

# Advent and Christmas 2022

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
4 <sup>th</sup> December	HC	Jesse Tree Service	MP	MP	No Service
11 <sup>th</sup> December	MP	MP	No Service	HC	HC
16 <sup>th</sup> December Friday				Carols in St Marys 7pm	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	No Service	Carols at 7pm	No Service	No Service	HC
1 <sup>st</sup> January	MP	No Service	No Service	MP	No Service

## Christmas Fair,

This is always a wonderful community building and fund-raising event for our Parish.

It will be held in Teach an tSolais on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 2pm.**

It will feature All the usual fair, Baking, Preserves, Christmas Cake, Silent Auction, Burgers, Tea and buns, Christmas Decorations, raffles and much more. Parishioners and local Business have been very generous, the committee have worked hard, please come and support and enjoy and tell your friends. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details. I am really looking forward to it as I am sure you are.

## Advent

We are currently working our way through the season of Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. There are four Sundays and, on each Sunday, we light a candle on the Advent wreath. Each candle helps us to Focus on those who came before Jesus as they prepared the way and looked to the coming of the Messiah.

On the first Sunday we think of the Patriarch, People Like Abraham and Sarah, Moses and David.

On the Second Sunday we think of the Prophets, people Like Isaiah and Micah, who challenged the people and called out wrong doing when they encountered it.

On the Third Sunday we think of John the Baptist, A colourful and dramatic Cousin of Jesus who called people to think again and if necessary to change and amend their ways to the ways of God

On the Fourth Sunday we think of Mary the mother of Jesus. Then on Christmas day we light the white candle as we celebrate the birth of Jesus the light of the World.. So, during Advent we give thanks for those who came before us in faith and prepared the way.

## Services during Christmas and New year.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas services this year. For so many of us Christmas would not be Christmas without attending Church on Christmas eve or on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to marvel at the story of the incarnation, of God becoming man and sharing our human life.

## **Christmas eve**

St James Dingle HC at 6.30pm & Kilgobbin HC at 8.15pm Ballymacelligott HC at 9pm

## **Christmas Day**

St Johns Tralee HC at 10.45am

## **St Stephens Day**

No Service

## **Sunday 1st January**

See the table above

## **Feast of the Epiphany**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January HC Tralee at 11am, No mid-week service.

## **Mission Sunday,**

This is always marked on the Sunday before Advent and this year we are asked to support local projects in Ireland. These two projects are Protestant Aid and St Vincent De Paul.

Mission Sunday envelopes are available in the pew. If you don't have a specific mission Sunday envelope and you wish to donate, just put a donation in an envelope marked Mission Sunday,

## **Concerts,**

Aidan O'Carroll will put on his usual Christmas concert in St Johns on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. It will feature the Kerry School of Music Junior and Senior Orchestras, The Kerry Chamber Choir, the light opera society of Tralee and Special Guests.

It will be a lovely evening and there will be an admission charge.

This weekend in Dingle Other Voices will feature in the Town with St James Church as the premier concert Location. The concerts provide a wonderful boost to the town at this time of the year and its so beneficial to the Camp and Dingle Select Vestry.

**Christmas Communion.** I visit a number of homes on a regular basis through the year to share Holy Communion with those who are unable to attend church. If you know of anyone who is not in a position to attend church and would like Christmas Communion, please let me know.

**Wishing you a reflective Advent,  
A Joyful Christmas  
and  
a happy new year.**



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