

# Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



**Sunday 1st Dec 2013**  
**1st Sunday in Advent**

## **PARKING AROUND HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

Motorists may be aware that in the last few weeks, the council and town engineer have redesigned the parking layout for cars along Summerhill outside the church. This is allowing cars and busses to pass safely on the road, especially when services are on.

While the number of bays is reduced, there is often still a number of spaces available in the car park by Canons Field which should be used where possible.

The Town Engineer asks that no cars should ever park on pavements, especially beside the bus stop along Summerhill, as this causes problems, and safety concerns for pedestrians. Also, cars should not park on the pavement beside the two pillars on Priests Road as again, it is a hazard for drivers and pedestrians alike.

For those who need special access to the church through illness / disability, then you can obtain a special permit to park your car around the church from the Parish Office. We again respectfully ask that only those with these permits park around the church grounds, and display their permit at all times.

**Your co-operation in this matter is gratefully appreciated.**

## **FROM POPE FRANCIS**

This week, Pope Francis released his latest encyclical: *Evangelii Gaudium*. THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.

Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. "With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." – Pope Francis.

The entire document can be downloaded on [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) or we will have copies for sale in the parish office later next week.

## **PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD**

*Christmas begins earlier every year in the secular world. Many shops and businesses compete to have the first and the biggest display of Christmas lights and decorations. Advertisements for Christmas toys commence in October. People are posting Christmas cards before the end of November and children are taken to visit Santa Claus early in December. Therefore, it is not surprising that some people feel that Christmas is an anticlimax because it has ended almost before it has begun.*

*In the Christian context however, and especially in the liturgical year, Christmas does not begin until 25 December and it is preceded by four weeks of waiting and preparation during the season of Advent. Our focus in Advent is on waiting in hope for the fulfillment of God's promise to send the Messiah and on preparing for the Second Coming of Christ on the Last Day when all the nations will be assembled before him.*

*Our Christian hope is incomplete without this understanding of Advent. Advent is not just about preparing to commemorate the birth of the baby Jesus. Crucially, it is a time of spiritual preparation for welcoming Christ into our lives at Christmas, but also a time of preparation for the last judgment. Basically, during Advent the Church invites us not to be lured into a false sense of Christmas that is unrelated to the real meaning of Christmas, which is the Incarnation, that is, God becoming human in the person of Jesus, and to Christ's Second Coming. The season of Advent begins today. Advent is the great season of hope in the Church's liturgical year. Thus we are challenged to be hope-filled people awaiting the Lord's coming into our lives and into the world. However, there is an important difference between the secular and Christian understandings of hope.*

*Please remember in your prayers.....*

*Those who died recently:*

John O Connor  
Charles Ware

*Those whose Months Mind Occurs*

John Cowman  
Donal Drohan John's Park/England  
Maura Quiad nee Noonan Tramore & New York

Nancy Maher

*Those whose anniversary occurs:*

Willie Piper  
John O'Rourke  
Pat Toomey 1st Anniversary  
Barry Sadlier 1st Anniversary  
Denis Baldwin

Joan Walsh  
Patrick (Paddy) O'Brien  
Bridget Melvey

Jimmy Flynn

**Collections Last**

**Weekend:**

Tramore € 4334

Carbally € 265

Thank you for your continued support for the upkeep of our churches.

**Mass Booking For May**

*The Mass book opens on Monday 2nd December at 9.30am*

**Parish Council Meeting**

*This meeting will take place in the Parochial House at 7.45pm on Monday 2nd December.*

**Bereavement Support**

Bereavement Support is available in Waterford, Dungarvan, Cappoquin and Clonmel, as part of the services provided by Family Ministry, St. John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. This service reaches out to all families in the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. The Bereavement Support Workers are trained in the skills involved in helping people through the bereavement process and work to a strict code of ethics which includes confidentiality. Phone number for Family Ministry Bereavement Support: 051 858772.

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Saturday 30th	<b>10.00am</b>	John & Ellen Curran
	<b>7.30pm (Vigil)</b>	Noel Prendergast
Sunday 1st	<b>8.30am</b>	The Plunkett Family (Jim & Annette) & Petra McGuinness & son Tommy
	<b>10.30am</b>	John & Mary O'Brien & Family
	<b>12 noon</b>	Liam Purcell
Monday 2nd	<b>7.30am</b>	Larry & Teresa Swift
	<b>10.00am</b>	Angela O'Sullivan
Tuesday 3rd	<b>7.30am</b>	Michael Grant, Maureen Grant, Kitty Grant
	<b>10.00am</b>	Mary King
Wednesday 4th	<b>7.30am</b>	Denis Baldwin
	<b>10.00am</b>	Maureen Coyne
Thursday 5th	<b>7.30am</b>	Aoife Betts & Anthony Betts, Bertie Uisnagh Treacy
	<b>10.00am</b>	Tom Murphy
Friday 6th	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>
	<b>10.00M</b>	Murphy & Doyle Families
Saturday 7th	<b>10.00am</b>	Denis & Maureen Rockett
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Sean & Susan Power (Moonvoy)
Sunday 8th	<b>8.30am</b>	Hugh Wilson
	<b>10.30am</b>	Danny O'Brien
	<b>12.00noon</b>	Martin & Mary Slattery
<b>CARBALLY</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Jimmy Caulfield, Coolum
Sunday 1st Dec		Trevor Murphy
Sunday 8th Dec	<b>11.30am</b>	

**St Vincent De Paul Society**

will be holding their Annual Christmas Collection over the weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. We thank you for all your support in the past and ask you to be as generous as possible.

**Tramore & Carbally Parish Calendars**

Calendars available at the Parish Office and various businesses in the town. These would make an ideal gift for parishioners away from Tramore. **Poinsettias** are available for sale in the Parish Office and in the Sacristy in Carbally. Last date for orders Dec 8th  
All proceeds to the church restoration fund



An evening of Carols, Prayers, and Readings in Preparation for Christmas

Featuring the voices and musical talents of:

Vanessa Whelan plus special guest!  
Claire Musgrave & Joey Whelan  
Stella Maris School Choir  
Tramore Children's Choir  
Tramore Ladies Choir  
Tramore Gospel Choir  
Holy Cross Church Choir  
Waterford Male Voice Choir

**Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 7.30pm**  
**In Holy Cross Church, Tramore**

Organised by the Pope John Paul II Award Students  
Collection will be made for the local St Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Cross Restoration Fund.

**A Mass for the Deceased Members & Friends of Tramore A.F.C.** will take place in Clubhouse on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm. All are welcome to attend

A new Community Employment scheme dedicated entirely to the town of Tramore has just commenced and details about available posts can be found at [www.jobsireland.ie](http://www.jobsireland.ie) or by ringing Garrett on 085 - 875 0343. All posts are available in the Tramore area.

**An Evening's Entertainment** in aid of Sheltered Housing for Tramore. Wine Tasting & Canapés on Thursday 5th Dec 7.30pm in the Coastguard Station

**Christmas Craft Fair**  
This year's craft fair will be held on the 8th December in the Grand Hotel. - Doors open 10am -6pm  
Crafters from all over Tramore will display their goods. Why not take this opportunity to buy that special gift for Christmas and at the same time support local business. For more details contact Caroline 051-393546

**Next Week's Teams**  
**Weekend: 7/ 8 Dec**  
**Readers: Team C**  
**Ministers: Team 3**  
**Altar Servers: St Declan**  
**Cleaners: Alice McGrath & her team.**