

an emergency, please call 066 7139145.

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**Lenten Reflection Thursday morning in St. Mary's after the 10am Mass. Reading of Sunday's Gospel followed by reflection and sharing. Everyone welcome.**

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**If you are planning to baptise your baby in the coming weeks, please contact the parish office. Both parents are required to attend a baptism preparation evening before the baptism.**

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**Lenten Online Talk Series**

The Diocese of Kerry invites you to its Lenten online talk series, "Beyond Almsgiving," exploring poverty in the light of Catholic Social Teaching, on 24 February, 10 March, and 24 March at 7.30 pm. Speakers include Dr Aoife McGrath (Maynooth) and guest speakers from SVP and Trócaire. Information and registration: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

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**Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palić Saturday & Sunday March 7th & 8th. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on [fionatjennings@yahoo.com](mailto:fionatjennings@yahoo.com)**

**Meals on Wheels -Halla Le Cheile, Brandon - Operates Monday to Friday, providing nutritious, freshly prepared meals. The service is available to everyone. If you or someone you know would like more information, please get in touch in touch with us 087 – 2372241.**

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**Senior citizen lunches every Tuesday in the Clubrooms. If any member of the community would like to avail of the service, please contact Michelle on 087 9194146 a few days beforehand.**

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**Trí Na Chéile Men's group meet every Monday morning in the Clubrooms 11am to 12 for a cuppa, a chat. New members always welcome.**

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**Dingle Outreach, a service of Chime – The National Charity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People, offers a free, confidential, appointment-only clinic providing one-to-one support on deafness and hearing loss. Wednesday, 25th of February, from 12–2 PM St Mary's Temperance Hall, Main Street, Grove, Dingle, V92 DV74 -Appointments required – please contact: Jerry Kelleher — 087 37 47 327**

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**ICA Clochán/Bréanainn. Tráthnóna Cóisir Tae - Halla le Chéile, Dé Domhnaigh 15ú Feabhra.2-4pm. Beidh crannchair ar an lá. Iomlán na bhFáltais ag dul go St Mary of the Angels, Beaufort. Fáilte roimh chách.**

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**The Samaritans would like to thank everyone for their generosity to the church gate collection at Christmas. It raised a total of €1352.80**

# Parish Life Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

First Sunday of Lent Year A

## *St Therese of Lisieux*

*"If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient; but I only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future."*

### Office Hours

**Monday 10am to 2pm**

**Tuesday 11am to 1pm**

**Wednesday 11am to 4pm**

**Thursday 10am to 2pm**

**Friday 11am to 4pm.**

**Closed Holy days and Bank holidays**

### Weekend Mass Times

**St. Mary's Castlegregory**

**Sunday 11.30am**

**St. Brendan's Cloghane**

**Saturday Vigil 6.15pm**

**(alternating with St.**

**Mary's Camp)**

**(see newsletter)**

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**St. Vincent de Paul - 087 1647788**

### **Parish Priest**

**Fr Eamonn Mulvihill**

### **Parish Secretary**

**Bernie Dowling**

**Tap to Donate!**

### **Confession**

**St. Mary's – First Fridays after 7.00pm Mass**

**St. Brendan's – Tuesdays closest to First**

**Fridays after the 7.00pm**



### **Daily Parish Eucharistic Adoration**

#### **St. Mary's**

**Monday – 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Wednesday - 10.00am to 11.00am**

**and 5pm to 9pm**

**Friday – 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Sunday – 12.20 (after Mass) 1.20pm**

#### **St. Brendan's**

**Tuesday – 11.00am to 12.00pm**

**Thursday – 3.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Saturday – 11.00am to 12.00pm**

**Sunday – 9.15am to 10.15am**

**Week beginning  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
First Sunday of Lent year A**



**This is the first Sunday of Lent. Today's gospel is from St. Matthew. We are told that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness after His Baptism. Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the wilderness. The devil tempted Jesus, " If you are the Son of God turn tell these stones to become bread." However Jesus, though hungry, put His trust In His heavenly Father. "Jesus said, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil asked Jesus to throw Himself from the top of the temple to show that angels would come and save Him. Jesus answered**

**again "It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Once more the Devil tempted Jesus with a promise of land, wealth and its splendour if He would bow down and worship him. Jesus responded " Away with you Satan! Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." Jesus chose to rely on the trust He has in his Father. He is not willing to test His Fathers love or manipulate it to prove to the devil that He is the Son of God. He is sure in the knowledge of God's love for Him. Temptation is part of our lives as it was part of Jesus' life. We are surrounded by all sorts of temptation through our everyday lives. Sometimes money, power, prestige, pleasure can cause us to sin and turn away from God. Society today can put pressure on people to disown their beliefs and trust in something much less. When we are faced with temptation we need to look into our hearts and choose our actions carefully. If our heart is full of love and trust in God we will follow His example in today's Gospel. We will choose the path of the kingdom, marked by humility, love and total trust in God.**

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**INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND**

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**St Mary's Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**2026 @ 11.30am – Intentions:**

**(1) Desmond Buckley, Cork & Castlegregory months mind**

**(2) Thomas O'Donnell, Killiney**

**(3) Patrick Connor, London and Carlow**

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**St. Brendan's – No vigil Mass this weekend. Vigil Mass will be in Camp on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February @ 6.15pm.**

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**We pray for**

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**Brendan Spillane, Fermoyle**

**Carol O'Riordan, Aughacasia**

**Con Cahillane & Jack and Julia**

**McCarthy, Keelballyahive**

**Fr Oliver Kemp, Carrigadav & UK**

**Anne & Pat Egan, Clounsharraugh**

**Joan & James Greaney, Ballyguin**

**Lucy Clohessy & deceased family members**

**Mary & Tommy Flynn, Ceandeehy**

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**ST. MARY'S**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 7.00pm**

**Intention: Con Cahillane & Jack & Julia McCarthy, Keelballyahive**

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**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.00am – Intention: Fr Oliver Kemp, Carrigadav & UK**

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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - No Parish Mass**

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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February @ 10am- Intention: Lucy Clohessy & deceased family members**

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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 7.00pm Intention: Mary & Tommy Flynn, Ceandeehy**

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mary @ 11.30am – Intentions: (1) Bridie Goodwin,**

**Killiney – Months Mind & her husband Robert, 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**(2) Bridgella Barry, Forge Road Anniversary**

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**St. Brendan's**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

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**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February @ 7.00pm – Intentions: (1) Anne**

**& Pat Egan, Clounsharraugh**

**(2) Joan Greaney (anniversary) and her husband, James,**

**Ballyguin.**

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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February Vigil Mass @ 6.15pm – Intention:**

**Cathy Houlihan, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & her husband**

**Nick (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Taobh an Cnoic.**

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**Priest on deanery duty this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is Fr. Eamonn Mulvihill. In the event of**