KILLARNEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTION 22ND DEC-28TH DEC 2025

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am

Mon 6.15pm Jerry Kelleher, St. Brendans Place

Bernadette McMonagle, Ardshanavooley Shane O'Donoghue, Chicago & New Street

Tom & Sheila Looney, Gortdromakerrie, Muckross

Cathy O'Connor, O'Kelly's Villas

Tim & Sheila O'Brien, Gortdromakerrie, Muckross

Jack, Hannah & David Hurley, Main Street John, Elizabeth & Mary Murphy, Torc Terrace

Nora O'Sullivan, Ballyspillane Colman & Christine Kelliher

Cathal, Vourneen & Barry Kelliher, High Street Eily Doherty, Molly O'Connor, Mary Burns,

Mr & Mrs Coffey, Flemings Lane

John & Elizabeth Foley & Family, Pinewood and Dan & Mary McGough & Family, Woodlawn

Tues 6.15pm Jerry, Bridie & Donal Brosnan, "Sheehy House",

New Street

Wed 6.15pm Christmas Eve

Thur 6.15pm Christmas Day Fri 6.15pm Bank Holiday (I

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Sat 6.15pm Mary Spillane, Kilbrean (Months Mind)

Paddy Corcoran, Cappawee, Portmagee

(1st Anniversary)

Ruairí Lynch, Elm Grove, Ballydreebeen

(1st Anniversary)

Tadeusz Kozik Poland & Deceased Members of the

Kozik & Copiia Families

Tom Murphy, St. Brendan's Terrace

Martin Griffin, Dalton's Avenue & Flemings Lane & Deceased Members of the Griffin & Brennan Families

James Eagar, New Road

John O'Sullivan, Formerly of Ballycasheen &

Crossmount, Kilgarvan

Sean Casey, Athenry (Birthday Remembrance)
Brendan & Doreen Casey, Clasheen & Special Inten

Sun 10.30am Special Intention

8.00am

Sun

Sun 12noon Pat Cleary & her husband Martin Cleary

Roseville Avenue, Muckross Road
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Morning Mass Mon—Sat 9.30am

Mon 9.30 am Mary & Michael Fleming, their infant Son & Baby

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Tues 9.30 am The Doherty Family Wed 9.30 am Christmas Eve

Thur Christmas Day (Mass at 11.00am)

Fri 9.30am Jack & Nora O'Donoghue, Carrigeen, Headford

Sat 9.30am Teresa Kenny, Mangerton Road

Sun 11.00am Jerry, Margaret & Donal Coffey, Tullig, Spa

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MUCKROSS

Sun 9.30am Ann & Patrick Fleming, Scartlea , Muckross

DEATHS: Please Pray for ... Silvano Taddei. Muckross View Nora Purcell. (Née Carroll) Lewis Road & late of Knocknaskeha

Connie Smith, Green Lawn & London

Liam O'Shea, Inchicullane, Kilcummin & Formerly of St Brendan's Place

1ST ANNIVERSARY. We remember., Michael McCarthy, Lwr Tiernaboul

Mary Teresa Hickey, "Millbank", Ballycasheen Ruairi Lynch, Elm Grove, Ballydribbeen

Christopher (Chris) Moynihan, Upper Lissivigeen

BAPTISMS: We Welcome... Kealan Philip Murray, N.S.W. Éala Rose O'Sullivan. Gortamullen Heights. Kenmare

Archie Steve McAllen, Park Court Apartments., Beech Road

Brooklyne O'Brien, Pinewood Est MARRIAGES: Congratulations to ...

