

# Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



**Sunday 21st December 2014**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### **HOLY CROSS TRAMORE**

Monday 22- Wednesday 24 December  
Mass at 10am (No 7.30am Mass)

Monday 22 December in Holy Cross  
Tramore  
Penance Service at 7.30pm

Wednesday 24 December  
Confessions from 10.30am - 2pm.

Christmas Carol Service at 8.30pm.  
Followed by  
Christmas Vigil Mass at 9pm.

Christmas Day 25 December  
Masses at 8.30am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

Friday / Saturday 26 December  
Masses at 10am.

### **OUR LADY'S CARBALLY**

Wednesday 24 December  
Christmas Vigil Mass at 7pm.

Christmas Day 25 December  
Mass at 11.30 am.

**SACRED HEART DUNHILL**  
Christmas Day 25 December

Mass at 9am

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FENOR**

Christmas Day 25 December  
Mass at 10am

This year the Fourth Week of Advent is four days long. Wednesday evening is Christmas Eve and Thursday, Christmas.

Perhaps we can use these days to try to heighten our awareness of *whatever* is going on in our lives these days, and how that can bring us to Christmas.

So many of us experience the ironic reality that Christmas can be the loneliest time of our lives. Some of these "mixed feelings" or "sad feelings" are difficult to recognize or name.

For some of us, the Christmas we will celebrate this year pales in comparison to wonderful Christmases of our past - perhaps because we were younger or more "innocent" then, perhaps because some of our loved ones who were central to our Christmas are no longer living. For some of us, Christmas will be just another day. Unable to get out to go to church to be with a faith community, and without family or friends to be with, Christmas will be a day we are tempted to ignore.

For some of us, Christmas inevitably means family conflicts. Facing the days ahead, whether it be the last few remaining parties, or conflicting demands of family and friends, or the friend or relative who drinks too much, or the experience I'm having that I drink too much and this season is an easy excuse.

For some of us, Christmas challenges us with terrible financial burdens. Children today become victims of the gross commercial exploitation of the day. For those of us struggling to make ends meet on a day to day basis, feeling pressure of buying for our children things which we can't afford, can lead us to put more debt on the credit card in ways that simply push us further and further behind.

Some of us, might be really looking forward to Christmas, and not be aware of these struggles with Christmas, yet feel that, in spite of our best efforts to make Advent different this year, there is still something missing, and we still feel unready for Christmas.

For all of us, the story behind these days can draw us in, and invite us to bring our lives to the mystery of how Jesus came into this world and why. Our best preparation for the Holy Night ahead and the Joyful Morning to follow is for us to reflect upon how he came. He came in the midst of scandal and conflict. He came in poverty. He was rejected before he was born. He was born in a feed trough. He was hunted down. And he grew up in obscurity.

He did not shun our world and its poverty and conflict. He embraced it. And he desires to embrace us today, in this way. Right where we are. Right where we are feeling most distant. Right where we are feeling least "religious" or "ready." If we let him come into our hearts to be our Saviour these challenging days, we will find ourselves entering the sacred night and morning of Christmas "joyful and triumphant" as never before.

***Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.***

## **CARBALLY NOTES**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Wednesday 24 December** Christmas Vigil Mass at 7pm.

**Christmas Day 25 December** Mass at 11.30 am.

### **CARBALLY CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Carbally Parish Council would like to thank Linda Bolger for her leadership of the children's choir for the last number of years, and to wish her well for the future.

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

*Those who have died recently:*

Mary Carr

*Those whose Months mind occurs:*

H Noel O'Neill

Martin McGrath

Helen Cobbe

*Those whose anniversary occurs:*

Willie Dunphy

Eddy Halley

The Brophy Family (Barker St Wat.)

The O'Regan Family (Ballybricken)

Tom & Mamie Mackey

Martin, Michael & Nina Boran

Maura & Michael Rafferty

John & Hannah Byrne

Janice Kiely

Dudley Boyle

Joseph & Kathleen Cantwell

Sheila O'Shaughnessy

James & Nora Fitzmaurice

George & Kathleen Bolster

Eva & Ned Mitchell

Frank Gillane

John & Mary Landers & son John

John Power

Anne Ward

William Power

Bridget Walsh

Billy Walsh

*Those who were baptised recently:*

Fionn Patrick Walsh

Rylan Mark Fitzgerald

***Congratulations and best wishes to their parents and Families.***

## **Collections Last Weekend**

**Tramore: € 3660**

**Carbally: € 300**

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

## **The Parish office Notes**

**The office closes on Friday 19th December and re-opens Friday January 2nd 2015.**

**Mass book for June 2015 opens on Jan 2nd.**

***Christmas Wishes to you and all your Family from all at the Parish Office***

Saturday 20th Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Stephen Roles
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Paddy & Bridie Burns, Pat & Patty Doyle, Kitty & Andy Webster & Paddy Costello
Sunday 21st Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	Coffey & McNeill Families
	<b>10.30am</b>	Paddy O'Brien
	<b>12 noon</b>	Kathleen & Sean Dunphy & son Michael
Monday 22nd Dec	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	Jack Piper
Tuesday 23rd Dec	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	Dan Cowman
Wed 24th Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Christmas Mass
	<b>8.30pm</b>	Carol Service
	<b>9.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
Thursday 25th Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	Christmas Day Mass
	<b>10.30am</b>	Christmas Day Mass
	<b>12.00</b>	Christmas Day Mass
Friday 26th Dec	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Souls
Saturday 27th Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	John McEneaney 1st Anniversary
	<b>7.30pm</b>	John & Kathleen Cheasty
Sunday 28th Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	Tom O'Connor
	<b>10.30am</b>	Gerry Kelly 1st anniversary
	<b>12.00noon</b>	James Morrissey
<b>CARBALLY</b>		
Sunday 21st Dec	<b>11.30pm</b>	Francis Power Brownstown & Margaret Malone, Laurence Ryan
Sunday 28th Dec	<b>11.30am</b>	Thomas Farrell, Kilcohan

## **Christmas Reflection**

*Facilitators: Antoinette Dilworth*

*rsj &*

*Ann O'Farrell*

St. John's Pastoral Centre,  
John's Hill, Waterford.

Monday, 22nd December  
7.30 pm. - 8.30 pm.

An opportunity to slow down our hurried pace of life to prepare our minds and hearts to receive the gift of Emmanuel

## **Carols for our times**

Edmund Rice Chapel,  
Barrack Street,  
Waterford.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2014  
At 7pm

All welcome



**From Monday 22 December until Monday 2 February 2015 there will be no 7.30am Mass in Holy Cross church Tramore**

## **Next Week's Teams: 27/28**

**Readers:** Team A  
**Ministers:** Team 3  
**Altar Servers:** St Declan  
**Cleaners:** Alice McGrath & her team

## **The Society of St Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, wish to thank all those from the parishes of Tramore, Carbally, Fenor and Dunhill, who contributed to our annual collection last weekend.

The society is very grateful for the continued support which allows us to help the less well of in our community. A special thanks to Mossy who facilitated the Collection in Carbally Church.