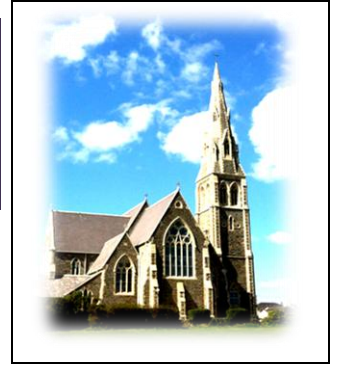




Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



*Sunday 27th September 2015
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN INTENDING TO MAKE THEIR FIRST PENANCE & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND / OR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2015

We are sincerely grateful for all the work the schools and the teachers do in preparing the young children of our parish in these important sacraments. They do tremendous work in helping children understand and appreciate these important days in their lives.

We as a parish also have a number of Masses throughout the year in which the parents and children participate at the Mass. Our Communion Program is called "**Come, Gather, Celebrate:**" and the Confirmation program is called "**Confirming Our Children**". This is part of the preparation for our children in making these sacraments more meaningful in their lives.

With the numbers of children in second / sixth class across the three schools of the parish, a certain amount of preparatory work is necessary to ensure you and your child is fully prepared for this sacrament in their lives. Also, we are aware that there are some children who will not be making these sacraments for various reasons. Therefore, we cannot assume that your child will be making their First Penance and first Holy Communion or Confirmation without your request

There is a meeting of all parents / guardians of children who wish to make these sacraments being held in **Holy Cross Church, Tramore on Wednesday 30 September.**

2nd Class - for First Penance & First Holy Communion at 7pm.

6th Class - For Confirmation at 7.45pm. (If any parent has a child in both classes, they need only attend the first meeting at 7pm)

Application forms were distributed to the students for completion by the parents/guardians.

We would ask you please to **return the Application form** to this meeting and NOT to the school.

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend this important meeting, then **please return the form to the parish office, in the Church by Friday 9 October** at the very latest, and again, NOT the school.

If we do not receive the forms by 9 October 2015, we will assume that you do not wish your child to be included in this sacramental programme in the school and parish at this time.

The time of preparation for sacraments is an opportunity for us all to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey. We look forward to being part of that journey for you and your family at this time.

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Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Sharon Mullen
Johnny Boyle

Those whose months mind occurs:

Nicholas Power
Aaron Kemble

Mary Daly Lisselan

Those whose anniversary occurs:

Kay Murphy
Andy McCarthy
Freddie Piper
Dympna Scott
Maureen Feely 1st Anniversary
James Leigh
Jack Kearney
Nellie Power

Those who were baptised recently:

Katie Ellen Threadgold



Congratulations to their parents and godparents

Those who were married recently:

Christopher Grace & Alison Connolly

We wish them every happiness in their married life together

Collections Last Weekend:

Tramore €3805
Carbally €185

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

PARISH OFFICE /SHOP

Opening Hours:

Mon 9.30am-4pm
Tues/Weds 9.30am-3pm
Thurs 9.30am-4pm
Fri 9.30am -3.30pm
Sat Morning after 10.00am Mass until 11.00pm.

Mass Book for March 2016

Opens on Thursday 1 Oct at the Parish Office.

Saturday 26th Sept	10.00am	Ann Scanlon
	7.30pm	Mick Kennedy
Sunday 27th Sept	8.30am	Andrew & Anastasia Crowe
	10.30am	Peter & Cáit Daly
	12.00noon	Patricia Hackett
Monday 28th Sept	7.30am	Maura & Danny Linehan & daughters Maria & Jacqueline
	10.00am	Ciaran Quinn 1 st Anniversary
Tuesday 29th Sept	7.30am	Kevin Barron & Jack Barrett
	10.00am	Billy Hutchinson, James, Mary & Noel Callanan
Weds 30th Sept	7.30am	
	10.00am	Timothy (Tim) Cronin (Months Mind)
Thursday 1st Oct	7.30am	James & Eileen Reidy
	10.00am	Larry Butler
Friday 2nd Oct	7.30am am	HOLY SOULS
	10.00am	John & Bridie Trehy
Saturday 3rd Oct	10.00am	Nathan Drohan
	7.30pm	Tom Gildea & Family
Sunday 4th Oct	8.30am	Pat Woodbyrne, Tom & Bridget & Josephine Butler & Molly Harper
	10.30am	Charlie O'Donnell
	12.00noon	John Kearns, Michael & Nance
CARBALLY		Mary Daly Lisselan, Months Mind, Liz Brett Tramore
Sunday 27th Sept	11.30am	
Sunday 4th Oct	11.30am	Margaret Halligan

CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

Liam Lawton will facilitate a music workshop in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford, on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm. Please inform your choir leader if you would like to attend by Sunday 27th Sept as booking is essential.

AUTUMN EVENSONG

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH, TRAMORE,
THURSDAY 1 OCT 2015 AT 8PM**

The Concert is in aid of the Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage Fund. Tickets €20 per person from the Parish Office or from Jim Hally 0879898936, Isobel Flynn on 0872417640 or Maria Grant on 0874119530.

Lost Property

There is a collection of items of lost property at the Parish Office that we would like to unite with their owners. Please drop in if you have lost any hats scarves, umbrellas, spectacles, rosaries etc.

PARISH TRIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

5-9 APRIL 2016

Tour: 4 nights Padua
Price: €669 per person based on a minimum of 30 people travelling.

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

All bookings can be done by contacting Louise at Joe Walsh Tours directly on 01-241 0800. As places are limited, early booking is advised with a deposit of €200.

There will be a conference on local responses to Laudato Si, Pope Francis' Encyclical on Care for Our Common Home on Saturday 3rd October 2015 in Waterford Institute of Technology - registration at 9.00am.

The primary aim of the conference is to raise awareness of the content of the Encyclical and to explore how we are responding locally to the challenge of environmental degradation and the danger posed by climate change. All are welcome.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Fr Michael Toomey will celebrate Mass for all the parishioners of Tramore and Carbally, Dunhill & Fenor on Thursday 8 October at 7pm in Holy Cross Church Tramore.

Tea /Coffee will be served afterwards in Glór na Mara school.

Everyone most welcome to attend.

This is Fr Michael's way of saying "THANKS" to everyone in the parish for their support in the last six years.

Waterford Male Voice Choir (WMVC) will be appearing with Canadian Orpheus Choir on Wednesday 30th Sept 2015 in Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford in aid of "Joy Bells" restoration fund.

Next Week's Teams:

3/4 October

Readers: Team B
Ministers: Team 2
Cleaners: Alice McGrath & her team

Altar Servers: Both teams please turn up when available. New teams will be organised shortly.