

MASS INTENTIONS 25TH DECEMBER –31ST DECEMBER 2017 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am

Sun 6.15pm	Children's Mass
Sun 12midnight	Midnight Mass
Mon 8am, 10.30am & 12noon	Christmas Day Masses
Tues 10.30am	Teresa O'Sullivan, Upper lissivigeen (Months Mind) (if no Funeral)
Tues 6.15pm	Bank Holiday—no 6.15pm Mass, only 10.30am
Wed 6.15pm	James Eagar, New Road
Thur 6.15pm	Mary Ellen O'Leary, Main Street
Fri 6.15pm	Mary Whitsell, Hawthorne Avenue
Sat 6.15pm	Josephine Mullarkey(Née Fleming) Holy Cross Gardens & Surrey, UK & Formerly of St. Brendan's Terrace (Months Mind) Bernarda Doncel, Ballyhar & New York (Months Mind) Jeremiah O'Connor, O'Sullivan's Place Tom Murphy, St. Brendan's Terrace Kathleen Hardy & husband Georgie & Son Georgie & Grandson Lee Paddy O'Brien, 87 Ardshanavooley Martin Beckett & his Son Martin, Cluanin, Woodlawd Rd Martin Griffin & Deceased Members of the Griffin & the Brennan Families, Dalton's Avenue Batt, Anne & Baby Emily Horrigan, Muckcross Road James & Margaret McKenna, Castlerosse Cottages Helen Walsh, "La Salette" Countess Road Denis Scannell, London & Late of Fossa
Sun 8am	Michael & Margaret Moriarty, 2 Woodlawn Park
Sun 10.30am	John (Johnny) O'Brien, Marian Terrace, (Months Mind)
Sun 12noon	Pat Cleary, Roseville Avenue, Muckcross Road

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Morning Mass Mon - Sat 9.30am

Sun 5.45pm	Children's Mass
Sun 7.30pm	Christmas Vigil
Mon 11am	Christmas Day Mass
Tues 9.30 am	Special Intention
Wed 9.30 am	The Doherty Family
Thur 9.30 am	The O'Keefe Family
Fri 9.30am	Mary O'Brien, Coolcorcoran, Deerpark
Sat 9.30 am	Special Intention
Sat 7.30 pm	Jack Casey, Cummeen
Sun 11.00 am	Tom O'Donohoe, Mill Road (Months Mind)

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MUCKROSS

Sun 9pm	Christmas Vigil
Mon 9.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Sun 9.30am	Dan Looney, Coolies, Tim Looney, Kippaugh, Glenflesk & Mayo Bridge, Co. Down

DEATHS Please Pray for.....

Bridie Kerrisk (Née O'Connell) Lewis Road & Formerly of High Street
Eileen Cloutier (Née O'Connor), California & Formerly of Clashesens

BAPTISMS: *Welcome....* Oisin Jeremiah O'Brien, Folláin, Rock Road Darragh Galvin, Finuge, Listowel & California

MARRIAGES: *Congratulations to ...*

Louise Cassidy, The Park & Eoin O'Donoghue, Carrigeen, Headford

CHRISTMAS MASSES

St Mary's Cathedral

Christmas Eve: 6.15pm(Children's Mass) & 12 midnight,
Christmas Day 8am, 10.30am & 12 noon

Church of the Resurrection

Christmas Eve 5.45pm (Children's Mass), & 7.30pm
Christmas Day 11am

Muckross Church

Christmas Eve 9pm
Christmas Day 9.30am

Franciscan Friary

Christmas Eve 10pm
Christmas Day 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Tues Dec 26th St Stephen's day

St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am only (no 6.15pm Mass)
Church of the Resurrection 9.30am

Weekday Masses Wed 27th to Sat 31st at the usual times:

St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am & 6.15pm
Church of the Resurrection: 9.30am

Franciscan Friary - Morning Mass each day at 10.00 a.m.
No Mass at 8.a.m until Tuesday January 2nd .

MASSES FOR NEXT WEEKEND DEC 30TH /DEC 31ST WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE USUAL TIMES:

St Mary's Cathedral: Sat 6.15pm Vigil, Sun 8am, 10.30am & 12noon
Church of the Resurrection: Sat 7.30pm & Sun 11am
Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross: Sun 9.30am

THE FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and many blessings in the New Year & thank you for your continued support. The Friary Office & Bookshop will reopen on Tue 2nd .

RED ENVELOPE COLLECTION for the Cathedral Renovation Fund will be taken up on 30th Dec /31st Dec next weekend.

PARISH CALENDARS will be available in all Churches & at the Parish Office from next weekend Dec 30th/31st.

MON JAN 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE: Mass for Peace on Mon Jan 1st 5pm in the Cathedral - to pray for peace in our lives, in our homes, in our country, in our world.

BISHOP RAY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: The heart of Christmas is amazing: that the baby born to Mary and Joseph, was God coming to be with all people on earth. The Almighty, the All-Powerful came into our world as a gentle loving new-born baby. Such is "the loving kindness of the heart of our God". He came to stay, He is with us always. He is present with your family. Ponder deeply on this incredible mystery.

A happy and a blessed Christmas to one and all. Enjoy the presence of children. Have time for family, neighbours, family and friends. Let no neighbour's Christmas day be long and lonely because no one comes to visit. Be generous to needy causes, give what you can. Have time for God. Have time to say a prayer and count your blessings. Especially give thanks for the goodness of the people in your life. Let us all gather together in church to joyfully give praise and thanks to God.

This Christmas, mindful of the World Meeting of Families in 2018 (WMF 2018), let us remember the story of our own families over the past two or three generations, the joys and the sorrow, the births and the deaths. Maybe even look through old photographs. In families, periods of enormous loss or pain are so often followed by genuine healing and new hope and happiness. Recalling the past, see the wonderful loyalty, care and love of your own family through the decades.

Pray that worldwide all families will one day have the opportunities that we take for granted in Ireland. WMF2018 asks us to see all people on earth as one family under God Our loving Father. It will call on the whole world to appreciate and give priority to family life. Remember especially families in Ireland with no hope of a place to call home. Home, family and marriage are God's greatest gifts to humanity. God bless all our homes and families.

Thanks to everyone for your contribution to the life of your parish community through the year. Thanks to all the volunteers whose dedication to local organisations and charities so enrich our communities be it through culture, sport or assistance for people in need.

My Christmas prayer is to give praise to God asking that He fill all the homes, families and communities of our diocese with his Grace & Peace.

CHRISTMAS DUES The Christmas Dues and Offerings (for the support the priests of the parish) will be taken up by way of a **Second Collection after Communion at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.** Thank you for your generosity which is greatly appreciated.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not be taking place this week, but will resume on Tue Jan 2nd in the Church of the Resurrection, Wed Jan 3rd in St Mary's Cathedral and Thurs Jan 4th in Muckross Church.

GOAL CHRISTMAS MORNING MILE takes place at Knockreer on 25th Dec from 10.30am to 12.30om. All Proceeds this year will be shared between Goal Ireland & Pieta House Kerry. Your Support is appreciated.

Wishing you the Lord's blessing of peace and joy, and may we have the faith to reach out with the love of Christ to others in need. Bishop Ray, Fr Kieran, Fr Jim, Fr Niall, Rev Seán

