

# Carbury Parish Newsletter

## *St Patricks Day*

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

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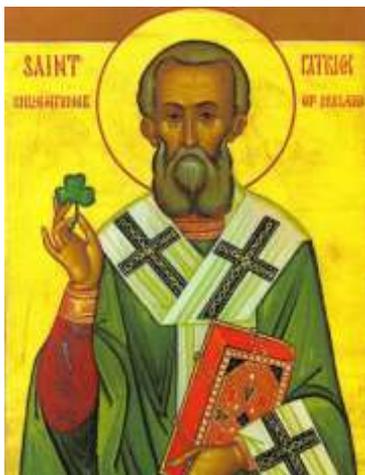
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<i>Derrinturn Church Mass Times</i>		<i>Kilshanroe Church Mass Times</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	9.30am	<i>Monday</i>	
<i>Monday – Adoration</i>	10am – 12 midnight		
<i>Tuesday</i>	9.30am	<i>Tuesday</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	9.30am	<i>Wednesday</i>	9.00am
<i>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</i> <i>St Patricks Day Vigil</i> <i>Adoration for Priestly</i> <i>Vocations</i>	9.30am 7.30pm 8.45pm	<i>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</i> <i>St Patricks Day Vigil</i>	7.30pm
<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</i> <i>St Patricks Day</i>	8am & 11am	<i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</i> <i>St Patricks Day</i>	11am
<i>Saturday</i>	10.00am 7.30pm	<i>Saturday</i>	7.30pm
<i>Sunday</i>	8am & 11am	<i>Sunday</i>	11am



### **Statement of the Spring 2017 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference - Saint Patrick's Day, 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

Bishops prayed through the intercession of our national patron, Saint Patrick, for the faith and well-being of Irish people everywhere. The plight of Patrick, himself a migrant, has been faced by many Irish people who have struggled to live and integrate into new cultures. Patrick was called to serve and bring God to a people far from his homeland and became a pioneer in an inhospitable climate. As Saint Patrick's Day is a Holy Day of

Obligation for Catholics in Ireland, the best way to remember our saint is to attend Mass.

**24 Hours for The Lord: 24 Hours for The Lord:** In 2014 Pope Francis launched a prayer initiative called '24 Hours for the Lord' to encourage people to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Carbury Parish are one of three parishes in the diocese chosen by Bishop Denis to host "24 Hrs For The Lord". We will begin with Mass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March at 5pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions for the full 24 hours concluding with Mass, Blessing of the sick and Benediction on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. There will be a priest available in the Church for confessions or a chat at all times during the 24 hours. All are welcome and if anyone would like to sign up for an hour of Adoration please give Carbury parish Office a call 046 9553355.

**St Patricks Day Anniversary Mass List**

<b>2017</b>	<b>Derrinturn</b>	<b>Kilshanroe</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <i>St Finnian</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.30pm Vigil - St Patricks Day.</b>	<b>7.30pm Vigil - St Patricks Day.</b>
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> <b>St Patricks Day</b>	<b>8am</b> John Flanagan, Dublin/Rathmore. <b>11am St Patricks Day</b> Mass for the Holy Souls. Michael Anderson. Mass for James Daly, Dreenane 22 year Anniversary, also Margaret Daly Dreenane, 17 year Anniversary.	<b>11am St Patricks Day</b>

***Prayer to St Patrick***



*May the Strength of God pilot us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Host of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil ones.  
Against temptations of the world*

*May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!  
May Thy Salvation, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.*

**St. Patrick's prayer** no doubt helped him in his missionary efforts. Although he faced his share of resistance, St. Patrick was so successful in preaching the gospel and organizing the Church in Ireland that he is largely credited with converting the Irish to Christianity.

His emblems are the snakes that legends claim he drove out of Ireland and the Shamrock he used to great effect to explain the Holy Trinity. (This is a wonderful illustration of three distinct entities, the three leaves of the clover, making up one shamrock, much like the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit constitute One God!) St. Patrick's prayer for the faithful, much like the famous Breastplate prayer also attributed to him, can truly inspire us to ask for divine assistance in living our faith each day. As Our Lord said in Matthew's gospel, if our requests are in accordance with His will, "ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you" (7:6). The "Strength of God" mentioned in the first line of this prayer should give *us* strength indeed!

***"Making your neighbour a loan is an act of mercy, to lend him a helping hand is to keep the commandments."* Ecclesiasticus, 29:1.** This St. Patrick's weekend, we celebrate the solidarity Irish people have shown with the world's poor over many decades. Trócaire is proud to be a conduit for the compassion of people here at home which last year saw over 2.4 million people in 25 countries receiving support. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent)

**9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families:** Bishops discussed preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families which will take place in Dublin from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. The World Meeting of Families will consist of the largest gathering of Catholic families in the world, and will celebrate family life and the Church's commitment to support families. A specially commissioned WMOF2018 promotional video was launched at the Bishops' Conference meeting which is now available on the homepage of [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie). Bishops received an outline of a one-year programme of events and initiatives with families and parishes in preparation for WMOF 2018. The launch of this one-year programme will take place during this year's national novena at the Marian Shrine in Knock, Co Mayo, to be held from 14 to 22 August 2017.

### **Lent and preparation for Holy Week and Easter**

As we journey through the season of Lent let us remember "God never tires of forgiving us" – Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. The call to renewal in our Christian life is a central part of our preparation for Easter and bishops asked the faithful to offer up their fasting, prayer, reading of Scripture and works of mercy during Lent for the grace of healing and renewal for the Church in Ireland.

Continuing last year's call by Pope Francis during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, dioceses are inviting all Catholics to celebrate in Lent '24 Hours for the Lord' so as to experience the Lord's loving mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to find opportunities for prayer. Dioceses are providing 24 hours of continuous confession in designated churches. Details will be made available on diocesan websites. Bishops' encouraged the faithful to read Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017 on the theme 'The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.' The message is available with additional online resources on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie). The faithful are also invited to follow this year's #LiveLent social media initiative which involves short daily suggestions shared on Twitter and Instagram based on the theme of the Holy Father's Lenten message.

### ***Bishops invite parishes to support "Joy of Bells" initiative on Sunday 19th March***

The "Joy of Bells" initiative is about expressing solidarity and respect for migrants and refugees, and bishops have encouraged parishes to ring church bells on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March (at 11.00am if possible) so that, in ringing, they proclaim our Christian witness and proclamation of faith, trust, love, reconciliation and joy and that every migrant is welcome!

Pope Francis addressed the issue of welcoming migrants in his 2017 message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis said, "I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families ... Migration affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security." Pope Francis invites us to respond to migration by offering a dignified welcome and by acknowledging that every person is precious; that persons are more important than things and that our worth is measured by the way we treat the life and dignity of human beings, particularly when they are vulnerable like migrants. Bishops urged that the long delays for asylum seekers living in our direct provision system be addressed as it militates against social integration and cohesion. Bishops asked parishes to continue to extend Christian hospitality to migrants and refugees who have settled here in recent times.

*~ Mothers day Mass Cards and R.I.P. Mass Cards are now available in the Parish Office and usual outlets. ~*

# Children's Colouring Corner

March 17th

## Saint Patrick's Day

The **shamrock**  
is a symbol of  
the Holy Trinity.

