

January 2023



Let your word continue to be a light to our feet and a lamp to our path

| Date | Ballyseedy 9.45 am | Tralee 10.45 am | Ballymac 12 noon | Kilgobbin 10.00 am | Dingle 12 noon |
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| 1 st January | United Service | No Service | No Service | MP | No Service |
| 8 th January | HC | MP | No Service | MP | MP |
| 15 th January | MP | HC | HC | No Service | MP |
| 22 rd January | No Service | MP | MP | HC | HC |
| 29 th January | No Service | United Service | No Service | MP | MP |

Christmas fair

The Christmas fair was a tremendous success, the result of so much hard work and planning. So much of this work is unseen and behind the scenes and is done so generously because of the love and commitment parishioners have for their parish. The Christmas fair is also a great community building event for our parish and its one of the many ways that we connect with and reach into the wider community in the Tralee area. Thanks to Susie who coordinated the fair.

It raised almost €13,000. The Team can be very proud of themselves. As Rector I am also so proud of them and what they achieved. Many thanks and congratulations to one and all.

Jesse Tree Service.

This was the first time in a number of years that this service was held and we were delighted with the level of participation by our young people and their families. Thanks to Olive who put a lot of work into the organizing it.

When the service was over, we enjoyed the Christmas pudding in the vestibule after the service. This was made by Margaret Groves a few weeks earlier at another service which also involved some of our young people.

We hope to continue with similar services throughout the year, the next one will be the **Christingle service** towards the end of January.

Sympathy,

To the family of the late Veda Blennerhassett who died in December and was buried in Ballyseedy burial ground.

Congratulations

To David O'Donnell Camp and Catriona Ferriter who were married in Fossa on the 9th December.

Christmas services.

Thank you to all who took the time to prepare and decorate our five churches for Christmas, they were all so tastefully decorated. It's really appreciated and adds so much to our worship.

Thank you also to all who took part in the various services, readers, singers, musicians and the Church Wardens who ensured that everything went so smoothly. It was very encouraging to see good numbers at all of our Christmas services.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Friday 6th January HC in Tralee at 11am.

Fexco Kerry heroes award

Congratulations to the Tralee soup kitchen which serves the community every Saturday morning from Teach an tSolais, on receiving their award from Fexco and Radio Kerry on being nominated and recognised as one of the Kerry heroes for 2022. The award was presented live on air to Collette and Mary who represented the soup kitchen on the program.

School Concert and Play

Congratulations to all the children in the school and to the staff who prepared them for producing such a lovely event in the parish hall. This was the first time that it was held in Teach an tSolais and it worked so well.

The highlight amongst the highlights was when they sang Silent Night in Ukrainian, Czech, Irish and English.

Prayer as we begin another year

Grant, O Lord, that as the year changes, that we will continue to trust in your unchangeableness. May we meet the new year bravely, sure in the faith that while life and circumstances change, that you are the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Wishing you all a Happy New year.

Thank you for your support and generosity to the parish during 2022.

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