

Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday 24 December 2017
4th Sunday in Advent

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

HOLY CROSS TRAMORE

Dec 24 Mass 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.00,

Christmas Day Masses:

(Sun) Carols 8.30pm, Vigil Mass 9pm

(Mon) 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon

St. Stephen's Day:

Mass 10am

Dec.27 - 29 Mass 10.00am

Dec 30 Mass 10.0am, 7.30pm

Dec 31 Masses 8.30am, 10.30 am &
12.00 noon

Jan 1-5 Mass 10.00am

Jan.6 Mass: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon
& 7.30pm

CARBALLY

Dec 24 Carols 6.30pm, Mass 7pm

Christmas Day Mass: 11.30 am

Jan 1 Mass 11.30am

Jan 5 Mass: 7.30pm

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NOTICE

There will be no 7.30am Mass commencing Monday Dec 26th 2017 until February 2018.

Please note the Church will open at 9.15am (except Sundays) during this time.

The Annual Christmas Collection for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses this weekend

We thank you for your continued support

*The Word was the true light that enlightens all people:
And he was coming into the world.*

*No one has ever seen God: it is the only Son,
who is nearest to the Father's heart who has made him known. (John 1:9)*

Christmas reminds us that in God the Creator and Lord of all, we have one who is a true Father to us all. He will always be there for us. He has sent his Son Jesus to us. It is wonderful that Christmas is so strong as a family celebration. So many people say things like: It is all about children; Are you going home for Christmas?, Contact home for Christmas. God bless all homes and families especially where there are young children.

This Christmas we are mindful of families who have no homes or who could be made homeless in the New Year. It is so sad when a family is made homeless, especially where there are young children. Christmas challenges us to respond to their plight. Christmas reveals to us that all people on earth are all one great family, one family with God as Our Father. As you gaze on the new born Baby Jesus in the crib, see all people as your sisters and brothers. Jesus whose first home was the stable in Bethlehem dwells in every home. Under his loving care may we all live loving, gentle and contented lives. One day we will all be a family united together around God our Father in heaven.

This year we mourned the loss of Monsignor John Shine who ministered for over thirty-six years in Tramore. People say Christmas is sad for the bereaved: often it turns out to be the opposite. Families have time to be together, to pause and remember the loved one who has died, to recall precious memories, and to support and comfort one another. And Jesus came into the world to open the door to eternal life. The bereaved often experience Christmas in hope and consolation.

Be as generous as you can with the local charities and causes who fundraise at this time of year. Their voluntary service is valuable, something to be proud of. Make time for the faith side of Christmas, attend the Carol Service and Nativity play, visit the beautiful cribs in the churches, each day spend a few quiet moments before the crib at home. Have Jesus at the centre of your Christmas.

A happy and a peaceful Christmas to one and all of the people of our parish, young and old, healthy and sick, those for whom it is the happiest of years, those for whom it is the most difficult of years. God bless all who cannot journey home for Christmas. Thanks to everyone for your contribution to the life of our parish in the past year. Thank you for the way you live by faith, hope and love. Let us ensure that here is no one in our neighbourhood who is lonely or without a visitor this Christmas, nobody without a Christmas dinner or a lift to Mass. All around us there is so much that is good, thanks be to God.

Nicholas O'Mahony, P.P., Shane O'Neill, C.C., P.J. Breen, O.Carm., C.C.

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Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Mary O' Donoghue

Those whose Months mind occurs:

John Foley

Patricia Fallon

Those whose anniversary occurs:

Jack Piper

Carmel Connolly

Alan Hannigan

Bernard McGivney

George & Kate Bolster

Stephen Roles

Pascal Cuddihy

Jack & Bridie Breen

Janice Kiely

Mary & Patrick O' Donohue

Tom Greeney

Patrick O'Mahony

Mary & Paddy O' Donoghue

Gerry Hennessy

Kelly Leslie

Clare Ogle

Joe & Dunne

Patricia Coady

Declan Murphy

Angelia, Jim & Ivy Halligan

Mary McNally

Bridget Walsh

Anne Ward

Annie & Paddy Dunphy

Marian & Edmond Mahony

Paddy & Mary Flanagan

Those who were baptised recently

Isaac Goodwin

Collections Last Weekend:

Tramore: €3640

Carbally: € 245

We thank you for your continued support.

Next Week's Team 30/31

Readers: Team B
Ministers: Team 1
Altar Servers: St Declan
Cleaners Team 5

Motorists:

Please exercise care when driving in the grounds of the Church.

Please remember that pedestrians have right of way.

SPEED LIMIT 5MPH

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM 22ND DECEMBER UNTIL WEDNESDAY JAN 3RD 2018.

Saturday	23rd Dec	10.00am	Dan Cowman (Moonlaun)
		7.30pm	Frank Gillane & Tony McEvoy (Who died recently)
Sunday	24th Dec	8.30am	Patrick Hutchinson, Hutchinson & Dunphy Families
		10.30am	Patricia Coady
		12.00noon	Jack & Margaret O' Leary
		9.00pm	Vigil Mass
Monday	25th Dec	8.30am	Christmas Day Mass
		10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
		12.00noon	Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday	26th Dec	10.00am	Thomas O'Connor
Weds	27th Dec	10.00am	Tom Browne, son Tommy & grandson Brian Power
Thursday	28th Dec	10.00am	Gerard Kelly
Friday	29th Dec	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday	30th Dec	10.00am	Tom & Kathleen Cheasty & Catherine Walsh
		7.30pm	Danny O' Brien
Sunday	31st Dec	8.30am	Michael & Annie Cunningham
		10.30am	Angela, Tommy & Eamonn Flanagan
		12.00noon	John McEaney & Family
Carbally			
Sunday		11.30am	



Tramore Christmas Crib

A Christmas crib in any church is a reminder of that wonderful event which took place in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. The crib has a history stretching back over one hundred years. The present position of the crib outside the sacristy door, has occupied this location for a number of years.

Simple in Design, the crib is made of natural greenery. The roof is made up of reeds located locally; the stones are unique limestone cautions similar to those found on the Burren in Clare. The figures are beautifully hand carved in minute detail and are made of Austrian Oak, and have a long history given to the Holy Cross church Tramore around 1880.

Please visit our beautiful Crib. Take a quiet moment to pray.