

Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th January 2018

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<i>Derrinturn Church Mass Times</i>		<i>Kilshanroe Church Mass Times</i>	
Monday Monday – Adoration	9.30am 10am – 12 midnight	Monday	
Tuesday	9.30am	Tuesday	
Wednesday	9.30am	Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday Adoration for Priestly Vocations	9.30am 8.45pm	Thursday	
Friday	9.30am	Friday	
Saturday	10.00am 7.30pm	Saturday	7.30pm
Sunday	8am & 11am	Sunday	11am & 9pm

Next Week's Gospel Jn 1:35-42.

Confirmation 2018: The meeting for Parents of the Confirmation children to explain the “*You shall be my witness programme*” will take place next Wednesday the 10th of January at 7.30pm in Derrinturn National School. ‘*You Shall Be My Witnesses*’ is a parish-based preparation programme for Confirmation developed in the diocese of Kildare & Leighlin by Maeve Mahon. Maeve will lead the Meeting on the night.

2018 Carbury Parish Calendars are now available for collection in both our churches, feel free to take one. The Reach Out gift from the Diocese, is also available in both our Churches.

Thank you: We would like to thank everyone who helped out during the Christmas ceremonies in our churches. A sincere thank you to the many volunteers who help out in so many ways both in our churches and our community.

Clubs and organisations are invited to send in short notices for our Parish Newsletter, by email: carburyparish@gmail.com, phone or in person to the Parish Office. All notices must be received by 12 noon on a Thursday. Notices received after this time will be included in the following weeks’ newsletter. Articles may be edited.

Baptisms: To book a Baptism please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Please note that the Diocesan guidelines for Godparents are that they must be baptised and confirmed Catholics who are committed to sharing their faith with their Godchild. They must be 16 years old or more, one male and one female. It is permitted for a baptised non-Catholic to act as a “witness” (instead of one Godparent). If you require any further information, please contact the Parish Office.

<i>Anniversary Mass List</i>		
<i>2018</i>	<i>Derrinturn</i>	<i>Kilshanroe</i>
Sat 6th Jan <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10am Michael Clifford, Coolavacoose. 7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Dessie Dempsey, Months Mind. Michael Haslam, Ticknevin. Ellen, John & Elizabeth Kenny, Ticknevin. Tom Roache, Killina. Richard Pravluckis Lithuania, 10 th Anniversary. Michael 'Squire' Connolly, Ticknevin. Sarah Kelly, Carbury.	7.00pm Confessions 7.30pm Mass for the deceased on our Mass Card list.
Sun 7th Jan <i>The Baptism of the Lord.</i>	8.00am Mass for the living on our Mass card List. 11.00am Jim Carey, Ballyhagen.	11.00am
Monday 8th Jan <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.30am Helen Delaney Ticknevin Anniversary Mass.	
Tues 9th Jan <i>St Andrian</i>	9.30am Sean Logan, Ballinakill.	
Weds 10th Jan <i>St Peter Orseolo</i>	9.30am	9.00am
Thur 11th Jan <i>St Silvanus</i>	9.30am Thomas & Teresa Daniels.	
Fri 12th Jan <i>Ss Benet, Aelred</i>	9.30am Sarah & Kevin Kearney & deceased members of the Kearney family.	
Sat 13th Jan <i>St Hilary</i>	10am 7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Patsy Kelly, his parents Thomas & Elizabeth and his brother Paul, Carbury Village.	7.00pm Confessions 7.30pm
Sun 14th Jan <i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.</i>	8.00am Thomas & Edward Stapleton. 11.00am	11.00am Des & Brigid Bourke, Anniversary Mass.



Celebrate the 160th Anniversary of the Lourdes Apparitions:

The annual Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place **from 16th to 21st July 2018**. Led by Bishop Denis , Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. Full programme of religious ceremonies and special masses. Guided tours and social evenings.

Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives. Cost is €739 and booking forms are available from the Parish office.

“In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear...” John 4:18. Trócaire’s Appeal, ‘Until Love Conquers Fear’, is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgemental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123, Text 087-2609090, email jo@samaritans.org.

The Parish Office will reopen tomorrow Monday, the 8th of January at 9.30am.

