



Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink

Sunday 17th December 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent



Christmas Arrangements 2023

*Holy Cross Church, Tramore & Our
Lady's Church, Carbally*

Sunday 16th/17th December: Tramore:
Mass of Reconciliation at all Masses.

Sunday 17th December: Carbally:
Mass of Reconciliation at 11.00am.

Saturday 23rd December:
Tramore Mass: 10am & 7.30pm

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve
Tramore Mass: 8.30am, 10.30am &
Christmas Vigil 7.30pm
Carbally Mass: 7.30pm Vigil

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day
Tramore: Mass at 8.30am, 10.30am &
12noon

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day
Carbally Mass: 11.00am

Tuesday 26th St Stephen's Day
Tramore Mass: 10.00am

*We wish all our Parishioners a very
Happy Christmas & every Blessing in
the New Year*

COVID -19

It is recommended that parishioners
continue to sanitise their hands upon
entry and leaving the church.

Priest on Duty
086-6004384

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Advent

The Joy of Waiting

Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus – that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas.

God's Christmas voice is saying *I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.*

Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life.

God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

*Remember this week what makes you joyful about the coming
feast of Christmas and be grateful.*

Lord I believe your word was made flesh and appeared among us.

Donal Neary SJ

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual Christmas collection for the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses over the Christmas.

We are very grateful for your continued support.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

Again this year we are decorating our Christmas tree in the church with silver Christmas decoration cards.

If you would like a loved one remembered, the name will be added to the card and it will be placed on the tree in their memory.

Please drop in to the Parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

Donation for each remembrance card, in aid of Church Restoration Fund.

Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Jim O'Neill
Tom (Thomas) Brophy
Christy Herbert
Jack Dreelan
Geraldine Cleere nee Grant

Those whose months mind Occur:

Catherine Jackson

Those whose' Anniversaries Occur:

John Harty Jnr
Kaye Kennedy (1st Ann)
Eileen Hogan
Billy Power, The Terrace
Patrick & Mary O'Donohue
Teresa O'Donohue, Lucy Hennessy
Thomas Lyons, Frank Gillane
Eddie O'Neill, Gerry McCarthy
Patrick McDonald, Dan Cowman
Denis, Ellen, Kathleen & Tony Rockett
Pat Purcell, Clive Noblett (1st Ann)
Nicholas Cheasty, Catherine Cheasty
Janice Kiely, John Power, Mary Kiely

Next Week's Team 23/24 Dec

Readers: Team B

Rota for Readers, available in the Sacristy.

Ministers of the Eucharist: Please contact Olivia 086-3438467

Weekly Collection: 10th Dec

Tramore: €3230

Carbally: €260

We thank all who contributed for your continued support.

The Parish Office

Next week's opening Times:

Mon –Thurs 9.30am – 4pm
Fri: 9.30am – 12noon
Contact: 051-386477

The Parish office will close for the Christmas break on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon and will reopen on January 3rd 2024.

We wish all our parishioners a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year

Mass Booking

The Mass Book for March 2024 is open at the Parish Office. The next book to open is for April which will open on January 3rd 2024 from 9.30am
Contact: 051-386477

The Holy Face Devotion


The Holy Face devotion takes place in Holy Cross every Tuesday after 10am Mass.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets at 3pm every Wednesday in Holy Cross Church, Tramore. All are welcome

Parish Facebook Page

Parish of Tramore & Carbally
You may also access on parish website:
www.tramoreparish.ie

Please LIKE  and SHARE with your family and friends

Masses booked for the coming week:

Saturday	16 th Dec	10.00am	Francis (Frank) Comber
		7.30pm	Maureen & Michael Hearne
Sunday	17 th Dec	8.30am	Michael & Annie Cunningham
		10.30am	Stan Couch
		12.00 noon	Pat Drohan
Monday	18 th Dec	10.00am	Roger & Emily Murphy
Tuesday	19 th Dec	10.00am	Margaret (Peggy) Brookbank
Wednesday	20 th Dec	10.00am	John Heffernan (Months Mind)
Thursday	21 st Dec	10.00am	Jack Piper
Friday	22 nd Dec	7.30am	Holy Souls & Tom & Kathleen Cheasty & daughter Catherine
		10.00am	Edward Hally
Saturday	23 rd Dec	10.00am	Stephen Roles
		7.30pm	Jimmy, Mary & Teresa Gallagher
Sunday	24 th Dec	8.30am	George & Kit Bolster
		10.30am	Patricia Coady
		7.30pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL
Carbally			
Sunday	17 th Dec	11.00am	Frances Power, David Power, Willie Dunphy
	25 th Dec		William & Alice Caulfield

LIGHTFEVER WATERFORD

Saturday 23rd December - Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity Waterford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, candle light, music, silence, confessions available. Time to be confirmed.

Advent Prayer Resources

Please see below some resources that will help you to prepare your heart and mind for Christmas as we journey through the weeks of Advent available on www.waterfordlismore.ie
[Advent Prayer Leaflet 2023](#)
[Advent & Christmas Prayers for the Home](#)

Home of the Mother FORMATION EVENINGS FOR ADULTS

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, in St. Saviour's Church, Bridge Street, Waterford City led by the Servant Priests and Brothers and Servant Sisters. Adoration at 6.30pm. Each week we will reflect and chat about different topics that will help us deepen our knowledge of the Catholic faith and live our Christian lives to the full! All are welcome.

As Christmas approaches it is wonderful to see all the preparation happening-with decorations in Our Homes, Our Churches and with flowers and Christmas wreaths in Our Cemeteries.
When Christmas is passed we respectfully ask you to remove the Christmas wreaths and withered flowers from your family graves and please take them home.
Please do not dispose of them on the Church Grounds.
We thank you for your help in keeping our cemeteries neat and tidy.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL TRAMORE

The annual collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Tramore took place last weekend in all our parish churches
We thank you most sincerely for your generous contribution.

Christmas Stock now in!



Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets, Advent and Church Art Calendars, Children's Christmas books are now available at the Parish Office.

"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen."
Pope John XXIII