

Castletownbere/Rossmacowen/Bere Island Parish Newsletter

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Your prayers are asked for Margaret O'Neill, nee Sugrue West End, who died recently in the UK.

Sacred Heart Church Castletownbere

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
Tuesday	23 rd Dec.	7.00pm	
Wednesday	24 th Dec.	6.00pm	Children's Christmas Mass with Special Visitor. Michael & Margaret Murphy, Clounaglaskein
		9.00pm	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass- Personal Intention
Thursday	25 th Dec.	12.00pm	Christmas Day Mass- People of the Parish
Saturday	27 th Dec.	6.30pm	James, Catherine, Declan & Finbarr Mullins
Sunday	28 th Dec.	12.00pm	Maura Barron

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	21 st Dec.	10:00am	4th Sunday of Advent Peggy O'Sullivan Bank
Thursday	25 th Dec.	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass- People of the Parish
Sunday	28 th Dec.	10.00am	Jimmy Sullivan

St Michaels Church Bere Island

Mass Live on Bere Island Community Radio 100.1fm

Sunday	21 st Dec.	10.00am	4th Sunday of Advent Josie & John O'Sullivan Derrycreveen
Thursday	25 th Dec.	10.00am	Christmas Day Mass- People of the Parish
Sunday	28 th Dec.	10.00am	

Parish Office (located at left side of church), Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December 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	27 th /28 th Dec.	Trish Orpen, Liam O'Driscoll, Ann O'Driscoll
Readers	27 th /28 th Dec.	Luke O'Neill/Conor Lynch, Margaret Hurley
Altar servers	21 st Dec.	Nathan O'Shea, Laoise Orpen, Róise O'Neill, Zara McCarthy

4th Sunday of Advent 21st December 2025

Priest on Emergency Duty for Beara & Kenmare. Fr . Niall Howard 087 9365370

Week 1.	Week 2.
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Castletownbere 8.00pm Adrigole 6.30pm Allihies 8.00pm Eyeries 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. Ardroom 11.30am Rossmacowen Church 10.00am Holy Days as previous week.
Week 2: 20 th /21 st Dec.	Week 1: 27 th /28 th Dec. Week 2: 3 rd /4 th Jan.

***Fourth Sunday of Advent:** The final purple candle, called **The Angel Candle** represents Love, signifying peace and goodwill to all.

***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.

24 th December	Christmas Eve.	Children's Mass Castletownbere	6.00pm
24 th December.	Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass Castletownbere	9.00pm
25 th December.	Christmas Day Masses.	Rossmacowen	10.00am.
25 th December		Bere Island	10.00am
25 th 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. Cheques can be made payable to Castletownbere Church Account.

***Tralahan Annual Christmas Swim** will take place on Christmas Day at 12.45pm, everyone is welcome to take a dip.

***This year marks the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to Sister Lúcia.** Among her requests was that the laity observe the **First Saturday Devotion** each month, offered for the peace of the world. We are currently seeking parishioners who may be willing to help promote and support this devotion within our pastoral area.

For an initial discussion, please contact: Co-ordinator Kate- First Saturday Devotion: 087 688 4124/Fr. Amos 087 1085431. If you feel called to respond to Our Lady's request, your involvement would be most welcome.

**Wishing everyone a very Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas
God Bless, Fr. Amos 087-1085431**