



## *Tramore & Carballly Parish Newslink*

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*



### *Christmas Arrangements 2023*

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

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

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

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day  
Tramore: Mass at 8.30am, 10.30am &  
12noon  
Monday 25th December: Christmas Day  
Carballly Mass: 11.00am

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

*Church of the Immaculate Conception  
Fenor & Sacred Heart Church Dunhill*

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Fenor 6pm Vigil

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Dunhill  
9.30am & 7.30p, (Vigil)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Fenor 10am

*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**

#### **Christmas Message 2023 - God with us everywhere.**

Friends, at this time of the year, two hugely different experiences converge in spectacular fashion. There is the hustle and bustle of present buying and other preparations of our homes, towns, and streets; and then there is the more reflective focus of our Church upon the journey of Mary and Joseph, the birth in a stable, the song of the Angels, the arrival of the Shepherds and the Magi.

How can there be any connection between what looks like two vastly different worlds? Quite simply, the connection is Jesus. In Him, Emmanuel, 'God is with us'. The mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God shares every aspect of our humanity from our physical needs to our enjoyment of the world, to our spirituality, our hunger for the sacred which is at the heart of every human soul. When Christ was born over two millennia ago, He joined with us everywhere.

As we look at the world around us, it is important to remember that Jesus came to be with us not just for the good times, but for the difficult times too. Jesus is 'God with us' everywhere— in trenches in Ukraine, in rubble and shelters in Gaza and Israel, in hospital wards where loved one's rest, in sheltered accommodation and none, in distressed families and relationships, in lonely and grieving hearts, in lives that search for meaning, purpose, and place.

The infant Christ stands with us in all that we experience. Jesus Christ offers us the possibility of opening every part of our lives to the transforming power of God's love. He comes so that we can grow into His likeness in every place in which we find ourselves – from our churches to our homes, to the world in which we live. *We ask God to give us joy in our hearts, hope in our faith, and peace across the world.*

It is my privilege on behalf of Fr.Tadeusz, Fr.Mark and our Parish Pastoral Council to extend to you and your families every peace and blessing for this Christmas and New Year.

We are grateful to all who make life in our faith communities vibrant and faithful. We are blessed with many people who share of their time, talent, and gifts to make our parishes the wonderful places that they are. Many take an interest in all that is celebrated and organised, and they support us in our endeavours. We are thankful for people's involvement and support in any way. Everything done and given makes a big difference.

We thank our Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Cantors, Organists and Musicians, Church Carers, Collectors, Counters, Secretaries, Finance & Building Committees, Child Protection Officers, Baptismal Teams, Prayer Groups, Faith Representatives, Alpha Team, Cemetery/Church Grounds keepers, and Crib design, preparation, and decoration. To them and to all who help in our Parish, we "Thank You."

***May you and those closest to you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas and for the year ahead.***

Fr. Richard

**NO 7.30AM MASS ON FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

*Please remember in your Prayers.....*

*Those who have died recently:*

John Legg

*Those whose months mind Occur:*

Declan Clerkin

*Those whose' Anniversaries Occur:*

Annie & Paddy Dunphy

Richard Crowley

Mary Butler

Stella & Willie Piper

Patrick O'Mahony

Mary & Paddy O'Donoghue

Lucy Hennessy

Austin Costello

John Matthews

Thomas Lyons

Teresa & Lucy O'Donohue

Tom & Mamie Mackey

Annie, Martin, Michael & Nena Boran

Patrick & Maura Hackett

William Dunphy

Penny Phelan

Patrick & Josephine O'Brien & son

Patrick

Paddy O'Brien

**Next Week's Team** 30/31 Dec

**Readers:** Team C

**Rota for Readers,** available in the Sacristy.

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** Please contact Olivia 086-3438467

**Weekly Collection:** 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Tramore:** €

**Carbally:** €

We thank all who contributed for your continued support.

### The Parish Office

The Parish office is closed for the Christmas and will reopen on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024.

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

### Mass Booking

The Mass Book for April 2024 will open on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.tramoreparish.ie)

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## Masses booked for the coming week:

Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Stephen Roles
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Jimmy, Mary & Teresa Gallagher
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	George & Kit Bolster
		<b>10.30am</b>	Patricia Coady
		<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL</b>
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>
		<b>12 noon</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS</b>
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	John McEneaney
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Larry & Teresa Swift & Betty McCarthy
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Kaye Kennedy (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls &amp; Eileen Flynn</b>
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>10.00am</b>	Michael Byrne
		<b>7.30pm</b>	John & Hannah Byrne, Jack & Margaret O'Leary
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>8.30am</b>	Thomas O'Connor, Tom & Ciss Cusack & Dan Cowman
		<b>10.30am</b>	The Flanagan family
		<b>12 noon</b>	Maureen Corcoran, Tosh & Mamie Hearne & Thomas Corcoran
<b>Carbally</b>			
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>11.00am</b>	William & Alice Caulfield
	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec		May O'Driscoll

### 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.

### 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](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie)

[Advent Prayer Leaflet 2023](#)

[Advent & Christmas Prayers for the Home](#)

### LIGHTFEVER WATERFORD

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity Waterford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, candle light, music, silence, confessions available. Time 1.15pm – 5pm.

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.



## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Eternal God, the hope of all humankind, you gave us the greatest gift of all in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Son of God, you came as God's Light to shine brightly in the darkness of minds and hearts; bathe our world in your Light.

Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, make a way for the Good News of your Kingdom to reach every home, every heart, everywhere.

Protect and preserve the labourers who courageously declare the glory of your Gospel throughout the world. Provide for their every need and be their strength and joy.

Be the comforter, defender and provider of the poor, the helpless, the cold, the hungry, the orphaned, the weary, the oppressed, those persecuted for their faith in you, the sick, those who mourn, the aged and the little children.

Reveal yourself to those who do not know your immense love.

Bless those who rejoice at your coming!

Glorious Lord, we join our voices to the heavenly host and say: "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests!"

Amen.

