



Happy New Year, January Newsletter

Tralee & Dingle Newsletter for January 2020

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
5 th January	HC	MP	HC	HC	HC
12 th January	MP	HC	MP	MP	MP
19 th January	MP	MP	HC	HC	HC
26 th January	N/A	MP	MP	HC	HC

The Healer Prayer service has been moved to the first Wednesday Holy Communion Service of the month at 11am.

December was a very busy month for the parish with the **School nativity play** taking place during the morning service in Tralee on the 8th of the December. It was a lively occasion and the enthusiasm and the delight of the children lifts always lifts our spirits. It was followed by mulled wine (non alcoholic) in Teach and tSolais after the service and ofcourse the man of the moment Santa made an appearance with a present for every child.

Thankyou to the staff in the school who worked so hard with the children to put the play together, it was worth every moment of it and to the parents committee of the school who arranged Santa's visit and organised the festivities in the hall afterwards.

Once again the **Christmas Fair** was a wonderful success, Mona has reported that the total amount raised is almost in line with last year, with some donations still coming in. This will be of great benefit to the Tralee, Ballymacelligott and Ballyseedy end of the parish.

This was made possible by the generosity and creativity of so many people who gave generously of their time, energy and talent to make it such a positive event.

The funds raised will help with the financing of the parish and will go some way towards closing the gap between expenditure and income.

Occassions such as these are important community building events as they bring the parish family together. It was lovely to see some of our younger parishioners get involved and make their contribution on the various stalls. While the crowd attending was not as large as last year we still had great support throughout the day. For this we are most grateful.

We are very thankful to all our sponsors and customers and supporters. We were happy to again this year to give excess bric a brac ,Toys and books which were not sold to the Adapt shop which raises funds for the Adapt womens refuge in Tralee. **All I can say is thankyou to everyone who worked so hard in so many ways. Well done everyone.**

Christmas Services:

The Christmas carol service in Tralee went off very well on the 22nd of December, This was an evening service which was a blessing as it allowed all those who worked so hard on Saturday at the fair to have a little rest in the morning. The surprise element was the contribution from Samuel, Elton, Martha and Newland and their friend Ida who created a bit of magic for us with their wonderful singing.

The Carol service in Camp was a community and ecumenical event, This year it was held in St. Mary's RC Church whose choir led the singing. Refreshments were served after the service in the Old School Rooms - many thanks to all the ladies for the tea & coffee and lovely cakes .

St. James, Dingle Ecumenical Carol Service was 'standing room' only! The Choir from St. Mary's RC Church, Dingle helped make it a memorable occasion.

Christmas eve and Christmas day services were well supported through out the parish with good crowds in all the churches from Ballymac to Dingle.

The service in Ballyseedy on the Sunday after Christmas was led by Margaret and Linda, and again it was lovely to hear reports of a full church and a lovely Christmas celebration.

Many thanks to all those who in so many ways helped to make our Christmas Liturgies special. It was lovely to welcome family members who were home for the holiday season.

Thanks to those who prepared and decorated the churches, organised and served the teas , reads the lessons sang in the choir and played the organ and to the church wardens for their commitment, presence and assistance.

Friends of St James Concert:

A wonderful evening was had by all at the concert in St Marys Church in Dingle on the 29th December to raise funds for the Friends of St James

An audience of just under 400 got to see a fantastic spectacle of trad, choral, & classical in the first high profile fundraiser. Míle, míle buíochas to all the talented performers, to the MC Philip King, to the working group, sponsors and volunteers drawn from the community & from family & friends.

Wedding:

Olivia Walshe from Tralee and Jonathan Hyland from the UK were married in St Johns on the 30th December. It was a joy to be part of the occasion in a Church which was so tastefully decorated.The

instrumentalists and the wedding singer added immensely to the atmosphere and the sense of occasion. The feedback on the beauty of the church was very positive.

Olivia and Jonathan are teachers in China and will finish their contracts there this summer.

Sympathy:

To Frances Costelloe and her family on the death of her husband Denis. His removal and funeral were held in St Brendan's Church Tralee.

To Tim Sheehy and the extended Hick family on the death of Molly Sheehy in Dingle. Molly passed away in the care of the palliative care team in KUH. Her removal and funeral services were held in St James Dingle.

To Brenda and Ned O'Neill of farmers bridge and their family on the death of Brenda's father in Belfast.

Newslink and Gazette 2020: Subs are now due:- Gazette €45 for ten copies and Newslink is €42 also ten copies. Please make payment to Rhona Giles, Vellard, Oakpark, Tralee, V92 HC1X or phone 0872869350 before 15th January so the order can be sent off.

Links visit to Siamsa: 'We'll meet again - the story of Vera Lynn' starring Linda Kenny. An evening of song and nostalgia on Sunday March 15th at 3 pm. Olive needs to book on line asap so please contact her. Tickets €19.

The Circus Night: the Franzini Brothers asked for a mention in the newsletter, so the parishioners can understand their gratitude for permission to have the church as a venue.

New year, Wishing you every blessing in 2020 and with goodwishes and prayers to all who are unwell, especially those receiving treatment and their families. Be assured that you are on hearts at this time.

Thankyou for your support and commitment to the parish over the past year.

