

Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th December 2017

Our Churches: Derrinturn & Kilshanroe



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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 23 rd	10.00am 7.30pm	Saturday	7.30pm
Sunday 24 th Christmas Eve	8am & 11am 6pm & 9pm	Sunday 24 th Christmas Eve	11am & 9pm
Monday 25 th Christmas Day	8am 11am	Monday 25 th Christmas Day	11am

Next Week's Gospel Lk 2:22-40.

Christmas 2017: Deck the Halls with boughs of Holly Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. Tis the season to be jolly. Santa Claus, that merry old gentleman, that everybody loves was inspired by St Nicholas of Myra in Turkey. St Nicholas had a poor neighbour, whose three daughters were facing penury, but the saint came to their rescue with a bag of gold for each one. Why did St Nicholas do that? He knew from the life of Jesus that it was the Christian thing to do. And of course Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season we all now celebrate.



For some people Christmas can be a difficult time. But we do remember the words of the carol which tell us *'that man will live forever more because of Christmas Day'*. Amid the festivities we do remember that Jesus came to be a saviour. In a word, to get us to Heaven. And Christmas can be a little bit of Heaven where we put the Child Jesus at the centre of it. It's a message for the ages, and it's for children of all ages. It's healthy to recognise the child in all of us. Jesus said *"unless you become the little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven"*. What he meant was for us to be childlike not childish. So let's honour the child in all of us and the child in the crib. When we kneel in prayer before the crib we know Jesus can do it for us. It might be the best gift we get this Christmas. Merry Christmas Everyone.

Fr Fitzpatrick PP

Anniversary Mass List

2017	Derrinturn	Kilshanroe
Sat 23rd Dec <i>St John of Kanty</i>	10am Dick Brennan, Christmas Remembrance. 7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Mick & Elizabeth Duffy, Nellie Hickey Coonough. Patrick, Kathleen, Joe & Patsy Brennan, Ticknevin Lock. John Connolly, Ticknevin Bridge Birthday Remembrance. Raymond & Anne Morris, Christmas Mass. James 'Jimmy' Kenny, Coonough. Darragh O'Neill Christmas Remembrance. Joseph McGrath, his wife Mary, son William & Daughter Angela Ward. Dick Kearney & Declan Kearney Christmas Remembrance. Bridget Daly, Killina.	7.00pm Confessions 7.30pm Seán & Una Boylan, Mucklon. Mary & Patrick Ryan, Cadamstown.
Sun 24th Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	8.00am 11.00am Marie Mitchell & deceased members of the Mitchell Family, Kilkeaskin. Bridget Daly, Killina. 6.00pm Pauline Cummins, Christmas Remembrance. 9.00pm Mick & Annie Gill, Ticknevin & deceased members of the Gill & Reilly Families. Michael & Mary Sullivan & son Tony, Ticknevin. Fr Frank Kavanagh. Seán Mooney, Rose Gallagher, Jack & Mary Ann Mooney.	11.00am
Monday 25th Dec <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>Jesus Christ</i>	8.00am 11.00am Tommy Considine, Derrinturn. Philomena Kenny, Anniversary Mass.	11.00am
Tues 26th Dec <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30am Pat Donoghue Ticknevin. Mary Kenna Dreenane.	
Weds 27th Dec <i>St John</i>	9.30am Eddie Tierney, Dreenane.	9.00am
Thur 28st Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am Helen Fanning, Boherbree.	
Fri 29nd Dec <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am Mary Haslam, Ticknevin 1 st Anniversary.	
Sat 30th Dec <i>St Egwin of Evesham</i>	10am Ned and Vera Fanning, Clonkeen. 7.00pm Confessions. 7.30pm Andy Flood, Coonough. Seán Daniels, Birthday Remembrance. Thomas Kenny, Birthday Remembrance. Paddy & Mary Hannify & deceased members of the Hannify family. Liam & Claire Mallen, Anniversary Mass & deceased members of the Mallen Family. Michael Holden. Danny Phelan.	7.00pm Confessions 7.30pm
Sun 31th Dec <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	8.00am 11.00am Vicky O'Reilly, Birthday Remembrance. Seán Fox, 1 st Anniversary Mass. Richard Morris, Anniversary Mass. Dennis Gorman, Anniversary Mass.	11.00am

Please remember in your prayers Louise Walsh, Kilkenny. May she Rest in Peace.

