

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish of Ardfert

16 August 2026

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

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RECENT DEATHS: *Mary Clifford née Lyne, Casement's View, Ardfert and formerly of the Square, Ardfert* whose Funeral Mass was held on Thursday. *Michael Griffin, Long Island, New York, USA.*

Masses for week commencing Sunday 16 August – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

Sun	11.00 am	Mary Pierce, Ardfert village (2 nd anniv), her husband Noel (17 th anniv) and their baby daughter Johanna; Margaret Lucid, Banna and Ardfert; Jerry Clifford, Banna South (9 th anniv); Pat Flaherty, Tralee Road (24 th anniv) and dec'd members of the Flaherty and Finnerty families; Rachelle Kelly, London and Michael Kelly, Lixnaw
Mon	10.00 am	Mass for All the People of the Parish
Tues	10.00 am	
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	10.00 am	
Fri	7.00 pm	Liam Kearney, Ballinprior (Month's Mind)
Sat	10.00 am	
Sun	11.00 am	Eileen (4 th anniv), Jerry, Con & Bridie Carroll, West Commons; Pat O'Mahony, Banemore (1 st anniv); Mary Collins, Graigue (8 th anniv); Don Kirwan, Station Road; Mary (5 th anniv) & John Jeffers, North Commons; Sean Healy Tubrid Beg (7 th anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 16 August – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

Sat	7.00 pm	
Fri	10.00 am	
Sat	7.00 pm	Kathleen McElligott, Ballinorig, Causeway (19 th anniv) and her husband Eddie Joe; Bridie Maunsell, Lerrig Lough; Richie & Mary Ann Stack, Ballymacquinn & their sons Rob and Francis

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Archer Francis Hare.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €740; Capital Envelope Collection: €360. Go Raibh Maith Agaibh.

- ❖ Ardfert Parish Office is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 am – 1 pm. Tel: 7134131/ email: ardfert@dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **ARDFERT ALTAR SOCIETY – Church gate collection – Sunday 16 August.** Envelopes are available at the back of Ardfert church should you wish to take one and return it next weekend. Thank you for your generous support.
- ❖ **Diocese of Kerry Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday 22 August.** Pilgrims travelling from Ardfert, please meet in Ardfert church car park at 6.45 am. Ceremonies commence at 2 pm and conclude around 4.30 pm. Please contact Kathleen Murray on 087 1344699 if you have any queries. **Our Lady of Knock, pray for us!**
- ❖ **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND (2–4 OCT 2026).** Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026 at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. www.marriageencounter.ie.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met last Monday evening to review the trial period over the last six months when we rotated our weekend Masses between our two churches. As would be the experience of so many others who attended these Masses, the members of the council observed that the overall attendance at our Masses in March, May and July when the Vigil Mass was in Ardfert and the Morning Mass was in Kilmoyley was considerably less than in the other months. While the number of people at Mass in Kilmoyley was much the same whether it was the Saturday evening or Sunday morning, the number of people at the Vigil Mass in Ardfert was much less than that on the Sunday morning. Furthermore the offertory collections were much less than over the same period last year, dropping by close on two and a half thousand euro, which is disappointing as the parish struggles to make ends meet. Therefore it was decided to keep the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening in Kilmoyley and the Sunday morning Mass in Ardfert for the foreseeable future.

We welcome all visitors to the parish during the summer holidays and wish you all a happy and relaxing stay.