

Carbury Parish Newsletter

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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>Tuesday</i>	9.30am	<i>Tuesday</i>	
<i>Ash Wednesday 1st March</i>	9.30am	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00am
<i>Thursday 2nd March</i> <i>Adoration for Priestly</i> <i>Vocations</i>	11am Confirmation 2pm Confirmation 8.45pm	<i>Thursday</i>	
<i>Friday</i>	9.30am	<i>Friday</i>	7.30pm
<i>Saturday</i>	10.00am 7.30pm	<i>Saturday</i>	7.30pm
<i>Sunday</i>	8am & 11am	<i>Sunday</i>	11am

Next Week's Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Easter Station Masses

Sat 4th Mar 7.30pm (Dtn) Derrinturn, Coonough, Dreenane, Dreenane Park, Kilkeaskin, Lough na Cush, Parsonstown, Ballyshannon, Windmill Grove, Grattan Park, Drehid.

Sat 4th Mar 7.30pm (Ksr) Kilshanroe area.

Sat 11th March 7.30pm (Dtn) Old Court, Kishavanna, Boherbree, Kilmore, Ballyhagen, Clonkeen, Coolavacoose.

Sat 18th Mar 7.30pm (Dtn) Killina, Ballybrack, Kilpatrick, Ballinakill, Drummond.

Sat 25th Mar 7.30pm (Dtn) Carbury, Newbury, Longridge, Teelough, Haggard, Ardkill, Coolcor.

Sat 1st April 7.30pm (Dtn) Rathmore, Ticknevin, Ashgrove, Ashbrook, Trinity Crescent, Trinity Drive, Ashmount.

Thank you for supporting our priests.

Confirmation 2017: We wish the Children from our Four Schools, Ticknevin, Derrinturn, Killina and Kilshanroe every blessing as they make their Confirmation this coming Thursday March 2nd. Bishop Denis will Confirm the children of Derrinturn School at 11am and the children of Ticknevin, Killina and Kilshanroe schools at 2pm. Fr. Fitzpatrick PP would like to thank all those who volunteered to lead the *Diocesan Confirmation Programme – You Shall Be My Witness Programme*, to help with the preparation of the children who are making their Confirmation.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge on www.pioneerassociation.ie or by contacting your local Pioneer Association representative Jim Cully on 087 2460467.

Communion Calls in the Parish are *Wednesday the 1st of March* - Kilkeaskin, Killina, Ticknevin, Ballyhagen, Clonkeen, Haggard, Williamstown. Parsonstown, Kilshanroe, Derrinturn. Should anyone wish to have a Priest call to their home please contact the Parish Office on 046 9553355 or carburyparish@gmail.com

<i>Anniversary Mass List</i>		
<i>2017</i>	<i>Derrinturn</i>	<i>Kilshanroe</i>
<i>Sat 25th Feb</i> <i>St Ethelbert</i>	10.00am Elizabeth Dowdall & Joseph Dowdall. 7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Raymond (Ronnie) Morris, Months Mind. Thomas Kearney, Allenwood, Months Mind. Joe Walsh Monasterevin, formerly Ballyhagen, Months Mind. Bilch Hogan, 1 st Anniversary. Tom Quinn, Trinity Crescent. Patrick & Mary Nally, also Ann Walsh. Mary Martin Birthday Mass. Jim & Kate Connolly Ticknevin & their daughter Kathleen.	7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Ann Hurley, 10 th Anniversary. Patrick Duffy, Cloona, 5 th Anniversary.
<i>Sun 26th Feb</i> <i>Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.00am 11.00am Larry & Matthew Mangan, Anniversary Mass	11.00am
<i>Mon 27th Feb</i> <i>St Gabriel</i>	9.30am Mary Brigid & Stephen O'Toole Kishawanny also Patsy Kearney.	
<i>Tues 28th Feb</i> <i>St Oswald</i>	9.30am Mrs Mary O'Connor Coonough	
<i>Weds 1st Mar</i> <i>St David</i>	9.30am <i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Alice Connolly, Rita Connolly & Peter Connolly, also Fr Eddie Connolly.	9.00am <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<i>Thurs 2nd Mar</i> <i>St Chad</i>	11am Confirmation for St Conleth's National School in Derrinturn. 2pm Confirmation for Scoil San Treasa in Kilshanroe, St Oliver Plunkett National School in Killina & St Brigid's National School in Ticknevin.	
<i>Fri 3rd Mar</i> <i>St Marinus</i>	9.30am <i>Remembering our deceased on the Mass Card list</i> 8.00pm World Day of Prayer Service.	7.30pm <i>First Friday</i>
<i>Sat 4th Mar</i> <i>St Casimir</i>	10.00am John & Elizabeth Kenna, Clonkeen. 7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Michael & Ellen Connolly. Patsy & Michael 'Major' Connolly & deceased members of the Connolly family.	7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm
<i>Sun 5th Mar</i> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8.00am Catherine (Kitty) Kelly, Ballyshannon, Months Mind. 11.00am Mary Carroll, Coonough, 1 st Anniversary.	11.00am

Please remember in your prayers, Anne Morris, Killina.
May she rest in Peace.

Vacancy for Parish Secretary: Carbury Community Employment Scheme CLG have a vacancy for a Secretary at Carbury Parish Office. Duties to include: receptionist, good knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word & Excel & email), answering telephone, taking messages, operating photocopier, record keeping, taking bookings for Masses - weddings – anniversaries, updating parish registers, filing documents, compiling weekly newsletter, helping with weekly parish collections, compiling weekly collections on computer, helping to organise Parish Field Day Events.

