

Second Sunday after Christmas

Parish of Ardfert

4 January 2026

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

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RECENT DEATHS: *Ann Kissane, West Commons, Ardfert and formerly of London, UK whose Funeral Mass was held on Saturday 27 December 2025.*

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: Mai Shanahan, Tubridmore, Ardfert

Masses for week commencing Sunday 4 January – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Marie & John Dowling, The Square, Ardfert; Declan Silles, Liscahane (7 th anniv), his sister Judy Silles and Luke Silles
Mon	10.00 am	
Tues	11.00 am	Feast of the Epiphany
Tues	12 noon – 1 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	Fr John Stack and Fr Jim Stack, Sydney, Australia and late of Banna and Sr Josephine Stack OP, UK and late of Banna
Thurs	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Fri	10.00 am	
Sat	10.00 am	Thomas Nyhan, Ballineen, Co Cork (recently deceased)
Sun	11.00 am	Bridie Roche, West Commons, Ardfert (13 th anniv), her husband Maurice and deceased members of the Lucid and Roche families

Masses for week commencing Sunday 4 January – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	
Mon	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass for Feast of the Epiphany – Kitty and John Higgins, Ballyheigue
Fri	7.00 pm	T P O'Connor, Banemore, Ardfert (7 th anniv)
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Billy Jack Kenny.
- ❖ We congratulate Siobhan McCrohan and Gary Baker who celebrated their marriage recently in St Brendan's Church, Ardfert.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €505; Capital Envelope Collection: €275; Christmas offertory collection: €1185. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.

- ❖ Ardfert Parish Office is open on Thursday and Friday this week from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **ARDFERT CHURCH CLEANING ROTA for January:** Team A. Thank you to all who volunteer for the Altar Society and Church Cleaning. The church and sanctuary area is always so well presented. New volunteers to join the Altar Society or church cleaning rota would be most welcome.
- ❖ **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE.** Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish and priest throughout 2025. A further **€10,000** has been repaid to the Kerry Parochial Trust leaving the amount owing following the renovation of our two churches at **€77,658**.
- ❖ **ALONE** the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. One hour a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 please or see **ALONE.ie/Volunteer** for more info.
- ❖ **'THANK YOU'** We would like to thank all those people who have served our Parish so well in so many different ways in the last 12 months. May the Lord continue to bless you and reward you.
- ❖ **Tuesday 6 January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be held in Kilmoyley church on Monday evening at 7 pm and in Ardfert church on Tuesday 6 January at 11 am.

Prayer to The Holy Family

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul;
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony;
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you;
Into Your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;
Lord Jesus, receive my soul. Amen*

A Thought for the Turn of the Year

"As the year comes to a close, it is a time for reflection – a time to release old thoughts and beliefs and forgive old hurts. Whatever has happened in the past year, the New Year brings fresh beginnings. Exciting new experiences and relationships await. Let us be thankful for the blessings of the past and the promises of the future". (Peggy Toney Horton)

Fr Pat would like to wish all the people of Ardfert and Kilmoyley Parish a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year, praying God's blessing on you and all belonging to you at this time.