

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	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.
		6.00pm	Children's Nativity Pageant
Tuesday	16 th Dec.	7.00pm	Daniel & Margaret O'Sullivan, Main Street and Barron Family Bantry
Wednesday	17 th Dec.	10.00am	Michael O'Donoghue, Corner House
Thursday	18 th Dec.	10.00am	Don Murphy West End & deceased family members
Saturday	20 th Dec.	6.30pm	Joe O'Leary West End & deceased family members
Sunday	21 st Dec.	12.00pm	4th Sunday of Advent John & Patricia Murphy, Church Gate & deceased family members

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

St Bartholomew's Church Rossmacowen

Sunday	14 th Dec.	10:00am	3rd Sunday of Advent Tim Houlihan & deceased members of the Houlihan Family.
Sunday	21 st Dec.	10.00am	4th Sunday of Advent Peggy O'Sullivan Bank

St Michaels Church Bere Island

Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm

Sunday	14 th Dec.	10.00am	3rd Sunday of Advent Mary & John Coughlan, their daughter Joan Regan
Sunday	21 st Dec.	10.00am	4th Sunday of Advent Josie & John O'Sullivan Derrycreveen

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>

Ministers of the Eucharist	20 th /21 st Dec.	Catherine Collins, Mary Dudley, Joan Murphy
Readers	20 th /21 st Dec.	Mary Harrington, Noel Forde
Altar servers	21 st Dec.	Luke & Cillian O'Neill, Conor & Hannah Lynch, Molly & Lily O'Sullivan

3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December 2025

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr . John Kerrin 086 1918246

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 1: 13 th /14 th Dec.	Week 2: 20 th /21 st Dec. Week 1: 27 th /28 th Dec.

***Third Sunday of Advent:** The pink candle symbolises Joy, the Joy that Jesus is almost here. The candle is called "The Shepherds Candle". It is called Gaudette Sunday.

*** 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 Pageant:** The children from 2nd & 6th class will perform their annual Nativity Pageant at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 14th December at 6.00pm, accompanied by the Castletownbere Choir. *The children put a great amount of time and effort into the pageant, so we would encourage all parents, family, and community members to come along and show their support.*

*** Christmas Tree.** You are invited to write names of absent family or friends on white side of tie tags which you will find at The Sacred Space. Please hang them on the big Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

24th December	Christmas Eve.	Children's Mass Castletownbere	6.00pm
24th December.	Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass Castletownbere	9.00pm
25th December.	Christmas Day Masses.	Rossmacowen	10.00am.
25th December		Bere Island	10.00am
25th December.		Castletownbere	12.00pm.

***Second Collection Christmas Masses:** The Christmas Dues (which supports your priests) will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your continued support during the year.

God Bless

Fr. Amos 087-1085431