

# Tramore & Carbally Parish Newslink

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Parish of Tramore & Carbally

Dear Parishioners & Friends,  
Some weeks ago, Bishop Cullinan issued a letter to all Parish Groupings in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore, asking for a serious reflection on the schedule of masses in each grouping.  
We belong to a Pastoral Grouping of Tramore & Carbally, Dunhill & Fenor, Portlaw & Ballyduff, and Newtown, Kill, Kilmacthomas & Saleen. Within this grouping there are five Priests covering fifteen weekend Masses alone. As Bishop Cullinan stated in his letter, this schedule is just not sustainable moving forward. Each grouping of Parishes needs to have a schedule of Masses that can be covered in cases of illness, holidays or emergencies, and each grouping must be able to sustain itself in providing this cover.  
At the time when we presented every parishioner with Bishop Cullinan's letter, we asked for feedback, comment, and any and every observation which people might have. We received little in reply except for some people to reflect on how they expected such decisions about the reduction of Masses long before now.

In consultation with our Parish Pastoral Councils, with Bishop Cullinan, and the other Priests in our Pastoral area, a reduction of four Masses in our Grouping has been agreed upon. Here in Tramore, we will be reducing our regular four weekend Masses to three. **We propose a new rota of a Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 7.30pm and two Sunday Masses at 8.30am & 11.00am.** The 11.00am Mass will replace and combine our former 10.30am & 12 Noon Masses. We hope to commence this new timetable beginning on the first weekend of this October.

I am conscious that change, though inevitable, is never easy. These are the only changes I will make to our weekend timetable. If, in the future, further steps have to be taken, they will be taken in regard to the other Churches under my care and responsibility. At present, those Churches all have only one weekend Mass each, but that too may change.  
Weekday Masses will remain the same except for the 7.30am Mass on Fridays, which will now cease. To facilitate Anniversary Masses, Month's Minds, and rescheduled Masses because of funerals, from October all Masses will be shared, limited to two intentions. More details about this are in the Newsletter and through the Parish Office.

Friends, I sincerely hope that you, our faithful and loyal Parishioners, and friends will continue to attend and support our weekday and weekend Masses. We have an opportunity through these changes for fuller congregations and involved celebrations. These changes should bring a renewed sense of vibrancy and full communion to our celebrations. Our ceremonies might be less in number but hopefully richer than they already are in our participation, celebration, and sacredness.

I thank you for your constant support, generosity, and involvement with your Parish community in so many ways. May the times ahead see us uniting, supporting, and praying deeper than we ever have had before. We ourselves, our faith, our Church, remain at the heart of this community and always will. It was St. Augustine who said: *"To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances; to seek God is the greatest adventure; to find Him is the greatest achievement."* May many join us in our romance, adventure, and achievement of loving, seeking, and serving God here in Tramore.

With every good wish and blessing,  
Fr. Richard O'Halloran PP

## Reflection for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The storm at sea offers the perfect metaphor for expressing our doubts about faith. The power of nature can leave us feeling utterly insignificant; we are powerless and totally at the mercy of the elements. So too life can appear incredibly challenging because of illness, bereavement, broken relationships, and shattered dreams. At times the sailing in a small boat, on a dark night, into the eye of a storm, perfectly describes how we are. At such times Jesus invites us to trust and it is only in doing that that we learn how.

### **Sleeping Jesus**

In what for the apostles was a very bad storm, Jesus slept. It's like he seems asleep in the deep darknesses of life

- people's darkness of self-esteem,
- long-term illness,
- an addiction,
- migration,

Things that causes big storms in our lives.

But in the friendship and love of God we find we can survive and even grow through them, especially the troubles we have little control over. Even when Jesus was asleep the apostles felt his protective presence.

They found calm only when they were in the middle of the storm. We will find Jesus in the middle also of our storms, when we try not to hide our troubles from him. This was how Job got a bit better in the first reading - his friends were trying to help him avoid his troubles, like take a few drinks, enter a transitory relationship - all the things we do to avoid our troubles. In the middle of the tempest, God spoke to them.

We sit with him in prayer and let him know how we are, and just allow his calm come over us. We find courage and hope at the Mass and other sacraments, like the great peace of a young man when he received the anointing of the sick, who had left church practice for years, Or the help we can get from the community of people in parish and in the church at bad times. It gives us the courage and strength to deal with what are storms in our lives.

