

Tramore & Carballly Parish Newslink

Sunday 15th December 2019
3rd Sunday in Advent



Third Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES HOLY CROSS TRAMORE

Dec 16 Mass 7.30am & 10am,
*Reconciliation Service with
Confession at 7.30pm*

Dec 17 Mass 7.30am & 10am,
Christmas Carol Service 7pm

Dec. 23 Mass 10am

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

(TUES) Mass 10.am
Carols 8.30pm Vigil Mass 9.00pm

Christmas Day Masses:

(WED) 8.30am, 10.30am & 12noon

*Please note the church will close after 12noon
Mass Christmas Day & will reopen at 9.15am on
St Stephen's Day 26th Dec*

St. Stephen's Day: Mass 10.00am

Dec 27 Mass 10.00am

Dec 28 (Sat) Mass 10.00am & 7.30pm

Dec 29 (Sun) Masses 8.30am, 10.30 am &
12.00 noon

Dec 30/31 Mass 10am

Jan 1 Mass 10 am

OUR LADYS CHURCH CARBALLY

Dec 24 Carols at 6.30pm, Mass 7pm

Christmas Day Mass 11.30 am

DUNHILL SACRED HEART CHURCH

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass 7pm

FENOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am.

Christmas is all around

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas – perhaps a carol you've always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our churches display Nativity scenes. Another common sight in the run-up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses, with these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humour.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – *Gaudete* means 'rejoice'. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy. Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let's make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

Triona Doherty

Advent in the Scriptures Preparing our Hearts for Immanuel



Join Fr. Shane for three nights as he reflects on the key Scriptural passages of Advent, helping us to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming and to truly appreciate all our God has done for us.

**Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th December
7.30pm in Fr. Shane's house**

All welcome – Just bring your Bible!

Holy Cross Church Tramore Christmas Carol Service



*Featuring our local choirs and Musicians
Tuesday December 17th at 7pm Sharp.*

All welcome

Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Roger Murphy
Ronnie Hearne

Those whose Months mind Occurs:

Richard Fitzgerald Surrey /Priests Rd

Those whose' Anniversary Occurs:

Kieran Hayes 1st Ann
Nicholas Power Fenor (1st Ann)
Dylan McConnell
Frank & Mary O'Mara
Maurice & Nicholas Cheasty
Tom Browne & grandson Brian Power
Ellen Maguire
John & Mai French
Niall McCarry
John Power

Those who were baptised recently:

Jack Francis Caulfield

Congratulations to his parents and God Parents.

Weekly Collection

TRAMORE: €3675

CARBALLY: €210

We thank all who contributed for your continued support

Next Week's Team 21/22 December

Readers: Team C

Ministers: Team 1

Cleaners Team: Kathleen Keane

Altar Servers: St Declan

Parish Office Notice

The Parish Office Opening Hours for the coming week:

Mon/Wed/Thurs 9.30am -4pm

Tuesday 9.30am-1pm

Friday 9.30am -3.30pm

Please note that you may read or download and print the Parish Newsletter from our website on www.tramoreparish@live.ie/newsletters

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS.

Cards, Mass Bouquets, Calendars, Children's books etc, etc.

We have a few lovely books of local interest available at the Parish office.

"A year in the life of Glencairn Abbey"

"Murder in the Missions" and

Monsignor Olden's Book "The Faith Journey of the Deise People" which is now available at half price €20 .

Any of those books would make a lovely Christmas gift.

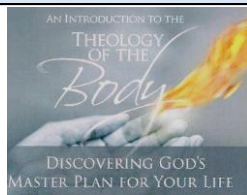
Waterford Male Voice Choir will sing Christmas Carols in the showrooms of Murphy Larkin Riverstown Industrial Estate, Tramore in aid of Waterford Hospice, at 4.30pm on Friday 20th December. There will be a wonderful Christmas atmosphere there with coffees and mulled wine and festive bites being served while you are entertained by the choir. Come along and enjoy the music & atmosphere and support this very worthy cause. A Christmas Hamper filled to the brim with lots of treats will be raffled.

Masses booked for the coming week

Saturday	14th Dec	10.00am	Funeral Masss
		7.30pm	Eamon, Tommy, Angela Flanagan & Ruby Walsh
Sunday	15th Dec	8.30am	Willie Piper
		10.30am	John & Hannah Byrne
		12.00noon	Pat Drohan, grandparents Walter & Bridget, David & Emily, cousins David & Barry
Monday	16th Dec	7.30am	Jimmy & Mary Gallagher
		10.00am	Mary May Power
Tuesday	17th Dec	7.30am	The Gallagher & Morgan Families
		10.00am	McGivney & Kett Families
Wednesday	18th Dec	7.30am	Kieran Hayes 1 st Anniversary
		10.00am	Val Murphy
Thursday	19th Dec	7.30am	Anna & John Guthrie
		10.00am	Souad Baldwin
Friday	20th Dec	7.30am	Holy Souls
		10.00am	Stephen Roles
Saturday	21st Dec	10.00am	Tom & Kathleen Cheasty, Catherine Walsh
		7.30pm	Willie Dunphy
Sunday	22nd Dec	8.30am	Coffey & McNeill Families
		10.30am	Frank Gillane
		12.00pm	John & Margaret O'Leary
Carbally			
Sunday	15th Dec	11.30am	Michael White Months Mind, Margaret Malone, Laurence Cosgrave, William & Edward Daly, Francis Power, Kathleen Kelly (Special Intention)

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL TRAMORE

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 recently. The Society is very grateful for the continued support which allows us to help the less well off in our community. Thanks to all the collectors and special word of thanks to Mossy Fitzgerald who took up the collection in Carbally.



Study group will begin on Monday's from 7.30pm to 9pm January 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 17th and March 2nd and 9th. The venue will be the Foyer of Charity, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.

Registration is essential. Please contact Helen at 086-1678027 or hellywilliams@gmail.com. The evening will have prayer, discussion, DVD, tea & coffee.

Theology of the body provides a lens through which to view the whole mystery of human life. If you have a body, this theology is for you!

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NOTICE

There will be no 7.30am Mass commencing Monday Dec 23rd 2019 until February 2020. **Please note the Church will open at 9.15am** (except Sundays) during this time.

Service of Readings & Carols

in Christchurch Tramore on Dec. 15th at 3pm
All welcome

New-year/New Life

The parish will be holding **Life in The Spirit Seminars** in the new year. Starting on Wednesday 8th Jan at 7.30 in Glor na Mara School, for 7 weeks. All are welcome and more details will follow after Christmas.

Carbally Notice



Collection for fresh flowers

for the Christmas decoration of the Church will take t place today Sunday 15th Dec . We thank you for your support.

Secular Franciscan Order

The next meeting takes place at the Sisters of Charity Convent on Wednesday 18th Dec at 8pm. All welcome.

Carols for our Times – 8pm to 9pm with the Island of Ireland Peace Choir at the Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford on Friday 20th December 2019. All are welcome.