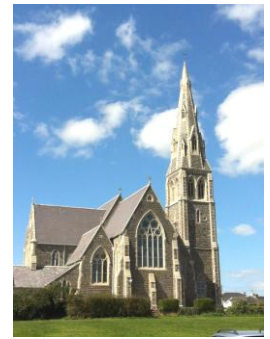




Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



*Sunday Feb 22nd 2015
1st Sunday in Lent*

MASS TIMES

Holy Cross Tramore

Saturday

10am
& 7.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday

8.30am, 10.30am and
12 noon

Monday – Friday

7.30am & 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am & 7pm
and upon Request

**NOVENA OUR LADY
OF PERPETUAL HELP**
Mondays after 10am Mass

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursday after 10am Mass
until 5pm

**CHURCH CLOSES AT 5PM,
SUNDAY TO FRIDAY INCL**

Our Lady's Carbally
Sunday at 11.30am

**OTHER LOCAL
CHURCHES MASS
TIMES**

*Church of the
Immaculate Conception
Fenor*
Saturday Vigil at 6pm

Sacred Heart Dunhill
Sunday at 9.30am

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

'In a certain sense we are our own parents. We bring ourselves to birth through the decisions we take' (St. Gregory of Nyssa). The choices we make give shape and direction to our lives. In the wilderness Jesus firmly rejected the temptations of Satan and confirmed the direction that his baptism had given to his life.

Forty days of fasting and prayer strengthened him for the time of testing. The desert was regarded as a place of danger, a space where the demons and wild beasts dwelt. When the Hebrews escaped from Egypt and found the wilderness very demanding they were tempted to go back to Egypt, to regress in order to avoid what was unpleasant.

Jesus did not seek to escape from the wilderness and find refuge in circumstances that were less exacting. Led by the Spirit, he had the protective care of the angels as he faced the forces of evil head-on. In prayer he reaffirmed that his life revolved around communion with his Father. All genuine prayer puts God at the centre. Prayer keeps priorities clear. Committed to service of his Father in everything he undertook, Jesus refused to be side-tracked by the empty promises of Satan. For all of us the price of freedom is constant vigilance. Good decisions expand that freedom, making the next good choice somewhat easier.

Jesus points the way to follow if we wish to grow in inner freedom. It is through choosing God and through rejecting evil in all its forms. The reality is that there are forces outside us and deep within us that are hostile to the values of the gospel. Good choices bring us closer to maturity and true freedom.

There are two important lessons to be learned on our path through life. The first is that there is a God and the second is that I'm not He! Lent seeks to teach us those lessons. Today's gospel refers to repentance and conversion. True repentance is coming back to God. True conversion is looking at God. Many of the Psalms begin with a phrase like O God, you are my God, thus putting God at the centre and declaring that he is God in my life.

In the time of Jesus fasting expressed dependence on God, sometimes urgent need of his help. We need someone to lean on for strength. Fasting can teach us to lean on God

Trócaire

This year, there will be a number of events and speakers from Trocaire coming to the Diocese. Next weekend, we will have a representative from Trocaire speaking at Masses in Tramore, about the work of Trocaire, and the important contribution we make to that work in our parish.

Don't forget your Trocaire boxes - available in the church porches and around the church!

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Please remember in your prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Ann Annie O' Connell
Amy Emily Mary O'Mahony Nee Kelly
Johnny Furlong Kilmaclean
Catherine Coughlan

Those whose Months mind occurs:

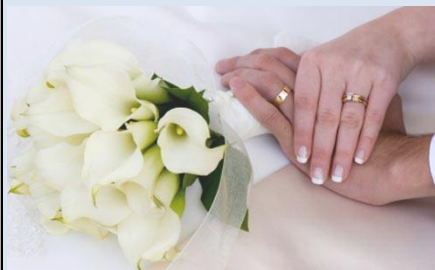
Andy Collins

Those whose anniversary occurs:

Finian Paul Mongey
Ernie Breen
Bridget Moran
Tony Dunphy
Billy McGrath
Terry Manton
Kieran & Elizabeth Bolger
Tom Kavanagh

Those who were married recently:

Thomas McDonald
Rachel O'Connor



Collections Last Weekend:

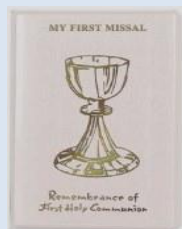
Tramore €4120
Carbally €265

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

At the Parish Office

New stock has just arrived

Lovely selection of cards & gifts for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now available.



Please feel free to drop in and have a look!

Saturday 21st Feb	10.00am	Bridget Flavin & Thomas Murray (1 st ann.)
	7.30pm	Mamie Hearne
Sunday 22nd Feb	8.30am	Christie Crowley
	10.30am	Tony Nangle
	12 noon	John M Power
Monday 23 rd Feb	7.30am	Tom Murphy
	10.00am	Angela Halligan
Tuesday 24 th Feb	7.30am	Finian Paul Mongey
	10.00am	John Hearne & parents John & Mary
Wed 25 th Feb	7.30am	The Fleming Family
	10.00am	Andy Collins (months mind)
Thursday 26 th Feb	7.30am	Maurice Fitzgerald
	10.00am	Dick Murray
Friday 27 th Feb	7.30am	HOLY SOULS
	10.00 am	The Brophy Family
Saturday 28 th Feb	10.00am	Jean Philips
	7.30pm	Michael & Bridie Power
Sunday 1 st March	8.30am	Jim Keegan
	10.30am	Noreen & Noel Slattery
	12.00noon	Dessie Grubb
CARBALLY Sunday 22nd Feb	11.30am	Kitty Whittle (Months mind) Raymond & Patrick Halley, Margaret Condon, Ballymacaw Michael & Margaret Kirwan
Sunday 1 st March	11.30am	Mary McMahan, Thomas & Edith Fowler Betsy & Paddy Sweeney

PARISH SOCIAL

The annual **Tramore & Carbally Parish Social** takes place in the Majestic Hotel on Friday 13 March from 7pm.

There will be a two course meal followed by tea / coffee, with a few surprises on the night.

Music this year will be provided by Dick Hayes & dancing provided by ourselves!

Tickets will be the same as previous years, at **€25 each** (which includes a special door prize)

Tickets on sale from Monday 23 February in the Parish Office and The Arch Newsagents.

In Carbally, Mary Manton in the sacristy will have tickets available after Masses.

Spot Prizes for the raffle are gratefully accepted and can be dropped into the parish office or sacristy.



Parking Permits

A reminder that only cars that have valid permits issued from the parish office, are allowed to park around the church in Tramore. All cars are to be parked along the Summerhill / Canons Field side, and not beside the cemetery. Please adhere to the No Entry Sign in this area.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Journey through Lent in Faith

Spend some time with the new Irish Catechism for Adults. Discussion over three nights, led by trained facilitators St John Pastoral Centre, Waterford.

Tuesdays, 24th Feb, 3rd & 10th March at 7.30pm.

Don't miss the Irish Heart Foundation's Annual Stroke Survivor Conference. This informative conference will take place on March 26th in Croke Park, Dublin 3. Registration is essential for this free event. See www.stroke.ie for more or call Emma-Jane on 01 6346925

Next Week's Teams:

28 Feb /1March

Readers: Team A
Ministers: Team 2
Altar Servers: St Declan
Cleaners: Stella Grace/ Joan Geary's team