World Meeting Of Families 2018

Every three years the Church brings together the largest international gathering of families in the world. Ireland will have the joy of hosting the next World Meeting of the Families, on behalf of Pope Francis, from the 21st to 26th of August 2018 in Dublin! As a nation we will be playing host to thousands of families and pilgrims from all around the globe at one of the largest events of the year. Be a Part! Be There!

WMOF 2018 – looking forward to the year ahead: What is the Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme?

Pope Francis believes that in a world where humanity is often wounded, mistreated, and dominated by a lack of love, the family is the “yes” of God as Love. In spite of all the pressures and difficulties it faces, Pope Francis believes that the family is still good news for today's world. In 2016, he wrote “*The Joy of Love*” (*Amoris Laetitia*), a document about love, marriage and family life, and now he has given Ireland a special responsibility. He has asked Ireland to host the World Meeting of Families in 2018 and to prepare for that event by offering families, parishes and groups a way of thinking about and sharing his message in The Joy of Love: that the Gospel of the Family continues to be Joy for the World.

The Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme is a response to Pope Francis' request. The programme aims to support families and parishes as we set out on the journey of preparation to the World Meeting of Families, taking place in Dublin from 21st to 26th August 2018, and to continue that journey in the years ahead. The entire Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's be Family! programme will be supported by a dynamic website, video, social media and online presence to encourage interaction with national and international audiences. You can access all our resources via our website. See www.AMORIS.ie for more information.



*Official Family Prayer For World Meeting Of Families 2018
Celebrating The Gospel Of The Family: Joy For The World*

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, Gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ, Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.



Part 1 of Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis – Facing Changes & Challenges Together – taking the next step

On Tuesday 7th November Bishop Denis circulated a pastoral letter to all priests as a follow up to the ongoing conversations around the radical reappraisal of parish structures. This letter is being made available to all parishes.

Facing Changes & Challenges Together – taking the next step ...

I was very happy with the huge response in so many ways to our gathering in Mount St. Anne's last June, as we reflected together on the need for a radical reappraisal of diocesan structures that becomes more apparent with every passing week. Five months on I want to return to the four tentative steps I proposed that evening last June:

- 1. That from the summer of 2019 – that is two years-time – every priest who has reached the age of 75 can stand down from all parish administration work. He obviously is most welcome to continue celebrating Masses, to work as chaplain in schools and hospitals, pastorally ministering in the parish but not carrying the burden of administration – it's simply not fair. The reason I'm suggesting a two-year lead into this recommendation is that it will allow lay people to be trained up in all aspects of parish administration.*
- 2. That leads me neatly to my second recommendation that every parish have a team of lay people working towards the shared goal of collaborative leadership by the autumn of 2018. There are Parish Pastoral Councils in many parishes, but not in every parish, and even in those where they exist, they differ hugely from parish to parish. It would be a big mistake simply to pigeon hole lay people into an existing clerical model of leadership, to the neglect of new possibilities in the areas of teaching, catechesis, contemplation and evangelisation.*
- 3. The opportunity to take a sabbatical is an important aspect of a priest's ministry and should be viewed as a normal feature of diocesan life. I am afraid that the tight situation regarding cover for sabbatical leave has had the consequent effect that priests might not be applying for a sabbatical. I want to state clearly that I welcome, in fact encourage applications, once the sabbatical is well planned and seen as necessary ongoing formation.*
- 4. It is not my intention to close any Churches, but may in some areas of the diocese there have to be a reappraisal of Mass times in conjunction with neighbouring parishes or cluster groups. The areas of the least population are the areas of the greater number of churches. At the meeting, there was a strong endorsement of the decision to bring into our Diocese some priests from other countries. Last July I had the opportunity to visit the Diocese of Iasi in Romania to explore the possibility of priests coming to minister for a period of time in our Diocese. In late August Fr. Eugen Dragos arrived and is now settling very well into the life of the Diocese. Later this month a delegation from Iasi, led by their Auxiliary Bishop Aurel Perca will spend a few days in Kildare & Leighlin. In that delegation will be Fr. Marcelin REDIU who is the second priest coming on loan from Iasi to Kildare & Leighlin. We extend a warm welcome to both, conscious that it is a very new experience for them and indeed a new venture for us. (part 2 next week)*