

## MASS INTENTIONS 24TH DECEMBER—30TH DECEMBER 2018

### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

Morning Mass Mon - Fri 10.30am

**Mon 6.15pm Children's Mass**

**Mon 12 Midnight Midnight Mass**

**Tues 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon Christmas Masses**

**Wed 6.15pm** Bank Holiday—no 6.15pm Mass. Only 10.30am

**Thur 6.15pm** Mary Ellen O'Leary, 33 Main Street

**Fri 6.15pm** Jim Eagar, New Road

**Sat 10.30am** Requiem Mass for Nuala Taffe (Née O'Connor),  
Canada & Formerly of Lewis Road

**Sat 6.15pm** Patrick (Paddy) Flynn, Cluain Fhionnain, Ballydribbeen  
(Months Mind)

Con Griffin, Bishop Moynihan Terrace (Months Mind)  
Billy Coleman, Rock Road (Months Mind) & Michael  
Josie Healy & their Son Denis, Scarteen  
Carolyn Brosnan, San Francisco & Killarney (1st Anniv)  
John F. Moynihan, Rossard Racecourse Road, Tralee &  
Formerly of York Terrace (1st Anniversary)

Paddy O'Brien, 87 Ardshanavooly  
Mary Whitsell, Hawthorne Ave & her husband Gerard  
Tom Murphy, St. Brendan's Terrace

Kathleen & George Hardy & their son George &  
Grandson Lee, Loughborough & O'Kelly's Villas  
Martin Griffin, Dalton's Ave & Deceased Members of the  
Brennan & Griffin Families

Martin Beckett & his Son Martin Beckett, Cluainin,  
Woodlawn & formerly of Gortnabool, Kilgarvan  
Kathleen McCarthy, 12 Ardshanavooly  
Jack Looney, 13 St. Anne's Road

**Sun 8.00am** Sheila Coakley, Knockragh (1st Anniversary)

**Sun 10.30am** Jerry O'Leary, Emmett's Terrace, Lewis Rd (1st Anniv)

**Sun 12noon** Batt, Anne & Baby Emily Horrigan, Muckcross Road  
& James & Margaret McKenna, Castlerosse Cottages

### CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Morning Mass Mon—Sat 9.30am

**Mon 5.45pm Children's Mass**

**Mon 7.30pm Christmas Vigil**

**Tues 11am Christmas Day Mass**

**Wed 9.30 am** The Doherty Family

**Thur 9.30am** Teresa Kenny, Mangerton Road, Muckcross (1st Anniv)

**Fri 9.30am** The O'Keeffe Family

**Sat 9.30am** Peggy Murray

**Sat 7.30pm** John Casey, Cummeen

**Sun 11.00 am** Special Intentions

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MUCKROSS

**Mon 9pm** Christmas Vigil

**Tues 9.30am** Christmas Day Mass

**Sun 9.30am** Dan Looney, Coolies & Tim Looney, Kippaugh,  
Mayo Bridge, Co. Down

## DEATHS *Please Pray for ..*

Nora O'Sullivan (Née Dooley) Ballyspillane

**1ST ANNIVERSARIES:** *We Remember...* Myra O'Connor, New Street  
Jeremiah (Jerry) O'Leary, Emmett's Terrace, Lewis Road  
Teresa Kenny, Mangerton Road,, Muckcross

**BAPTISMS:** *Welcome to ..* Charlie James Cahill, Rookery Rd  
Imogen Moira Leen, Ahane, Ballymacelligott  
Veronica Catherine Ojegenbro, Bishops Court, New Street

## MARRIAGES: *Congratulations to ...*

Karina O'Riordan, Co. Cork & Mark Connolly, Dublin

### CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CONFESSIONS

#### St. Mary's Cathedral

**Christmas Eve:** Mon 6.15pm Vigil (Children's Mass),

12 Midnight Solemn Concelebrated Mass

**Christmas Day:** Tues 8am, 10.30am & 12 Noon

**St Stephen's Day:** 10.30am only (no 6.15pm)

**Confessions Christmas Eve** from 11am—1pm & 2pm—4pm

#### Church of the Resurrection

**Christmas Eve:** Mon 5.45pm (Children's Mass), 7.30pm Vigil

**Christmas Day:** Tues 11am

**St Stephen's Day:** 9.30am

#### Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross

**Christmas Eve:** Mon 9pm **Christmas Day:** Tues 9.30am

#### Franciscan Friary

**Christmas Eve:** Mon 9pm **Christmas Day:** 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am

**Confessions:** Christmas Eve 10.30am—12.30pm & 3pm—5pm

**CHRISTMAS DUES** The Christmas Dues and Offerings (for the support of the priests of the parish) will be taken up as a second collection after Communion at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Thank you for your generosity and support over the year.

**RED ENVELOPE COLLECTION** for the Cathedral Renovation Fund will be taken up on 29thDec /30th Dec next weekend.

**KILLARNEY MEMORY TREE** Lights will remain lighting nightly until the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan 6th, remembering those who have died.

**SAMARITANS:** Church Gate Collection at Masses on Dec 24th/25th.

**THE KIDDIE'S KINGDOM GOSPEL CHOIR** will be starting on Saturday, January 19th. All children aged 8-14. Ph: Caoimhe Lynch @ 0870669858.

**KERRY HOSPICE:** Charity walk on Sunday 30th Dec, Registration at the Bridge Bar, Rathmore from 11.00am Registration Fee €10.

**GOAL MILE** Christmas Day at Deenagh Lodge, Knockreer, 10 30 am.

## BISHOP RAY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

*The words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:  
"The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son  
and they will call him Emmanuel",  
a name which means 'God is with us'. Mt 1:24*

Nollaig shona dhíobh go léir. May this Christmas be a source of blessings for us all.

Every time you see a crib, in the square in town, in your own home, or in the church, remember these words. 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. Our Christmas faith is summed up in the words of the Creed:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.**

Christmas is a time to celebrate our faith. It is also a time to nourish our faith. It is a time to hand it on to our children and grandchildren. Talk to one another, and to your children too, about the Son of God who has revealed himself to us all in Jesus. This Christmas will the faith of your family and home be nourished and strengthened?

During the Christmas season let us remember and give thanks to God for the two events of last August: the WMOF 2018 and for the visit of Pope Francis. In all of our lives, is there anything more important than family? Home, family and marriage are God's greatest gifts to humanity. God bless all our homes and families. Be mindful that Christmas is about both family and faith. In our celebrations, what can ensure we get the balance right? Consider the following:

Have time for God. Have time to say a prayer and count your blessings. Deep in your heart give thanks for the goodness of the people in your life. Gather together in church to joyfully give praise and thanks to God. Enjoy the presence of children. God bless families with a new-born baby. 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.

Thanks to everyone for your contribution to the life of your parish community throughout the year. It is wonderful to see the numbers of people actively involved in their parishes and communities. Thanks to all the volunteers in local organisations and charities that so enrich our communities through culture, sport, or assistance for people in need. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Luke 2:14 This Christmas, in the cathedral, my prayer at the altar and before the crib will be to praise and thank God, asking that He fill all the homes, families and communities of our diocese with his Love and Peace. A happy and a blessed Christmas to one and all. Síocháin an Linbh íosa, um Nollaig agus ar feadh na hAthbhliana, libh go léir.

*Bishop Ray Browne, Diocese of Kerry*

*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,*

