



Tramore & Carballly Parish Newslink

Sunday 22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent



Christmas Arrangements 2024

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

Saturday & Sunday 21/22 December:
**Tramore: Mass of Reconciliation at all
Masses.**

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve
Tramore:
10.00am & Christmas Vigil 7.30pm

**Wednesday 25th December: Christmas
Day**
Tramore: Mass at 8.30am & 11am
Carballly: 11.30am

Thursday 26th St Stephen's Day
Tramore: Mass 10am

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

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve
Fenor Mass: 7.30pm Vigil

**Wednesday 25th December: Christmas
Day**
Dunhill: Mass at 10am

Masses are streamed online and broadcast on the radio
from Holy Cross church each week day at 10.00am,
Sundays at 7.30pm vigil, 8.30am & 11am
To watch online, Click on "[Live Stream](#)" when the
services are on.
Broadcast on the Parish Radio from Holy Cross Church
each week day at 10.00am and on Sundays at 7pm vigil,
8.30am & 11am on 105.4FM

COVID -19

It is recommended that all Parishioners continue to
sanitize their hands on entry and exit from the church

Priest on Duty: 086-6004384

A Season and Year of Hope.

Friends, every twenty-five years, the Church declares a year of Jubilee. Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee year of HOPE. He has extended an invitation to each of us to be a pilgrim of hope. Hope is a familiar word and a continual emotion. We all hope for so many things in our lives and for our world but often the power to make them happen lies outside us, in the abilities and gift of others.

Christian hope though invites us to look inward and to see ourselves as the source of hope for our families, parish, and world. Christian hope is not an aspiration. It is founded and deeply rooted in our love of God and in our faith. It is the reassurance and promise that God is with us always, faithful to us, and that He is found everywhere in our lives and world.

Christmas brings us face to face with the hope of God's love and presence made visible in the infant Christ. The child Jesus blesses us as we recall and remember happy days of our childhood or as we anticipate the meeting of family and friends, whom we may not have seen in a long time. But the Lord Jesus also reaches out to us in our sadness because of the empty chair, the loved one no longer with us; those in hospital or nursing homes, or those in other parts of the world. The promised Emmanuel also reflects with us as we contemplate the lives lost, displaced, and forever altered because of war, violence, poverty, and homelessness. In all of our reflections, emotions and experiences, the Lord is there, and He offers us His Hope.

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

We are grateful to all who make life in our Parish vibrant and faithful. We are blessed with many people who share of their time, talent, and gifts to make our parish the wonderful place that it is. 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, Ministers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Cantors, Organists and Musicians, Church Carers, Collectors, Counters, Secretaries, Finance & Building Committees, Child Protection Officers, Baptismal Teams, Prayer Groups, Parish & 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 say a big "Thank You."

May you, and those closest to you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas, and for the year ahead, may we find a deep source of hope and bring that hope to all who need it.

Fr. Richard

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The annual Christmas collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses over the Christmas.
We are very grateful for your continued support.

Masses booked for the coming week:

Please remember in your Prayers.....

Those who have died recently:

Patrick (Paddy) Downey

Those whose Months mind Occurs:

Carmel Breen née O'Gorman

Kathleen Margaret McLoughlin née Clague

Those whose' Anniversary Occurs:

Margaret & John O'Keeffe & John Jnr

Pascal Cuddihy

Richard Crowley

Mary Butler

Jimmy Crowley

William Dunphy

John Harty Jnr

Toni O'Kelly 1st Ann

John Legg (1st Ann)

Mary Caulfield

John Matthews

Stan Couch

Mary Kelly Flynn

John & Rita Foley

The Boran family

Tom & Mamie Mackey

Jack Dreelan (1st Ann)

Frank Comber

Joan Hutchinson

Catherine & Jack Walsh

Next Week's Team 28/29 Dec

Readers: Team A

Rota for Readers, available in the Sacristy.

Ministers of the Eucharist: Please Contact Olivia 086-3438467

Weekly Church Collection: 15th Dec

Tramore: € 3545

Carbally: € 310

We thank all for your continued support

The Parish Office

The Parish Office will close on Monday 23rd Dec at 1pm and will reopen on Jan 2nd 2025.

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

Mass Booking

The Mass Book for April will open on January 2nd 2025 from 9.30am.

Contact: 051-386477

Tramore Parish FACEBOOK

Parish of Tramore & Carbally

You may also access on parish website:

www.tramoreparish.ie

Please LIKE  and SHARE with your family and friends

Parish Website

You may have noticed, over the last few weeks, there is an additional page added to our Parish website: "Gospel & Reflection" which features the Sunday Gospel every weekend.

On this page also there is a Reflection on the Gospel each week, written by Fr. Richard.

www.tramoreparish.ie

Saturday	21 st Dec	10.00am	Jack Piper
			John & Lily Kelly & deceased members of Kelly & Hedigan families
		7.30pm	Peggy Cheasty
			Murphy family
Sunday	22 nd Dec	8.30am	Eileen & Larry Hogan
			Thomas O'Connor
		11.00am	Jimmy & Mary Gallagher & Teresa Gallagher
			Frankie Gillane
Monday	23 rd Dec	10.00am	Dan Cowman
			Margaret & John O'Keeffe & John Jnr
Tuesday	24 th Dec	10.00am	Patricia Coady
			Mary Kiely (1 st Anniversary)
		7.30pm	CHRISTMAS VIGIL
Wednesday	25 th Dec	8.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
		11.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Thursday	26 th Dec	10.00am	Dermot & Emily Martin
			Stephen Roles
Friday	27 th Dec	10.00am	Holy Souls , John McEneaney
Saturday	28 th Dec	10.00am	Maurice Gavin
			Teddy & Bernard McGivney & Gaye Walton
		7.30pm	
			Elizabeth Betty Reynolds (Months Mind)
Sunday	29 th Dec	8.30am	Teresa Hedigan
			Christine Kelly
		11.00am	Patsy Flanagan (1 st Anniversary)
			Michael Byrne
Carbally			
Sunday	22 nd Dec	11.0am	Willie Dunphy, Laurence Ryan Lisselan
Sunday	29 th Dec	11.00am	

Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Advent

Sharing and Celebrating faith

One of Mary's first recorded journeys was after the announcement to her that she was to be the mother of God. It was a journey of service, a visit to her cousin who needed help. When dealing with such challenges as pregnancy bereavement, redundancy, a son in prison, or a daughter on drugs - we want to talk and we want support.

Mary and Elizabeth had something else to share - their faith. The prayers they said have been said ever since. The stage was small but the audience has been millions ever since. They were not shy about their faith in their God.

In a time like ours we need to externalise our faith - to go to Church, send a card with a Christmas greeting, not just a season's wish - not to parade, but to make present our faith.

The meaning this week is - *Jesus is born, and we celebrate that together*, with thanks, music, socialising, prayer and Mass. We need to find God again, and let ourselves be open to him in the deepest areas of life, just like both these women, Mary and Elizabeth, and their spouses Joseph and Zechariah were open to God's promptings.

Nothing needs to keep us from God or from the crib at Christmas. All are welcome.
The real meaning of Christmas is to meet with God and to help our neighbour.

*Come Lord Jesus and bring joy and laughter among us.
Come with the music of eternity and the songs of the earth.
Come among us and make us truly grateful for your birth and your love*

Donal Neary.