

**Newsletter for the Parish of  
Dromod**  
21<sup>st</sup> December 2025  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Priests of the Iveragh**

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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 20<sup>th</sup> December  
2025 to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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

+ Teresa Walsh, Months Mind

7:30pm: **Cillin Liath Vigil 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> December**

10.00am: **St. Finian's 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

10.00am: **Oratory:**

+ For our Diaspora around the World

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

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

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



**Christmas Day Masses**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8:00am - **Loher**

10:00am - **St Finian's**

Christmas Mass Bouquets

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

7:30pm: **Cillin Liath**

+ Bridie Curran and her parents  
Michael and Noreen Curran, Breahig  
+ John and Mary Coffey, Cushcummeragh, Anniversary

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

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

+ Fr Denis O Callaghan, Granafulla, formerly Mallow  
1st Anniversary  
+ Michael White, Anniversary.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

+ No Mass

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

10:00am: **Oratory**

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

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

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

+ Teresa O'Sullivan, 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>04.51</b> high	10.54 low	<b>17.04</b> high	23.11 low
22.12.25	<b>05.29</b> high	11.34 low	<b>17.41</b> high	23.51 low
23.12.25	<b>06.09</b> high	12.16 low	<b>18.21</b> high	
24.12.25	00.34 low	<b>06.53</b> high	13.00 low	<b>19.04</b> high
25.12.25	01.21 low	<b>07.38</b> high	13.49 low	<b>19.53</b> high
26.12.25	<b>02.12</b> low	<b>08.29</b> high	14.40 low	<b>20.46</b> high
27.12.25	<b>03.08</b> low	<b>09.25</b> high	15.37 low	<b>21.45</b> 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 Mc Clintock

**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 Mc Clintock

**Readers 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Cillin Liath:** Daithi O'Sullivan

**St. Finian's:** James Donald

**Readers 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> December**

**Cillin Liath:** Eimear Murphy

**St. Finian's:** Shivaun O'Shea