.00pm
– Mass with blessing of relic of St. Carlo Acutis by Fr Eoghan O Cadhla.

St. Brendan's - Vigil Mass @ 6.15pm Intention: (1) Pdraig O'Shea, Months Mind.(2) John and Brigid Curran, Liss, Daughter Mary, Granddaughter Sheila, Aughasla.

Priest on deanery duty this Sunday 30th November is Fr. Eamonn Mulvihill. In the event of an emergency, please call 066 7139145.

If you are planning to baptise your baby in the coming weeks, please contact the parish office. Both parents are required to attend a baptism preparation evening.

Second Collection next weekend 6th/7th December for the Kerry Youth Service
