

St Brigid (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Parish of Ardfert

1 February 2026

ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH, ARDFERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH, KILMOYLEY

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Masses for week commencing Sunday 1 February – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Mary & Patrick Carmody, West Commons
Mon	10.00 am	Jeremiah (1 st anniv) & Marian Wallace (3 rd anniv), Casement's View, Ardfert
Tues	10.00 am	Special Intention
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Bridie & Martin Higgins, Ardfert village
Thurs	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Fri	7.00 pm	First Friday - Peg & Johnny Flaherty, Banna West
Sat	9.30 am	First Saturday devotions
Sat	10.00 am	
Sun	11.00 am	Margaret Lucid, Banna and Ardfert (Birthday Remembrance); Anne Sinnott, Tubrid Cross (7 th anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 1 February, Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	Thomas Brassil, Lerrig (22 nd anniv); Tom & Catherine Griffin, Kilcooley; Mike & Maureen Horan, Ballyhemican
Fri	10.00 am	First Friday – For the Holy Souls of the Snipefield Station Area
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €1245; Capital Envelope Collection: €335. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh. *Diocesan collection next weekend for Lourdes Helpers. This fund helps to cover costs of those who travel with the sick to assist them on the pilgrimage. Many are students who need financial help to travel. Assisted pilgrims are also helped financially from this fund. Please give generously next week to this collection – it is our only source of funding.*
- ❖ **Ardfert Parish Office** is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **ALTAR SOCIETY – FEBRUARY (Ardfert Church)**: Shunie O'Flaherty
- ❖ **CHURCH CLEANING TEAM – FEBRUARY (Ardfert Church)** – Team D.
- ❖ **Candlemas Day**: Monday 2 February is the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** or **Candlemas Day**. It is also **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Candles will be blessed at the 10 am Mass in Ardfert. If you would like to have candles blessed for your home, please bring them to the Mass on Monday morning.

- ❖ **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**. The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 February at 8 pm in Cúil Mhuire Pastoral Centre.

- ❖ **Saint Blaise: Tuesday 3 February is the Feast of Saint Blaise** who was Bishop of Sebastea in Armenia and was martyred in 315 AD. He is patron saint of people with sore throats and sick cattle. Fr Pat will bless people's throats at the 10 am Mass in Ardfert on Tuesday 3 February. He will also bless throats at the 7 pm Mass in Ballyheigue that evening and at the Masses in Ardfert and Kilmoyley next weekend.

- ❖ **Kerry Diocesan Mission 2026**. The diocesan mission, **Peace be with you all**, will take place online from Sunday 8 Feb – Wednesday 11 Feb. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Video Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Sr Finola Cunnane, Jim Deeds, Dr John Lannon and Gemma Mulligan. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie. Mission booklets are available in churches for you to take home. (See posters on notice boards)

St Brigid – Feast Day: 1st February.

Saint Brigid is the Secondary Patron of Ireland and is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c 454 AD in Faughart near Dundalk, Co Louth. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from Saint Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. The tradition is that when Brigid approached a local chieftain in Kildare looking for a piece of land on which she would build a monastery he refused her. She then asked him if he would give her as much land as her cloak covered. He had no problem with this and more or less laughed at her as she placed her cloak on the ground. However, miraculously, her cloak expanded to cover a huge area! The chieftain was a man of his word and gave her this land – enough for a double monastery! The Saint Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. The tradition regarding the Saint Brigid's Cross comes from the story that she was at the bedside of a pagan chieftain who was dying. To pass the time she started to make a cross from the rushes on the ground of the room where the chieftain and herself were. When he asked her what she was doing, she replied that she was making a cross and explained how Jesus died on a cross before rising from the dead and thereby saved the human race. When he heard this, the pagan chieftain decided to become a Christian before he died. Saint Brigid died in 524 AD and devotion to her is widespread not only throughout Ireland but throughout the world.