

MASS INTENTIONS 23RD DEC—29TH DEC 24
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am

Mon 6.15pm	Bernadette McMonagle, Ardshanavooley Mary O'Neill, Plunkett Street Stephanie Lyne, "Belvedere Hotel", New Street Jeremy O'Neill, Muckross View Mary & Willie Foley, Ardshanavooley Jerry Kelleher, St. Brendan's Place Naughton Family, Co. Mayo & Downing Family, Black Valley Mary & Elizabeth Murphy, John Francis , Monastery Gardens John O'Sullivan, Upper Ballycasheen Kathleen McCarthy, Ardshanavooley Tom & Sheila Looney, Gordromakerrie, Muckross Cathy O'Connor, O'Kelly's Villas Nora O'Sullivan, Ballyspilane
Tues 6.15pm	Christmas Eve
Wed 6.15pm	Christmas Day—No 6.15pm
Thur 6.15pm	St Stephen's Day - No 6.15pm Mass
Fri 6.15pm	Mary Whitsell & Her husband Gerard, Hawthorne Ave Mary Lynch, Arbutus Grove, Killarney (Months Mind) Tom Murphy, St. Brendan's Tce Margaret & Brendan O'Shea, St.Margaret's Road, Millwood
Sat 6.15pm	Jerry & Mary Jo O'Leary, Emmett's Tce, Lewis Rd Martin Griffin, Danton's Ave & Flemings Lane and Deceased Members of the Griffin Families James Eagar, New Road Donie, Eileen, Jerry, Jimmy & Noel Clifford, Park Drive Brendan O'Brien, Ballydavid, Dingle & Marian's Tce, Killarney Colman & Christine Kelliher, High Street
Sun 8.00am	Brendan & Doreen Casey, Clasheens & Special Int
Sun 10.30am	Tadeusz Kozik, Poland (6th Anniversary) & Deceased Members of the Kozik and Copija Families
Sun 12noon	Pat Cleary & her husband Martin Cleary, Roseville Avenue, Muckross Road
	CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION Morning Mass Mon—Sat 9.30am
Mon 9.30 am	Mary & Michael Fleming & their infant Son & Granddaughter Majella
Tues 9.30 am	Jerry, Margaret & Donal Coffey, Tullig Spa
Wed 11.00am	Christmas Day
Thur 9.30 am	No Intention
Fri 9.30 am	Teresa Kenny, Mangerton Road
Sat 9.30 am	Bridie & Jimmy Cahill, Knocknahoe
Sun 11.00am	James & Catherine Marshall, Kilsarcon & John & Hannah Cahill, Cockhill, Kilcummin & Deceased Family Members

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, MUCKROSS
Sun 9.30am
Peter & Sarah O'Connor, Spiddal Co. Galway

DEATHS: Please Pray for.....Donie Doody, Coolgarrive
Joanne Murphy -Harrington, Pinewood Estate & Late of Gneeveguilla
Dermot O'Callaghan Jnr, The Fáilte Hotel & Clovers Lane
Fr P.J. Brady OFM, Franciscan Friary & Late of Ballintra, Donegal
Denis Doolan, Holy Cross Gardens & Late of Coolcorcoran
John Joe Lynch, New York & Late of Clonkeen
Sean Moynihan, Derry City & Late of Lissivigeen
Sadie Mensch (Née Clancy), Port Road, Killarney & Germany
Brendan Clery, Slieve Bloom Manor, Muckross Road & Late of Mayo
Pascal John Gainey, Whitebridge Manor & Late of Limerick
BAPTISMS: We Welcome... Rosemary Benjamin Imafidon, College Street
Matilda Letshoteld, Park Lodge
Luckeu Elijah Edobor, Muckross Road Sarah Isimhen Ifada, Park Lodge
Jocelyn Nishwabiseng Nool, Park Lodge
Isla Grace Buckley, Ealing, London
Nevaeh Quilligan, Willow Grove, Ballydribbeen
MARRIAGES; Congratulations to....
Emer O'Brien, Doon, Tralee & Diarmuid Lee, Clash, Tralee

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Church of the Resurrection - No Adoration Christmas Eve
Adoration will resume on the 7th of January
St Mary's Cathedral , will resume on the 8th of January
Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross will resume on the 9th of January
Franciscan Friary 2pm -7pm on Fri 3rd and Holy Hour Sunday 5th

