

Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Holy Cross Tramore

Dec. 21 Mass 7.30am, 10am, 7.30pm

Penitential Service

Dec. 22 Mass 7.30am, 10am, 7pm

Carol Service

Dec. 23 Mass 7.30am, 10am

Dec. 24 Mass 10am, Confessions 10.30

– 3pm, Carols 8.30, Mass 9pm

Christmas Day Mass: 8.30am,

10.30am, 12noon

St. Stephen's Day: Mass 10am,

7.30pm

Dec. 27 Mass 8.30 am, 10.30 am,

12noon

Dec. 28-Jan 1 Mass **10.am**

Jan. 2 Mass 10am, 7.30pm

Jan 3 Mass: 8.30am, 10.30, 12 noon

Jan 4 Mass: 10am

Jan 5 Mass: 10 am,

Jan. 6 Mass: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon,

7.30pm

Jan. 7 – 8 Mass 10am

Carbally

Dec. 24 Carols 6.30pm, Mass 7pm

Christmas Day Mass: 11.30 am

Dec. 27 Mass; 11.30am

Jan. 3 Mass 11.30am

Jan. 5 Mass: 7.30pm

Sunday 20th December 2015 4th Sunday in Advent

This year the Fourth Week of Advent is Five days long. Thursday evening is Christmas Eve and Friday, 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***

ÁRDSKOIL NA MARA ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE ON MON 21ST DEC AT 7.00PM. IN AID OF FOCUS IRELAND. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BEFOREHAND AT 6.30 ALL ARE WELCOME.

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Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Frank Burke (Cork & Waterford)

Those whose months mind occurs:

Sheila Shanahan

Those whose anniversary occurs:

May Keane

Bridget Walsh

Billy Walsh

Maureen Coyne

Dudley Boyle

Sheila O'Shaughnessy

Douglas Partridge

May Keane

Margaret & Pierce Cantwell

Stephen Power

Alan Hannigan

Patricia Sauvage

Joseph & Bridget Dunne

Dr Noel & Eva Mitchell

Janice Kiely

Ned & Brenda Bowes

Joanie Warren

John Power

Those who were baptised recently:

Aidan O'Brien



Congratulations to his parents and godparents

Collections Last Weekend:

Tramore €3705

Carbally €255

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

THE PARISH OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office is closed now until Monday Jan 4th 2016. Please note, The Mass Book for June opens on that day.

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| Saturday 19th Dec | 10.00am | Jack Piper |
| | 7.30pm | Bridie & paddy Burns ,Pat & Patty Doyle, Paddy Costello, Kitty & Andy Webster |
| Sunday 20th Dec | 8.30am | Coffey & Mc Neill Families |
| | 10.30am | Paddy O' Brien |
| | 12.00noon | Kathleen, Sean & Michael Dunphy |
| Monday 21st Dec | 7.30am | Lily & Sean Kelly & Relatives |
| | 10.00am | Willie Dunphy |
| Tuesday 22nd Dec | 7.30am | Annie & Michael Cunningham |
| | 10.00am | Patrick Hutchinson |
| Weds 23rd Dec | 7.30am | |
| | 10.00am | Denis Horan (Months mind) |
| Thursday 24th Dec | 10.00am | Christmas Mass |
| | 9.00pm | Christmas Vigil Mass |
| Friday 25th Dec | 8.30am | Christmas Day Mass |
| | 10.30am | Christmas Day Mass |
| | 12.00noon | Christmas Day Mass |
| Saturday 26th Dec | 10.00am | Tom & Kathleen Cheasty |
| | 7.30pm | John McEaney |
| Sunday 27th Dec | 8.30am | Tom O'Connor |
| | 10.30am | Dan Cowman (Moonlaun) |
| | 12.00noon | Angela & Tommy Flanagan |
| CARBALLY | | |
| Sun 20th December | 11.30am | Billy Power, Dunmore East (Months mind) |
| Sun 27th December | 11.30am | Francis Power, Brownstown Margaret Malone |

Christmas Reflection

St. John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford, Monday, 21st December from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Facilitators: Antoinette Dilworth rsj & Ann O'Farrell

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

A Nightfever event will be held in the Cathedral, of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street on Wednesday December 23rd, beginning with the 5.30pm Mass and finishing with benediction at 10pm. Nightfever is an evening of "Open Church" where street missionaries go in pairs onto the streets of Waterford and invite people to come inside and experience a special atmosphere of music, prayer, confession, and candlelight, allowing us spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are very welcome. Feel free to come and leave as you want. www.nighfever.org

HOLY CROSS CHURCH TRAMORE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



A Christmas Carol Service will be held in Holy Cross Church Tramore On Tues December 22nd from 7pm -9pm
Featuring: Holy Cross Church Choir, The Ladies Choir, The Gospel Choir & Others

ALL WELCOME

Next Week's Teams: 26/27 December

Readers: Team B
Ministers: Team 2
Cleaners: Mary Butler & her team
Altar Servers St Patrick