

Newsletter for the Parish of
Dromod
21st December 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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The Faith Communities of our Parish include:

St. Finian's Church & Oratory, Waterville & Our Lady of the Valley Church, Cillin Liath

DROMOD PARISH:

Mass Intentions from Saturday 20th December
2025 to Sunday 2nd January 2026

Saturday 20th December

12.00pm: **St. Finian's**

+ Teresa Walsh, Months Mind

7:30pm: **Cillin Liath Vigil 4th Sunday of Advent**

+ Eileen & Paddy Clifford, Dirreen

+ Denis, Johanna and Paddy Curran, Sean Ban Curran,
Mary O' Sullivan nee Curran

**Confession available after Mass.*

*Piarsaigh na Dromoda Christmas Bazaar after Mass @ The
Inny Tavern.*

Sunday 21st December

10.00am: **St. Finian's 4th Sunday of Advent**

+ Bridie and Joe Brennan, Anniversary

+ John, Maura and Michael Dennehy, Cliff Road

+ Nicolas, Mary (nee O'Sullivan) and Bernard Carroll,
Jeremiah, Tess and Dan O'Sullivan deceased
members of the O'Sullivan family.

**Confession available after Mass.*

1.15pm: **Cillin Liath**

Baptism baby Marcus O'Sullivan

Monday 22nd December

10.00am: **Oratory:**

+ For our Diaspora around the World

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday 24th December

6:00pm - **St Finian's** +Damian Fogarty, Waterville.

7:30pm - **Cillin Liath** +Christmas Mass Bouquets



Christmas Day Masses

Thursday 25th December

8:00am - **Loher**

10:00am - **St Finian's**
Christmas Mass Bouquets

Saturday 27th December

7:30pm: **Cillin Liath**

+ Bridie Curran and her parents

Michael and Noreen Curran, Breahig

+ John and Mary Coffey, Cushcummeragh, Anniversary

Sunday 28th December

10.00am: **St. Finian's**

+ Fr Denis O Callaghan, Granafulla, formerly Mallow

1st Anniversary

+ Michael White, Anniversary.

Monday 29th December

+No Mass

Wednesday 31st December

10:00am: **Oratory**

+ Nora O'Reilly, Anniversary & Deceased Members
of the O'Reilly Family.

Friday 2nd January

7:30pm: **St Finian's**

+Teresa O' Sullivan, 1st Anniversary.

✦ **"Joy to the World"** ✦

"Today a Saviour has been born to us." (Luke 2:11)

To all our parishioners and visitors, we wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. A sincere thank you to everyone who has given their time and service across the various ministries throughout the past year. We are especially grateful to those who have helped make our churches so beautiful for this festive season. To the many organisations, associations, clubs, and local businesses who support and enrich our community, we thank you for your commitment & dedication. May God bless you all and fill your Christmas with peace, joy, and hope. Your dedication and generosity are deeply appreciated. With every good wish this Christmas 🌟 **Fr. Sean and Anne (Parish Office)**

Priests' Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering collection, which supports Fr Sean's ministry among us will be taken up after Holy Communion at Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You are welcome to return your Christmas Offering envelope at these Masses. Dues envelopes available in our churches. Your generosity, encouragement and prayers mean a great deal, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support throughout the year. We sincerely thank Frs Sean, Patsy, Larry & all priests who minister in our parish.

Finding Your "Crib Moments" this Christmas!

In our churches at Christmas, the crib quietly tells the story we know so well, yet never tire of hearing. Without many words, it speaks of a fragile child laid in a manger, of parents who trusted God in uncertainty, of shepherds who came just as they were. The Christmas crib reminds us that God chose to enter the world not in strength or splendour, but in vulnerability, closeness, and love.

In our own times of uncertainty and fragility, the crib speaks gently to us. It reassures us that God is present in the small, the broken, and the ordinary moments of our lives. The manger becomes a sign of hope, whispering that light is born even in the darkest nights, and that peace begins where love is welcomed.

Over these Christmas days, we are invited to seek out "crib moments." Perhaps it is by visiting the cribs in our churches, pausing in silence before them. Perhaps it is by gazing again at the crib in our own homes, with fresh eyes and open hearts. In those quiet moments, let the story speak to you anew. May these moments at the crib fill our hearts with love, peace, and joy, and remind us that Emmanuel—God with us—is born again in our lives today.



Waterville Christmas Day Swim 🌲 11:15am at the Golf Links. Come along and enjoy a festive swim, followed by refreshments afterwards. A donation bucket will be available in support of a local charity. All welcome - see you there!

Fundraiser for New Year's Eve Street Party 🎉 in The Villa on Monday, 29th December. All tables to be registered around 8:30pm. Quiz starts at 9:00pm sharp. Come along and enjoy a night of festive cheer and test your knowledge. Everyone is very welcome!

Waterville New Year's Street Party 🎉 Starting at 10:30pm. Enjoy a fantastic night with music from various artists, children's entertainment, and hot chocolate for the kids. Ring out the old and bring in the New Year with friends and neighbours. Come along, enjoy, and celebrate 🎉 **everyone is very welcome!**

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance

13th - 20th December

St Finian's

John & Mary Murphy and their
Grandson John Moran

Cillin Liath

The Cronin and O'Connor families

The Oratory

Tom, Kathleen and Mary Mannion



*Beneath the quiet glow of the sanctuary light,
we lift our hearts in prayerful remembrance.
In its gentle flame, the love of those we hold
dear, burns on with sacred warmth.*

**Tide times for Ballinskelligs Bay
+05mins for Westcove**

21.12.25	04.51 high	10.54 low	17.04 high	23.11 low
22.12.25	05.29 high	11.34 low	17.41 high	23.51 low
23.12.25	06.09 high	12.16 low	18.21 high	
24.12.25	00.34 low	06.53 high	13.00 low	19.04 high
25.12.25	01.21 low	07.38 high	13.49 low	19.53 high
26.12.25	02.12 low	08.29 high	14.40 low	20.46 high
27.12.25	03.08 low	09.25 high	15.37 low	21.45 high

Last Week's Collections

Offertory €1,120.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish collections, which continues to support the life of our parish churches. We also thank the many visitors who come among us for their support, and to our many donors over the past year.

MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER

Sacristan: Angela Hallissey,
Trish McIntock

Church Cleaning:

Cillin Liath: Eileen O'Shea & Anne O'Connor

St. Finian's: Margaret Sheehan, Lily O'Shea

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Cillin Liath: Angela Hallissey

St. Finian's: Trish McIntock

Readers 20th/21st December

Cillin Liath: Daithi O' Sullivan

St. Finian's: James Donald

Readers 27th/28th December

Cillin Liath: Eimear Murphy

St. Finian's: Shivaun O'Shea