

25th December 2022

Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
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The Harbour



Parish Newsletter for Passage West, Monkstown, Shanbally and Ringaskiddy



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the parishioners of the Harbour a Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year.

Fr Chris.

Masses and Prayer Services

PASSAGE WEST

Mon: *Morning Prayer* 10.00 a.m.

Wed: *Liturgy of the Word* 10.00 a.m.

Friday: Mass 10.00 am

Sunday: 11.30 a.m.

MONKSTOWN

Thursday: 10.00 am

Sunday: 10.00 a.m.

SHANBALLY

Wednesday: 10.00 am

Saturday Vigil: 06.00 p.m.

RINGASKIDDY

Tuesday: 10.00

Sunday: 08.45 a.m.

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To book a Mass or an anniversary please go to the appropriate sacristy (either of the four harbour churches) well in advance of the intended date and check for availability with the sacristan.

The new Mass Diaries for 2023 are now open in each of the four churches.

Fr Chris.

The waiting of Advent comes to an end, and we welcome the baby Jesus into the World with the entire Christian community. We welcome Jesus into the cribs of the four Harbour Churches and most especially we welcome Jesus into our hearts. It is a time of "Wonder and Awe in God's presence" especially on the faces of our children as they sing in their carol services, look at the lights, wait for Santa and above all take in the crib and the nativity scene in their local Church.

We are called to look into the innocent eyes whose gaze has the power to transform and soften our hearts in love. God becomes one of us so that we would not be afraid to draw near to him. Lord Jesus help me to let you into my heart this Christmas, that I may not be afraid of letting you come close to me.

We invite all our parishioners to come and celebrate the birth of Christ in the four Churches of the Harbour this Christmas eve and Christmas Day.

Christmas Mass Schedule in the Harbour Parish:

Christmas Eve: **6.00 pm in Shanbally** (Children's Mass)

7.30 pm Passage West with Children's Choir
(Please note this the only Christmas Eve Mass in Passage West)

Christmas Day: **8.45 am in The Oratory, Ringaskiddy**
10.00 am in Monkstown
11.30 am in Passage West

Carrigaline:

Christmas Eve: 4.00 pm, 6.00 pm, 8.00 pm & 10.00 pm

Christmas Day: 8.30 am, 10.00 am, 11.15 am & 12.30 pm

Thank You, Thank you, Thank you.

Christmas is a time of year when I get a chance to thank all the people who make the Harbour parish tick. So much of the backroom work goes unseen and unaffirmed. I want to take this opportunity to wish all those who minister in any way in our four churches, our heartfelt thanks.

Ministry of the Word, Eucharist, Funeral Team, Nursing Home Team, Flowers, Music and Song, Sacristy, Cleaners, Servers, Altar Societies, Parish Assembly Church Maintenance Groups, Dues Collectors, Child Safeguarding, Porters, Advisors and especially all the season ticket holders that support the life and work of their parish.

The offertory collection taken up today will go toward the income of your Priest.

Christmas Week.

The first mass in the harbour on the week after Christmas day will be celebrated on Thursday 29th of December at 10am in Monkstown. After this the normal schedule will resume, starting with mass on Friday 30th in Passage West at 10am.

Advent

It was great to see the children involved in the lighting of the Advent candles in all the Harbour Churches. It is great to see your enthusiasm and I hope Santa Comes!

Baptisms

LEO JOHN MURPHY SHAW was baptised in Ringaskiddy on the 10th Dec.

JACK JAMES RONAYNE was baptised in Monkstown on the 17th Dec.

We warmly welcome them into our Christian Community

Recently Deceased.

12 December 2022,
Bridgit Harding, Passage West.

Eternal Rest, Grant unto them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them.

Hail and blessed

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the perishing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petitions, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Creakers: Mass was celebrated in the Oratory Ringaskiddy recently for all the deceased member of Rafeen Creek golf Club.

Prayers: To all who find the season of Christmas a hard and lonely time especially those who have lost a loved one during this season. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Fr Chris.

The Elves that Make Christmas.

The four churches of the Harbour have beautiful Cribbs, Christmas Trees, and decorations. May I take this opportunity to thank the people in each of the communities for taking the time and effort to do this unseen work. For some it is a tradition that has been in the family for many years. For others it may be your first year to get involved. On behalf of the parishioners of the Harbour and especially all our under 12's who stand in awe before the Crib, Thanks.

PACE

Many thanks to all parishioners who supported PACE Coffee Morning and Christmas Raffle on the 14th December. It was very well attended, and your continued support helps keep PACE centre going.

Christmas Mass Cards SVDP

Thank you to all parishioners who supported St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Appeal this year. Those members who spoke in our parishes and all those who organised and sold the Christmas cards. Thank you.

Christmas Carol Concerts

Congratulations to the schools who put on their Christmas Concerts leading up to Christmas. Star of the Sea, Passage West, Scoil Barra Monkstown, and Shanbally NS. As I heard one of the principals say that it was the first time that the whole school came together under the one roof since 2019. What a special moment for the children their teachers and their parents. For many probably their first Carol concert in their Church as one mother said to me she was emotional watching her children singing, she said please God we can have this every year as it lifted my spirits.

Passage West Christmas Carol Concert took place in St Marys Church on Sunday the 18th December at 7.00 pm. Choirs from the Harbour parish performed, including students from the Star of the Sea National School and the Passage West Children's Choir. Clodagh Quirke, our Sunday Mass Soloist also entertained. There were refreshments in St. Elizabeth's afterwards. Thanks to all who attended, donated baking, gave to the charity box and most especially all those who organized this really special event. It was a celebration of music and song of what was essentially Harbour Parish talent and it was a joy.

Harbour Parish Nursing Homes.

You may or may not know that the Harbour has a very vibrant ministry to the residents of two nursing homes namely Rochestown Nursing home and Padre Pio nursing Home. Holy communion is brought to the residents by our nursing home ministers every week. Fr Chris along with his nursing home ministry team says mass in each once a month. These masses full of life and music and co-operation and its great to see so many involved.

Men's Shed.

The Men's Shed had their Christmas Dinner in the P.A.C.E centre in Passage West on the 15th of December. It was a joyous occasion for all the members young and old. A great time was had by all.

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