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral **Tuesday Vigil 6.15pm & Midnight Mass**
St Mary's Cathedral **Wednesday 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon (No 6.15pm)**
Church of the Resurrection **Tues Vigil 6.00pm & Wednesday 11.00am**
Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross—**Vigil 9.00pm Wednesday 9.30am**
Franciscan Friary **Tuesday** 24th 6.00pm and 9.00pm Vigil Masses
Franciscan Friary **Wednesday** 25th 8.30am 10.00am and 11.30am
CONFESSIONS in St Mary's Cathedral, Mon & Tues 12noon—2pm

CHRISTMAS DUES COLLECTION will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day as a second collection. Dues envelopes available at the church doors if you would like to contribute if you are not using parish weekly envelopes. A sincere thanks for your continued support to the Parish Clergy.

THE ANNUAL GOAL MILE run and walk takes place again this Christmas Day at the Deenagh Lodge, Knockreer. In aid of GOAL and Kerry Cancer Support Bus. Time: 10 am to 1on . Run, jog or walk and give a donation

SVDP: Thank you for your recent support in the Annual Church gate collection. The Funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with good heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. Thank you in advance your continued support

SAMARITANS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Anyone unable to attend church services who wishes to make a donation, can do so online: www.samaritans.ie/kerry

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - DIOCESE OF KERRY 2024

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Jn 1:14

Dia dhiabh. Nollaig Shona dhiabh go léir. A happy and faith-filled Christmas to one and all. Christmas is a time to count our blessings and rejoice. Think of and give thanks for all that is good in all the communities and parishes of our diocese. Thank you to the priests and all in our parishes; thank you to all our school communities. Thank you to all involved in voluntary groups: in sport, in the arts, in social care, - so many wonderful things are happening everywhere. From the local media, print, radio and online, again and again we realize the wonderful voluntary bodies present in our communities. Long may it continue. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers involved. It is wonderful that Christmas continues to be a family celebration in Ireland. Families celebrate together, family members love to 'be home for Christmas'. Children grow up with fond memories of Christmas at home. I encourage all families to share their faith with their children through the story of Christmas. The birth of Jesus both fulfilled and revealed the loving plans of God the Father for all peoples. Jesus reveals that God is love, Jesus has offered us the gift of eternal life. May a simple family crib have a special place in your home.

This year we cannot ignore the fact that many families in Ireland lack the basics required to have a happy Christmas. Thousands of individuals, couples and families are spending another Christmas without a home of their own. Many adults are exhausted by the year-round struggle to earn sufficient money to pay the ordinary bills that arise for a family. Many living among us find themselves far from their families and homeland this Christmas. For those struggling and almost despairing, may the scene in the stable of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus give hope and comfort. In the Church, in tune with the ancient biblical tradition, 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, a Holy Year. A Jubilee year is held every twenty-five years in celebration of the Christmas event, the Incarnation, the Birth of Jesus Christ. In all our parishes we will celebrate the opening of the jubilee year on Sunday 29th of December, the Feast of the Holy Family. For Jubilee 2025 Pope Francis has chosen the theme, 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pilgrimage points to life as a journey, a journey in search of meaning and fulfilment, a fulfilment that is to be found in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The following from the writings of Pope Francis speaks to us all of Christian hope:

"Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost! The first Christians depicted hope as an anchor. Hope was an anchor fixed to the

Put the crib scene, the birth of Jesus, at the centre of your Christmas. Let it remind you of how God 'loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16), and that all of us have so much to be grateful for. May God's goodness to us inspire in us goodness towards others.

This Christmas carry in your heart the song of the angels to the shepherds: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, And peace to all people who enjoy his favour.' (Lk: 2.14) Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for peace for the whole world. Le gach dea-ghuí, í gcomhair na Nollaig. Every Christmas blessing on all in our communities.

+ Ray Browne

Wishing you the Lord's blessing of peace and joy.

From Bishop Ray, Fr Kieran, Fr Joe, Fr Vitalis & all the Parish Team.

PARISH OFFICE will reopen on Monday 6th of January at 10.00am. In the case of an emergency please contact a Priest on 087 6501998



