



Carbury Parish Newsletter



Sunday 22nd December 2019

Our Churches: Derrinturn & Kilshanroe

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5pm, Friday 9.30am to 2pm.

For all bookings, newsletter items, and general queries please call 046 9553355.

Kilshanroe Church- Masses and other liturgical ceremonies will be streamed live on the Parish website via webcam on www.carburyparish.ie.

<i>Derrinturn Church Mass Times</i>		<i>Kilshanroe Church Mass Times</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	9.30am Mass <i>Followed by Adoration until 12 midnight</i>	<i>Monday</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	9.30am - 6pm 9pm	<i>Tuesday</i>	9pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	8.00am & 11am	<i>Wednesday</i>	11am
<i>Thursday Adoration for Priestly Vocations</i>	9.30am 8.45pm	<i>Thursday</i>	
<i>Friday</i>	9.30am	<i>Friday</i>	
<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 2:13-15, 19-23

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th

Derrinturn 9.30am & 6pm & 9pm

Kilshanroe 9pm

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25th

Derrinturn 8am & 11am

Kilshanroe 11am

St Stephens Day Thursday 26th

Derrinturn 9.30am



2019	Derrinturn	Kilshanroe
Sat 21st December <i>St Peter Canisius</i>	10am Dick Brennan, Rathmore, Birthday & Christmas Remembrance. Remembrance Mass for Deceased Members of Carbury Community Employment Scheme. 7.30pm Mick & Elizabeth Duffy, Coonough, also Nellie Hickey. Mass for Special Intentions. John Connolly, Ticknevin Bridge, Birthday Remembrance. Jimmy Kenny, also His Little Angel James, Coonough, Carbury, Christmas Remembrance. Josephine, Frank & Leo Cunningham. Darragh O'Neill, Christmas Remembrance. Daisymae O'Reilly, 4 th Birthday Remembrance. Joseph McGrath, Ardkill, also his Wife Mary, Son William, and Daughter Angela Ward. Breda & John Cummins, Derrinturn, and all the Deceased Members of the Cummins Family. Paddy & Josephine Carey, and Deceased Members of the Carey family.	7.30pm Martin Ayres, Months Mind. Sean & Una Boylan, Mucklon, Anniversary Mass. Patrick & Mary Ryan, Cadamstown, Anniversary Mass.
Sun 22nd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8am Susan & Jim Kearney, Nellie & Todd Kearney, Tommy Kearney, Sarah & Kevin Kearney, and Deceased Members of the Kearney Family. 11am Paddy, Bridget, Peadar, & Darragh O'Neill, Lily & Olivia Cox, Nan & Peter Garry, Kitty Clancy, Darren, Stephen & Kelly Ann Casey, Christmas Remembrance. Marie Mitchell, and Deceased Members of the Mitchell Family. P.J. Weston, formerly Cloonfad, Roscommon.	11am
Mon 23rd December <i>St John</i>	9.30am Esther & Stephen Domican, Christmas Remembrance Mass. Followed by Adoration until 12 Midnight.	
Tues 24th December <i>Ss Irmina and Adela</i>	9.30am 6pm Pauline Cummins, Christmas Remembrance Mass. Mass for Special Intentions. 9pm Michael & Mary Sullivan, Ticknevin, also their Son Tony, Christmas Remembrance Mass. Christy & Phyllis Shields, Rathmore, Christmas Remembrance Mass, also Deceased Members of the Shields & Donoghue Families. Joseph & Almoyra Duffy, and Family, also the Spillane Family and the Mannion Family, Christmas Remembrance.	9pm
Wed 25th December <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	8.00am 11am Thomas Considine, Derrinturn. Philomena Kenny, Anniversary Mass. Bridget Daly, Killina, Anniversary Mass.	11am
Thurs 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30am Mary Kenna, Dreenane. Pat Donoghue, Anniversary Mass.	
Fri 27th December <i>St John</i>	9.30am Mary & Michael Haslam, Ticknevin, also John, Ellen & Elizabeth Kenny, Ticknevin and Tom Roache, Killina.	
Sat 28th December <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	10am Ned & Vera Fanning, Clonkeen. 7.30pm Esther Domican, 1 st Anniversary Mass, also Stephen Domican, Birthday Remembrance. Mass for Special Intentions. Paddy & Mary Hanniffy, and Deceased members of the Hanniffy Family. Andy Flood, Anniversary Mass.	7.30pm

<i>Sun 29th December</i> <i>St Peter Canisius</i>	8.00am 11am Helen Fanning, Boherbree, Anniversary Mass. Thomas Kenny, Birthday Remembrance Mass.	11am
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Please remember in your prayers. Lil Humpston (née Dempsey), Sister of Paddy Dempsey, May She Rest in Peace.

Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 28th & Sunday the 29th of December

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Kathleen Dempsey	Eileen Cawley
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Patricia Holton	Owen Smith

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<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Paul Mooney	Rose Connolly
<i>Sunday 8am</i>	Mary Malone	Mary Carey
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Monica Flynn	Rose Connolly

Mass Bouquets: are available in usual outlets and from the Parish Office. The Parish opening hours are 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am to 2.00pm Friday.

Collections for Saturday 14th and Sunday the 15th of December

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Derrinturn Basket</i>	€825.00	<i>Development</i>	€1,410.00
<i>Kilshanroe Basket</i>	€415.00	<i>Mass Cards</i>	€332.50
<i>Retired Priests Collection</i>	€5.00	<i>November Deceased</i>	€20.00
<i>Autumn Collection</i>	€10.00	<i>Christmas Station</i>	€130.00
<i>Christmas Day</i>	€50.00	<i>Lenten Station</i>	€10.00
<i>Easter Collection</i>	€5.00	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	€5.00
<i>Mission Sunday</i>	€5.00		

Carbury GAA Lotto took place on Monday 16th of December. The Lotto numbers drawn were 1, 12, 17, 28 and the bonus ball was 13. There were no winners of the match 3, the four raffle winners each got €50 each. The next draw takes place Monday the 6th January. The Jackpot will be €6,200.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES: APRIL - OCT 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.



Carbury GAA Club: Membership is now open for 2020 season; this includes the Social and the Walking Membership. You can now Register on – line by going to Carbury-GAA@clubforce.com and following the instructions there. The Committee ask that you register as soon as possible to help reduce the delay in processing memberships. Looking forward to a successful 2020 for us all.

Carbury & Edenderry Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: takes place on the 10th May 2020 for 7 nights. Its €599 if paid before the 8th December and €699 if paid after that date. A deposit of €200 is needed to reserve your seat. Tel: 087 - 7986957

Carbury Carers: would like to thank all who supported them during 2019, and all who helped us. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to your support in the New Year. The results of our Christmas raffle were 1st Prize, Anthony Tyrell, 2nd Prize, Maggie Lawlor, 3rd Prize, Frances Maguire, 4th Prize, Emma Kelly, 5th Prize, Kayla Russell.

Christmas Message 2019

There is a signpost on the road from Baltinglass to Blessington, it simply reads ‘Manger’. As you enter Kilkenny from Carlow one of the early roundabouts you encounter is the ‘Hebron Road Roundabout’. And of course, on the road from Carlow to Athy, much closer to Carlow is ‘Jerusalem’.

In these days as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ there is for me a very clear realisation that we live on holy ground, this is our holy land, this is our holy place. Our challenge is to create our own Manger because Christ continues to be born amongst us. Sometimes we miss the signs; we are blind to the gift of His presence.

Pope Francis wrote his most recent apostolic letter ‘*Admirabile Signum*’ on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene. He signed the letter in Greccio, purposefully choosing the mountain village where St. Francis of Assisi created the first crib scene in 1223. We all love our cribs. Every crib in our churches, our schools, our town squares, our homes is of itself a living gospel rising up from the pages of scripture.

We might debate when the different characters enter the nativity story, and maybe, more importantly, when they are to leave, but we can never underestimate the power of the gospel coming from the crib, any crib. Returning to Pope Francis, he says: “*From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalised.*”¹

And that’s our challenge, to look on the manger, to spend time at our crib, wherever that is, and see the families who are homeless, the families who are refugees, the families who are forgotten by society and simply ask ourselves is there anyone we are forgetting, excluding or leaving behind in these more prosperous times?

The manger challenges us, whether it is empty or full; the crib or creche, as Pope Francis calls it, challenges us whether it exactly reflects the authentic narrative of the first Christmas story. Christ seems to be telling all of us, it is not the first Christmas story we need to fully unpack, it is how we live the Christmas story in our lives, in our world, in our parishes, in our homes.

I conclude with a prayer seasonally titled ‘The Bright Prayer’

*“I lie with God
may He lie with me,
God’s shade above me,
an angel-girdle around my waist.
Where will you lie tonight?
Between Mary and her Son
between Bridget and her cloak
between Colmcille and his shield
between God and His right hand.”*²

Once again I take this opportunity of my ‘Christmas Message’ to thank you all, priests, religious and lay people, for your engagement with the Christmas story, not just at this time of the year, but throughout the twelve months. I pray that your Christmas will be blessed with His gentleness, peace and love this year.