To apply for this vacancy please contact The Dept. of Social Protection, Edenderry and quote Job Reference No. ES_2031531. The Closing Date is Friday, 3rd March 2017.

<i>Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for weekend of the 4th & 5th of March 2017</i>		
Mass Time	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 7.30pm	Linda Murphy	Kathleen Dempsey
Sunday 11am	Patricia Holton	Rita Clarke

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Saturday 7.30pm	Phil Connolly & Ava O'Connor	Peg Hughes & Patsy Daly
Sunday 8am	Mary Malone	Liz Lavery
Sunday 11am	Monica Flynn	Fidelma Mallen & Muriel Skelly

Photography Exhibition: Local Photographer Sheamus Farrell is involved in photography for the past 30 years. In that space of time, he has amassed a huge collection of Photo's from the many events he attended over the years. For the past ten years, his photo's have featured weekly in the 'Offaly Topic' Newspaper under the heading 'Blast from the Past'. His photo's have featured in many publications, including "The Tale of the Reds" – 100 Years History of Edenderry GAA Club and the Book on St. Mary's Church, Edenderry - A History and Guide. The exhibition is available for viewing until the end of March at Edenderry Library during Library opening hours with late opening each Wednesday.

<i>Collections for Saturday the 18th & Sunday 19th of February 2017</i>			
Collections	Amount	Collections	Amount
Derrinturn Basket	€1025	Development	€1110
Kilshanroe Basket	€340	Clergy	€50
Confirmation Books	€5		

February Madness at K&M Plants Direct: Massive half price sale on all stock, shrubs from €2, Trees now €20. Sale excluding spring bedding, pots and b/r hedging. Opening Times are Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 5pm. For more information please Contact Muriel on 0872482220. Plants Direct Ballyhagen, Carbury, Co Kildare.

Carbury GAA Golf Society: First outing of the season takes place on Saturday 4th of March in CastleBarna at 9.30am. Membership will be taken. New Members welcome. Tea and scones on arrival.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday the priest blesses the ashes. These ashes are made from the palms which were blessed on Palm Sunday last year. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance; penitents wore 'sackcloth and ashes' to show that they were in need of forgiveness and that term is still in common usage today. Ashes also remind us that our life on earth will come to an end and that our eternal life with God will then begin. This is what we believe happens in baptism and so the beginning of our Lenten journey is inextricably linked to our baptismal journey. The sign of the cross is made as the ashes are put on our foreheads. The priest or the minister says 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel,' or similar words. The signing with ashes reminds us of our dying to the old way of life in baptism and challenges us to live our lives in the light of faith. Ash Wednesday takes place in our Parish next Wednesday, March 1st at 9am in Kilshanroe Church and 9.30am in Derrinturn Church.

World Day of Prayer Service will take place at Derrinturn Church this coming Friday, March the 3rd at 8pm. This is a service of prayers, hymns, readings and a short reflection. All are welcome to attend.



LENT 2017: The Meaning of the Word Lent The English word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, meaning 'Spring'. In other languages the word comes from the Latin, Quadragesima – a period of 40 days. In the Christian tradition the forty days is understood to refer to a time of intense prayer and preparation; we remember the biblical stories of Noah and the flood of 40 days, the forty years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness and Christ's forty day fast in the desert in preparation for his earthly ministry. **Lent** is the season of preparation before Easter.

It is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice in preparation of the celebration of Easter. In the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church. Lent commences on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.

Regulations for Fasting in Lent: As Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat and to fast on two days in the year, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal can be eaten in the day. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain strength but together they should not exceed one full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. The fasting regulation applies to all Catholics aged 18 to 59 while those aged fourteen and above are asked to abstain from meat. Some people are not required to fast; these include those who are sick, pregnant or nursing women and manual labourers according to need. In the past, Irish Catholics were required to abstain from meat every Friday. While still not a requirement, the Irish Bishops' Conference has suggested it as a form of Friday Penance during Lent.

Things to know about Lent:

- ❖ Lent exists for the sake of Easter! It is the forty-day period of preparation for the Church's celebration of Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (this year, March 1) and ends before Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (this year, April 13).
- ❖ Lent has six Sundays (Palm Sunday being the sixth Sunday.) There is a double focus in Lent – baptism and penance. It is the final stage of preparation for adults who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil. For those of us already baptised it is a time to recall our baptism and prepare to renew it at Easter.
- ❖ Lent calls us to a time of self-reflection, penance, and turning back to God as we ready ourselves to renew our baptism. It is a time to reflect on God's word to us in our lives today, to pray, fast and reach out to others in charitable action.
- ❖ We can look at Lent as a communal journey of the Christian community back to God...our annual retreat culminating in the joy of Easter.

Lenten Reflection

There is no point in walking without a destination.

Lent is our journey with a goal. It points us to our destination.

But how do I reach you Lord and put my steps in yours?

I risk becoming self absorbed or running after distractions.

I might be tempted to go in another, less demanding direction.

Renew in me today the call of my baptism.

Orient my life towards the Easter Sun which cuts through the fog, clearing my path.

In the Lenten season that awaits, may your Word be a light for my footsteps.

May I enter into that still place where I may meet you on my walk.