

Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink

Sunday 22nd Dec 2013
4th Sunday in Advent



Fourth Sunday in Advent

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE TRAMORE & CARBALLY PARISH

HOLY CROSS TRAMORE

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December

Mass at 10am

(There will be **NO 7.30am Mass** until
February.)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24

Carol Service at 8.30pm

Vigil Mass at 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 December

Mass at 10am.

OUR LADY'S CARBALLY

Tuesday 24 December

Vigil Mass at 7pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass at 11.30am.

The Parish Office Christmas Arrangements

The parish office will be closed until Thursday
2 January.

The June Mass Book will open on that day.

An Invitation to Dream

Dreams and visions are powerfully present throughout the Advent Scriptures. The visions of the prophets offer promises to the people to sustain them during difficult times on the journey. Two powerful dreams instruct and guide Joseph. In one, an angel instructs him on what is to happen, and the other dream prompts him to take Mary and Jesus to a safer place. The Magi, after visiting the Christ child, heed their dreams and return home by a different route, thus protecting the child in whom salvation history will unfold. God uses our dreams and visions to tell us about ourselves and to change our lives.

The invitation to reflect on our dreams applies to ordinary day dreams as well as the vivid dreams that happen as we sleep. We may dream about advancing our career or about something in particular we desire. In dreams, we may receive messages about what a certain ailment or situation can teach us. A beloved departed one visits us in a dream, and we feel closer despite their absence in our lives. We wake from a random dream with a solution to a problem that plagues us in daytime hours. Though dreams are often an unconscious field in which we process the day's events, might they also offer us some divine guidance about the happenings of our lives?

The final days before Christmas can easily become a time in which we become consumed with our preparations for the holiday. As the day moves closer, we may be overwhelmed by daily tasks, wrapping gifts and planning dinners. We can lose the hopeful tone of the season if we shift into frenetic activity trying to get everything done. The invitation to hear the messages contained in our dreams calls us back to a quieter state of mind, one in which we can find the rest that Jesus promises to those who are weary. As Advent leads to Christmas, may we be open to our dreams as divinely inspired messages that illuminate our hopes, give us patience to wait and bring us great joy in this season.

The Slate Donors Book will be placed on the Sanctuary on Christmas to remember those donors intentions over the last few years, who have contributed to the building restoration fund. We thank you all for your support and will remember those listed in our intentions book at Masses on Christmas Day.

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Please remember in your prayers.....

Those who died recently:

Frank McCarthy
Patrick Pat Power
Patricia Sauvage(Beech Park)

Those whose months Mind Occurs

John O'Connor
Charles Ware

Those whose anniversary occurs:

Kitty Grant & Baby Aoife Egan
O'Brien Family (Windsor House)
Eddie Halley
William Dunphy
Denis & Maureen Rockett
Teddy McGivney, Parents & Sister
Karen Murphy Sherlock
Bridget Walsh
George & Kit Bolster
Michael & Bridget O'Shea & Family
Michael Dan McCarthy
Janice Kiely
John Landers
Helen Leblanc Hayes, Bridget Leblanc
Joseph Leblanc
Dr Ned Mitchell & Eva Mitchell
Colin Waters
John Kathleen Cheasty
Helen Curtin
Margaret Dunphy
Dudley Boyle
Sheila O'Shaughnessy
Mathew & Joanie Warren
Bridget King
Stephen Power
Margaret & Pierce Cantwell
Alan Hannigan
Anne Ward

We also remember those who were baptised recently:

Molly Julia Hayden
Cillian O'Reilly
Mia Forrester
Alannah Forrester

Those who were married recently:

David Devine & Catriona Dunphy
Kevin Reid & Rachel Corcoran
Wayne O'Keeffe & Emma Jane Power

Saturday 21st	10.00am	Kathleen & Sean Dunphy & Son Michael
	7.30pm (Vigil)	Tessie Power (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 22nd	8.30am	Paddy O'Brien
	10.30am	O'Brien Family Windsor House
	12 noon	Tom & Kathleen Cheasty
Monday 23rd	7.30am	No Mass
	10.00am	Dan Cowman (Moonlaun)
Tuesday 24th	7.30am	Patrick Hutchinson
	9.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Wednesday 25th	8.30am	Christmas Dawn Mass
	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
	12.00 noon	Christmas Day Mass
Thursday 26th	7.30am	No Mass
	10.00am	Stephen Roles
Friday 27th	7.30am	No Mass
	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 28th	10.00am	Eddie Halley
	7.30pm	Bridie & Paddy Burns, Pat & Patty Doyle, Kitty & Andy Webster
Sunday 29th	8.30am	Thomas O'Connor
	10.30am	Michael & Maisie Hodge, Barry & Downes Families
	12.00noon	Nora & Jim Considine
CARBALLY	11.30am	Margaret Malone
Sunday 22nd Dec		
Sunday 29th Dec	11.30am	

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - THANK YOU *O What a night!*

Thank you to all our local choirs, musicians and the **John Paul II Award Committee members** who came and prepared us for Christmas with an evening of Carols and Reflections.

This is the first time in a number of years since we held a Carol Service, and the crowd and support was overwhelming. (We will order more candles for next year!!!)

Sincere thanks to our choirs, Tramore Gospel, Tramore Ladies, Tramore Children's and Holy Cross Choirs, as well as the Stella Maris and Waterford Male Voice Choirs. Special thanks to all the choir directors who worked hard to make this work so well. Thanks also to all our musicians, Jonathan, Cecelia, Joey and Damien, and to our soloists Clare Musgrave, Fr Michael and Vanessa Whelan. Thanks to our Town Mayor Blaise Hannigan and members of the Tramore Town Council who attended, and all our readers and helpers.

Our collection for Holy Cross and St Vincent De Paul was an amazing € 3000 (approx) so thank you for your overwhelming generosity!

It really showed a community spirit coming together and gave everyone wonderful joy as we reflected on the greatest gift we will ever receive - Jesus Christ born to us today, as he was to the Virgin Mary 2000 years ago.

Thanks again to one and all, and Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Parish Colour A3 Calendars
The last remaining Parish Calendars are on sale in the Church.

NOW ONLY
€5 each.

Please put your donation in the box provided.
All proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund
Thank you for your support.

READERS & MINISTERS

Christmas Day: All ministers and readers have been contacted. A list is available for checking in the sacristy.

Next Weekends Teams
Weekend: 28/29 Dec
Readers: Team C
Ministers: Team 1
Altar Servers: St Patrick
Cleaners: Joan Phelan & her team

Collections Last Weekend: Tramore € 4135 Carballly € 285

Thanks for your continued support for the upkeep of our Churches

The collections taken at Christmas are traditionally your gift to the Priests of the Parish. Thank you for your continued support to us throughout the year.