Emme Phelan, Mountrath, Co. Laois & Aidan Ryan, Thurles Charlie Flanagan, Naul, Co. Dublin & Oisin Quill, Kenmare

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection -5pm— 9pm Tuesday 23rd Dec Adoration will resume on the 6th of January

St Mary's Cathedral, No Eucharistic Adoration Wed Dec 24th or 31st Dec Adoration will resume January 7th at 11.00am—5.30pm

Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross will resume on the 8th of January

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday 24th of Dec

St Mary's Cathedral 6.15pm Mass & Midnight Mass Church of the Resurrection 6.00pm

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross—9.00pm CHRISTMAS DAY—Thursday 25th Dec

St Mary's Cathedral Thurs 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon (No 6.15pm) Church of the Resurrection 11.00am

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross 9.30am

CONFESSIONS

Mon 22nd of Dec 12noon—1pm and Tues 23rd 12noon - 1pm Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve Wed 24th 11.00am —4pm

LAP OF LIGHT 2025 for bereaved families celebrating the lives of loved ones who passed away. Assemble at Dr Crokes' Clubhouse, Lewis Rd, Saturday December 27 @ 4.30 pm. Everyone welcome

THE ANNUAL GOAL MILE run and walk takes place again this Christmas Day at the Deenagh Lodge, Knockreer Time: 10 am to 1pm.

CHRISTMAS DUES COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day . Dues envelopes available at the church doors if you would like to contribute and are not using parish weekly envelopes. Thank you for your continued support to the Parish Clergy.

TIERNABOUL NS requires a partime cleaner, 12 hrs pw, pls contact tiernaboulnsrecruit@gmail.com starting date Mon 5th of January 2026.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE DIOCESE OF KERRY 2025

These lines from a religious poem in the Divine Office capture the meaning and the Spirit of our celebration of Christmas:

"Where true love is dwelling, God is dwelling there; Love's own loving Presence, love does ever share. Give Him joyful welcome, love Him and revere; Cherish one another with a love sincere."

A happy and a faith-centred Christmas to one and all, to all homes, all families and all people living alone. It is wonderful that Christmas in Ireland remains so family centred for most people: 'Home for Christmas', 'Together for Christmas'. For homes and families all year-round every week can be pressurized and busy, Christmas is almost the only time most people are at home with their family, a few days to unwind and catch up, time to see the bigger picture of their lives and to count their blessings. I pray God's blessing on every home in the diocese.

If it has been a difficult year or if you are troubled today draw strength from the fact that Mary and Joseph relied on the innkeeper, and all he could provide was a stable, and their baby Jesus was born. What joy and happiness! Everything does not have to be perfect for life to be fulfilling.

A word of encouragement. Have time to turn to God over the Christmas days. Pause and gaze at the crib in the home, or at a simple crib-picture on a Christmas card. Visit the crib in local churches. Bring the children. Especially at the crib talk to children about the birth of Jesus, - and the love God the Father has for us all. Speak to children of the love of God, and of all of us putting our Hope in God. Join in the celebration of Mass. Proclaim Christ Jesus as your Hope as you enter the New Year. Share and nourish your own faith over the days of Christmas.

This Christmas we have a new Pope, Leo XIV. We pray for him and for his shepherding of the church in the years ahead. Let us remember Pope Francis fondly. Recall the heroic effort he made on Easter Sunday to show the world his faith and joy in the Resurrection of Jesus, and how he died early the next morning.

2023 was the 800th anniversary of St Francis having the first Christmas crib in Greccio, Italy. In his crib St Francis had live people and animals, - an event that is now seen as the beginning of the worldwide tradition of the crib, - a model of the stable with figures of all the people, animals and objects. At the start of Advent 2019, looking forward to 2023 Pope Francis wrote an apostolic letter entitled "The meaning and importance of the nativity scene".

What follows are two paragraphs, from the middle and the end of Pope Francis' letter, two paragraphs that can help us reflect and pray about the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. "Why does the Christmas crib arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God's tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realize that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life.

In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins."

Bishop Ray Browne

Wishing you the Lord's blessing of peace and joy. Bishop Ray Browne Fr Kieran. Fr Joe. Fr Vitalis & all the Parish Team.

PARISH OFFICE will Close Mon 22nd and reopen on Monday 5th of January at 10.00am. In the case of an emergency please contact a Priest on **087 6501998**