<i>Collections for Saturday the 16th December & Sunday the 17th of December 2017</i>			
Collections	Amount	Collections	Amount
Derrinturn Basket	€925	Development	€ 1210
Kilshanroe Basket	€330	Mass Cards	€ 120
Christmas Station	€230	Clergy	€100
Christmas Offering	€115		

Carbury/Edenderry Medjugorje Pilgrimage takes place on the 13th of May 2018. There are still a few seats available. For more information please contact 087 7986957.

<i>Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 30th, Sunday 31st & Monday Dec 25th.</i>		
Mass Time	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 7.30pm	Mary Baldwin & Ava O'Connor	Peg Hughes & Patsy Daly
Sunday 8am	Sheamus Farrell	Goretti Malone
Sunday 11am	Stephen Lott	Muriel Skelly & Fidelma Mallen

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.

<i>Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st December</i>		
Mass Time	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 7.30pm	Kathleen Dempsey	Eileen Cawley
Sunday 11am	Alan Ryan	Owen Smith



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th
Derrinturn 8am & 11am & 6pm & 9pm
Kilshanroe 9pm

Christmas Day – Monday 25th
Derrinturn 8am & 11am
Kilshanroe 11am

St Stephens Day Tuesday 26th
Derrinturn 9.30am



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS – DECEMBER 2017		
Date	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
Saturday 23 rd December	11am – 12pm 2pm-3pm	11am -12pm 2pm-3pm

Bishop Denis Christmas Message 2017: When I look back on 2017 there were many significant moments and events, but a few dates stand out for me, two of them falling on Sundays. On Sunday 25 June, I had the privilege of ordaining David Vard to the priesthood in St. Conleth's Church, Newbridge; appointed since to Portlaoise parish, he is the youngest priest serving in parish ministry in the country. Then on Sunday 27 August, the last Sunday of the summer we gathered as a diocesan family from all our 56 parishes to enjoy our Picnic in Punchestown. And then how could I forget the first ever Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 16 – 21 July, a truly remarkable celebration of the family of the Diocese. David's ordination is rooted in the faith of his family, his friends and very much the parish family of Newbridge.



The gathering in Punchestown was essentially a celebration of the family of families of the diocese, every parish proud of its banner, reminiscent of our annual Chrism celebration at the Cathedral in Carlow and indeed as we gathered around the grotto at Lourdes.

More recently on Wednesday 13 December my brother texted me with the great news that my nephew, also my namesake, just got engaged to Sinead. Family is special to me, and in particular the relationship I enjoy with my thirteen nephews and nieces. It is great for me to be with them for sacred moments like weddings and baptisms; as well as all the other great family gatherings and sporting occasions. It is often said that families only see each other at funerals; I do my best to keep connected with family throughout the year. From Christmas Day it will be 239 days to the beginning of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. This wonderful once in every three-year world event, hopefully in the presence of Pope Francis, will put Ireland on the world stage next August, as we reflect together on family and what it means to us. Families are very different and at times very complex and Pope Francis and all of us are very aware of this. It can never be about a perfect family; no family is perfect. It has to be about the joys and the life that family brings as much as the sorrows and the pain.

I have noticed in recent weeks people asking about the Year of the Family. They understandably mix up the World Meeting event that takes place over a few days towards the end of August 2018 and the Year of the Family that in fact took place in 1994! I can understand and empathise with the slight confusion and to help matters I am going to suggest that we as a diocese make 2018 the Year of the Family, with all our diocesan events and celebrations rotating on the axis of family. Each month will offer a theme or focus on family. In doing this the World Meeting from 21-26 August will take place within a context of family and when 27 August comes, we will still in Kildare & Leighlin be focusing on the family. I look forward to the Family Fun Day (for all ages) in the grounds of Carlow College on 16 June, that will be just one event, a major one, in a year that celebrates family. In the coming days we will rejoice around the *“baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger”*. That baby, Jesus Christ, was born into a family, a family that was turned away at the inn. How many today in Ireland have no home to call their own? Those living on a meagre sustenance allowance in direct provision. Those who have lost their homes because of tracker mortgages or accumulated debts. Those who aren't sure where they'll be next month, not to be mention this time next year.

We are privileged to enjoy the luxury of looking back on a year that is passing; may we also look forward together as a family in the renewed hope and joy that Christmas each year brings. The World Meeting of Families will be nothing more than a passing event, if it doesn't allow us to be a voice for those who experience family very differently to our experience. I have so much to give thanks for, looking back on 2017; may all of us give thanks for what we will experience during 2018. May we have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and throughout 2018