

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish of Ardfert

23 August 2026

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

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ANNIVERSARIES: Nora Moran née Lenihan, Knocknagoshel (2nd anniv); Timmy Lenihan, Knocknagoshel (6th anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 23 August – St Brendan's Church, Ardfert

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); Tony Browne, Ardahan (4 th anniv)
Mon	10.00 am	Private Intention
Tues	10.00 am	
Tues	11.00 am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Weds	7.00 pm	Padre Pio Evening of Devotions - Mass for All the People of the Parish
Thurs	10.00 am	
Fri	7.00 pm	John O'Driscoll, The Round Road. Tubridmore (Month's Mind)
Sat	10.00 am	
Sun	11.00 am	John Michael O'Sullivan, Tubrid Hill (5 th anniv); Jerry & Mary O'Connor, Farranwilliam; Norma Nolan, Casement View (6 th anniv)

Masses for week commencing Sunday 23 August – Sacred Heart Church, Kilmoyley

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
Fri	10.00 am	Special Intention
Sat	7.00 pm	

- ❖ We welcome into the Christian community baby Annie Eilish Mulrennan.
- ❖ Last Sunday's offertory collection: €775; Capital Envelope Collection: €255; Holy Day: €120. 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.

- ❖ **Padre Pio Evening of Devotions – Wednesday 26 August at 7 pm.** The Devotions will begin with the Rosary and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by the Mass which in turn will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. At the end of the Devotions Fr Pat will bless people with a relic of Padre Pio.
- ❖ The parish newsletter is available online at www.dioceseofkerry.ie.
- ❖ **BAPTISMS.** At least three weeks' notice should be given. Please contact the parish office. Tel: 7134131.
- ❖ **Parish Offering/Dues Envelopes** can be posted securely through the letterbox of the parish office. *Please note:* Cheques should be made payable to **Ardfert Parish** or to **Ardfert-Kilmoyley Capital Fund**. The Parish Finance Council thanks you for your continuing support.
- ❖ The visit of **Fr Svet from Medugorje**, to Killarney, in conjunction with Arthur Mc Cluskey Foundation helping the poor in Bosnia. Venue: Church of the Resurrection, Park Rd, Killarney on Wednesday 26 August at 7 pm starting with Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration. All welcome. Contact Tom 086 8380406.
- ❖ **Poor Clares Galway, Half-Day Retreat for women 18-40:** 2 – 6 pm Sun 6 Sept. An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer. For more information and to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>
- ❖ **The Spiritans Mission Appeal – Summer 2026.** A total of €700.50 was collected for the Spiritans Mission Appeal. We received a letter of thanks for your generous support.
- ❖ **Ballyheigue Pattern Day Mass - Tuesday 8 September at 11 am.** Please join us as we celebrate with Bishop Ray Browne Our Lady's Birthday in the beautiful setting of Our Lady's Well & Grotto. Everyone is warmly welcome. Plenty of free parking available.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met recently 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.