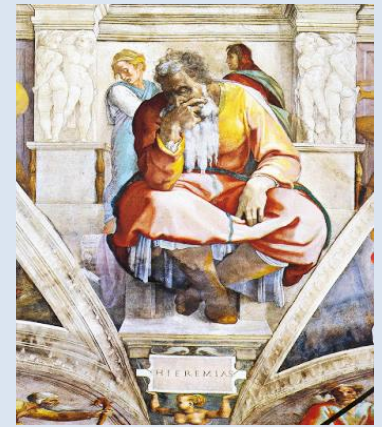




# Tramore & Carballly Parish Newslink



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
The Presentation of the Lord

## MASS TIMES

*Holy Cross Tramore*

**Saturday:** 10am & 7.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8.30am & 11am

**Monday - Friday** 10.00am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am & 7pm and upon  
Request

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Mondays after 10am Mass

### HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Tuesday after 10am Mass

### DIVINE MERCY

Wednesdays at 3pm

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday after 10am Mass until 5pm

Church closes at 4pm Monday –  
Wednesday and Friday & 5pm Thursday

*Our Lady's Church, Carballly*  
**Sunday at 11.00am**

*Church of the Immaculate Conception*  
*Fenor*

**Saturday Vigil at 6pm**  
**Tuesday 9am**

*Sacred Heart Church, Dunhill*  
**Sunday at 9.30am**  
**Wednesday 9am**

#### 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**

### Reflection for The Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after the feast of Christmas, as it was traditionally understood that Jesus was presented in the Temple forty days after his birth. This day is also known as **Candlemas**, because candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of our life. This is in keeping with Simeon's reference to the child Jesus in the gospel reading as a *'light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'*.

Simeon's prayer beginning, *'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace'*, has become an integral element of the Night Prayer of the Church. Simeon recognized the true identity of the child that the young couple from Nazareth brought into the Temple. He realized who had just entered the Temple, who had entered his life. Looking at this new born child, he could see the *'salvation'* that God had been preparing for all the nations to see. Simeon recognized that the light of God's love was shining through the face of this child, a light that would enlighten the pagans and bring glory to Israel.

The gospel reading suggests that Simeon had this level of insight into the child of Joseph and Mary because the Holy Spirit rested on him and he came to the child prompted by the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who allows us to see Jesus as he really is. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, says, *'No one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God' and declares, 'we have received... the Spirit that is from God, so that we can understand the gifts bestowed on us by God'*. We need the Holy Spirit to appreciate the gifts that God has given us, especially God's greatest gift, his beloved Son, who is with us until the end of time. On this feast, we invite the Holy Spirit to rest upon us afresh, as he rested on Simeon, so that, like him, we may recognize the many ways that the risen Lord enters our lives.

Fr. Martin Hogan

#### Fr. Mark O'Farrell

In recent weeks, Fr. Mark O'Farrell has taken up a new appointment in the Parish of Kilrossanty. I wish to thank Fr. Mark for his ministry among us, and we wish him well in his new Parish.



#### Prayer to St. Brigid

Dear St. Brigid, You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.  
O St. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us,  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

## Masses booked for the coming week:

*Please remember in your*

*Prayers.....*

*Those who have died recently:*

Ronnie Mackessy née Walsh

Eileen (Nellie) Dunne née Gleeson

*Those whose Months mind Occurs:*

Kathleen Power

Annette Devine née O'Malley

Des Cowman

Kay McCarthy née Banks

Gerry Cronin

Nichola Aylward née Hughes

Joan Lomax née McCarthy

Cepta Morgan

Michael Keoghan

*Those whose' Anniversary Occurs:*

Seamus Kiely

Margaret Fitzgerald

Bernadette & Harold Myers

Maura O'Shea

Bridget O'Gorman

**Next Week's Team** 8/9 Feb

**Readers:** Team A

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

**Ministers Rota of the Eucharist:**

Contact: Olivia 086-3438467

**Weekly Church Collection:** 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Tramore:** € 2145

**Carbally:** € 180

We thank all for your continued support

**The Parish Office**

Next week's opening Times:

**Tues – Fri: 9.30am – 1pm**

**Closed for bank holiday.**

Contact: 051-386477

**The Mass Book for May will open at the Parish Office on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am.**

**Phone bookings will be taken after 10am.**

**Church Cleaning**

The Church monthly cleaning will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February after 10am Mass.


We thank all our volunteers for their continued help.

**Tramore Parish FACEBOOK**

Parish of Tramore & Carbally

You may also access on parish website:

[www.tramoreparish.ie](http://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](http://www.tramoreparish.ie)

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	Edmond Drea
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Kathleen Power (Months Mind)
			Joan Lomax (Months Mind)
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b>	Johnny O'Connor
			Walter & Eleanor Kirwan & deceased members of Flynn & Kirwan families
		<b>11.00am</b>	Mary Behan
			Breda Hodgson
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	Richard McCarthy, Patrick O'Neill
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls, Eddie O'Neill</b>
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>10.00am</b>	Mary Flanagan
			Thomas (Bo) Murphy (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Annette Devine (Months Mind)
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Nichola Aylward (Months Mind)
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>8.30am</b>	Kitty Whelan & Emmie Wright
			William Hartley, Anne O'Connell, J.B. Sheridan
		<b>11.00am</b>	Maureen Maguire
			Pat Drohan
<b>Carbally</b>			
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>11.00am</b>	James Kelly SI, PJ O'Donnell, Johnny O'Malley
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>11.00am</b>	Tony Caulfield, Daniel Doyle

**Taize Vigil for Peace** led by the Island of Ireland Peace Choir on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack St., Waterford from 8pm to 9pm. All are very welcome.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes & Anointing of the Sick**

On Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. To coincide with this beautiful celebration, during our 10.00am Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament is given to heal, strengthen and reassure. We need healing in many ways, and for those who believe that they would benefit from the grace of this Sacrament, the opportunity to do so will be given on that day.

### **Lourdes Volunteers Fundraising Concert**

**Venue – Setu Chapel, College Street Campus, Manor Street, Waterford**

**Date & Time: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 – 7.30pm**

A concert to raise funds for the support of the volunteer helpers who travel with the Waterford & Lismore Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This will be a free concert but there will be a collection in support of the Lourdes Volunteers during the interval.

Dymphna Nugent of WLRFM will act as MC.

### **Parish Faith Rep Recruitment 2025**

Do you feel called to help young people on their journey of faith?

Join our growing team of Faith Reps across the diocese. We are looking for volunteers to train and be commissioned for two years to support young people in encountering faith in their parish or area, while being supported themselves by the Ascend Diocesan Team for Youth & Young Adult Ministry. What qualifications are necessary? We are looking for people of faith over the age of 18, who uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church and have a heart for young people, and who are supported by their parish priest. Faith Reps can come from any walk of life or stage of life.

Firstly, speak with your parish priest to express interest, and complete the application form he will give you. More information on the role of a Faith Rep can be found at

[www.waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/parish-faith-reps)

**Application deadline:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Information Sessions:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm (St John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford X91HW9D) and 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm (on zoom) – email [youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie](mailto:youthministry@waterfordlismore.ie) or contact (085) 8623704 for more information.

### **Youth Adoration in Holy Cross Church.**

Our next Holy Hour for young people will be on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.