

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	6 th Dec.	6.30pm	Peter Hanley & deceased members of the Hanley family Oakmount
Sunday	7 th Dec.	12.00pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Michael & Philomena O'Neill Foildarrig
Monday	8 th Dec.	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception
Tuesday	9 th Dec.	7.00pm	Lillian & Mark Twomey Anniversary
Wednesday	10 th Dec.	10.00am	Kay, Christine & Eileen Harrington Eucharistic adoration (10.30-11.30)
Thursday	11 th Dec.	10.00am	Mary & Bartley Doran Anniversary
Saturday	13 th Dec.	6.30pm	Spencer Family Church Gate
Sunday	14 th Dec.	12.00pm	3rd Sunday of Advent William & Sheila Harrington and deceased members of the family Finaha.

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays at 2pm.

St Bartholomew's Church Rossmacowen

Sunday	7 th Dec.	10.00am	2nd Sunday of Advent. John & Mary Power and their daughter Marian and deceased members of the Power Family (The Shop, Rossmacowen)
Sunday	14 th Dec.	10.00am	3rd Sunday of Advent Tim Houlihan & deceased members of the Houlihan Family.

St Michaels Church Bere Island

Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm

Sunday	7 th Dec.	10.00am	2nd Sunday of Advent. Mass for Paul Elphick
Sunday	14 th Dec.	10.00am	Mary & John Coughlan, their daughter Joan Regan

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. <https://mcn.live/Camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart-1>

Ministers of the Eucharist	13 th /14 th Dec.	Catherine Mills, Kay Breen, Sandra O'Shea
Readers	13 th /14 th Dec.	Nancy Sheehan, Catherine Mills
Altar servers	14 th Dec.	Ellie & Sean O'Sullivan, Anita Carmel Turner Bowles, Grace O'Sullivan.

2nd Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr . George Hayes 0871226888

Week 1.	Week 2.
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole 6.30pm Allihies 8.00pm Eyerries Sunday Mass Bere Island 10.00am Castletownbere 12.00pm. Rossmacowen Church 10.00am Holy Days as previous week.	Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole Sunday Mass Bere Island 10.00am Cahermore 10.00am Castletownbere 12.00pm. Ardgroam 11.30am Rossmacowen Church 10.00am Holy Days as previous week.
Week 2: 6 th /7 th Dec.	Week 1: 13 th /14 th Dec. Week 2: 20 th /21 st Dec.

*** The annual collection for Youth Services will be held on the weekend of Sunday 7th December.**

***Second Sunday of Advent:** The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.

***Communion Class will attend mass on Sunday 7th December as part of their preparation for First Holy Communion.**

***Switching on of Christmas lights:** The town lights & Tree switch on will be held on Saturday 6th 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 7th December there will be a Christmas Market from 11.00am in Scoil an Chroi Ró Naofa. All are very welcome.

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

***Nativity Play:** The children from 2nd & 6th class will perform their annual Nativity Play at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 14th December at 6.00pm, accompanied by the Castletownbere Choir. All are welcome.

***God be with you in the dying of the year and at its birth:
In the ending of a page of your life and your work,
and the turning of another,
With all the challenges that it may offer.
May God be with you always!***

God Bless

Fr. Amos 087-1085431