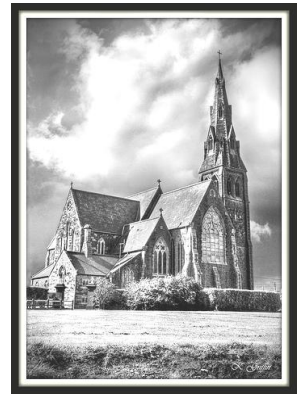




Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink



Sunday 8th January 2017
Baptism of the Lord

MASS TIMES

Holy Cross Tramore

Saturday

10am

& 7.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday

8.30am, 10.30am and
12 noon

Monday – Friday

10.00am only during the
month of January

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

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



Baptism of Our Lord

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. For all of us, our own journey of faith began at our baptism. With the pouring of the water and the words of the priest, we became a new creation at that very moment, when our souls were given the gift of divine life from God. At that moment, the Holy Spirit was given to us, to be our constant companion all through life and to guide us in the ways of the Gospel.

The word 'Baptise' comes from a Greek word (*baptizein*) which means to immerse or submerge in water. Water is a powerful symbol, for it represents cleansing and purification. John the Baptist used the waters of the River Jordan for this purpose, as he offered a baptism of repentance. Large crowds would have flocked to him where they would confess their sins and re-emerge from the water with a clean conscience. Jesus affirms John's ministry by choosing to be baptised himself by the prophet. Yet we may wonder why he chose this because as the divine Son of God incarnate, he was completely without sin. Why was it necessary?

Firstly, by doing so, Jesus was highlighting the importance of baptism for us, as the 'gateway' sacrament for us to receive divine life. Secondly, Pope Benedict XVI says that while Jesus had no sins of his own to be washed away, he took upon himself all our sins, those of the whole world, as he stepped into the river Jordan: 'Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity, and the voice that calls out "This is my Beloved Son" over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection.' At that moment, then, Jesus transforms baptism into something far more powerful. John's baptism was merely a sign of the true baptism that Jesus would inaugurate, where the Holy Spirit is given to us, and where the merits of Christ's death and resurrection are applied to us. Jesus would command his disciples to baptise in the name of the Blessed Trinity, so that all of us might have true life in his name; the very life we need to spend eternity with him.

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Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Edmund (Ted) Cantwell
Marguerita Power
Norma Buck
Tony Kent

Those whose Months mind

Occurs:

Michael (Mickey) Flavin

Those whose anniversary

occurs:

Michael McCarthy 1st Anniversary
Annie Keoghan, sons & daughters
Nicholas & Alice Dunphy & sons
Terrie Higgins
Bernard Coffey
Eileen Ryan
Eily O'Callaghan
Margaret & John Maher
Michel Gannon

Collections Last Weekend:

Tramore € 3495
Carbally € 185

We thank you for your continued support for the upkeep of our churches.

**THERE WILL BE NO
7.30AM MASS IN HOLY
CROSS CHURCH
TRAMORE DURING THE
MONTH OF JANUARY**

Next Week's Team 14/15Jan

Readers: Team C
Ministers: Team 3
Cleaners: Mary Butler and team
Altar Servers: St Patricks

Saturday 7 th Jan	10.00am	Paddy Connors
	7.30pm	Joan Phelan & Padraig Whittle
Sunday 8th Jan	8.30am	John Devlin (1 st Anniversary)
	10.30am	Michael & Bridget Cullen, son Declan, & daughter Anne Smith
	12.00noon	Al O'Connor
Monday 9th Jan	10.00am	Catherine, Dick, Paddy, Agnes, Nellie & Julie Crowley
Tuesday 10th Jan	10.00am	Michael McCarthy (1 st Anniversary)
Weds 11th Jan	10.00am	Michael (Mickey) Flavin
Thursday 12th Jan	10.00am	The Carroll Family
Friday 13th Jan	10.00am	HOLY SOULS
Saturday 14th Jan	10.00am	Joe Fitzgerald
	7.30pm	Elizabeth & Geoffrey Spencer
Sunday 15th Jan	8.30am	Willie Piper
	10.30am	Evelyn Hearne (1 st Anniversary)
	12.00noon	Michael Burke & deceased members of the Burke & Healy families
Carbally		
Sunday 8th Jan	11.30am	Peggy Power, Willie Power, Willie Lodge
Sunday 15th Jan	11.30am	

GETTING MARRIED SOON?

If you are planning to marry during 2017. The following 'to dos' might help to make things run smoothly. Book the Church with your preferred date and time. Contact the priest of the parish to do some preliminary form filling. Attend a Pre Marriage Course run by Accord. These courses are run in St John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford and can be booked on line (Email accordwaterford@eircom.net). You will need to give notice to the Registrar of Births & Marriages. The priest who will officiate at you marriage will guide through the preparation for the marriage ceremony, which if well prepared can be one of the highlights of your day. If you are planning to marry outside of Ireland it is important that you also contact the priest in good time so that the requirements of the foreign state are observed.

LOURDES 2017

The 59th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on June 6th - 11th June 2017. Booking of pilgrimage places at Lourdes office 051 878900

Confirming our children.

This weekend, we welcome the children who are making their confirmation in 2017, and their parents to the next Mass of our parish preparation programme.

At the Mass Saturday 14th January 7.30pm we welcome the Children from Gaelscoil Philib Barún & Glór na Mara

On Sunday 15th January at 12.00 noon we welcome the children from Holy Cross

Please remember them in your prayers at this important time in their lives.

Sancta Maria Riverstown

Morning Prayer & LECTIO DIVINA each Tuesday at 11.00am.
Medjugorje Prayer Group every Wed 11.00am
Guided Prayer each Thursday at 7.30pm
All Welcome