*Remember a bad time when God seemed to help you.*

*Be grateful.*

*Prayer: Protect us from all anxiety as we wait.*

Donal Neary

## CEMETERY MASSES

The Annual Cemetery Mass & blessing of the graves for all those interred in our cemeteries will take place over the month of June/July as follows:

**Carbally: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

**Tramore: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

(Blessing of graves immediately after Mass in Holy Cross, St Patricks & St Declan's)

**Fenor: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm.**

**Dunhill: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.**

(Blessing of graves immediately after Mass)

## Masses booked for the coming week:

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	Michael & Bridget Reidy
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Pat Minto
			Pa Corcoran
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>8.30am</b>	Jennifer Farrell
		<b>10.30am</b>	Marie Gregan
			Edward & Kitty McGrath
		<b>12.00noon</b>	Gerry Clune
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	Jim & Nora Fitzmaurice & family
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	Lily Fitzgerald
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	John O'Connor (Months Mind)
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	Mary, Patrick & Michael Morrissey
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b> , Lucy White née Power
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.00am</b>	Margaret, Matthew, William & Mary Margaret Crowley
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Bill Heffernan
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Sean Kennedy
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8.30am</b>	Maura Arnold
		<b>10.30am</b>	Arthur Richardson & deceased family members
		<b>10.30am</b>	Nora & John Kiely
		<b>12.00pm</b>	Tommy & Michael Hennessy
<b>Carbally</b>			
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>11.0am</b>	Tom Manton (Months Mind), Helen Kearney, Chrissie Murphy
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11.00am</b>	PJ O'Donnell, Johnny O'Malley, Nell O'Malley

*Please remember in your Prayers.....  
Those who have died recently:*

*Those whose Months mind Occurs:*  
Tom Manton

*Those whose Anniversary Occurs:*  
Morris & Murphy families  
Anne Tyers (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)  
Paddy Halley  
Michael Walsh  
Timothy & Mary Slattery  
Terrie Walshe  
Denis Cullinane  
Joan, Seamus & Eamon Trayers  
Paddy Murphy  
Patricia Clifford

**Next Week's Team**                      29/20 June  
**Readers:**                                      Team B  
**Rota for Readers**, available in the Sacristy.

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

**Weekly Church Collection:**                      16<sup>th</sup> June


**Tramore:**                      € 2735  
**Carbally:**                      € 235

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 – 3.30pm  
Contact: 051-386477

### Tramore Parish FACEBOOK

Parish of Tramore & Carbally  
You may also access on parish website:  
Please LIKE  and SHARE with your family and friends

### Faith@Home Activities for Children. 'Let's Dive In' Activity Sheet available in the porches

Parents, please take one home for your child/children or Grandparents please feel free to take one for your grandchild or grandchildren. Further resources for Children on Diocesan website:  
[Resources | Diocese of Waterford & Lismore \(waterfordlismore.ie\)](http://Resources | Diocese of Waterford & Lismore (waterfordlismore.ie))

### Mass Booking Update and Changes

The September Mass book has been on hold while the New Autumn Mass schedule was being considered.

We are now in a position to continue our Mass bookings.

The Mass books for **September and October** will open on Monday July the 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parish office from 9.30am.

### Going forward from October we are going to have shared Masses (limited to 2 intentions)

The Saturday 7.30pm evening Mass will be held back for Months mind & Mass changes due to a funeral on the day of your booked Mass. (This used to be on Wednesdays )

Going forward the 3 month booking in advance will remain unchanged.

Details of Mass book opening will be in the Newsletter and on the website as usual.

40HOURS ADORATION- FOR RENEWAL OF THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND NATION:  
Foyer of Charity, Leperstown, Dunmore East X91FC65 - Sat 29th June 6am to 10pm Sun 30th June. Mass Saturday 6am, Sunday 10am. To sign up for an hour or more information: Helen 086 1678027 hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie All are welcome

### CAMPA MHUIRE MHÁTHAIR FAITH CAMP

Good News Summer Faith Camp for boys and Girls aged 6-12 years will take place at Glór na Mara school, Tramore from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> July. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Pam 086-0726232/ Olivia 086-3438467. More info [www.tramoreparish.ie](http://www.tramoreparish.ie)

### DIOCESAN NEEDS / PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Collection for the Needs of the Diocese will be taken up on **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July 2024.**

This annual collection is held every year on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul. 62.5% of this collection, along with the diocesan levy, goes towards the funding of *Diocesan Needs*. The remaining 37.5% of the income from this collection is given to the *Peter's Pence* collection. The Faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP,

Sacred Heart Church, The Folly, Waterford City.  
Every Friday: 3 - 3.45pm. Mass every first Friday at 3pm

### Men's Retreat featuring talks by Fr Patrick Cahill & Pat Reynolds

28-30<sup>th</sup> June Cost €220 Full board and accommodation  
To Book: 052-61331881 [info@holymission.ie](mailto:info@holymission.ie)  
Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House Kilsheelan E91H584

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL:** August 15th-18th at Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare. Ages 16 - 35. Donation only. Faith, fun, fellowship! For more info including bus routes go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### Enlighten: (young adult event - age 18 - 35)

Rosary, Lectio Divina, Adoration & Tea! Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Wadding House, Lady's Lane, Waterford. 12th July