



# *Carbury Parish Newsletter*

## *Sunday 10th December 2023*

### **Our Churches: Derrinturn & Kilshanroe**

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5pm.

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

Derrinturn & Kilshanroe Churches - Masses and other liturgical ceremonies will be streamed live on the Parish Website via webcam on [www.carburyparish.ie](http://www.carburyparish.ie).

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Fr. John Fitzpatrick P.P. Catherine McNamara, Teresa Daniels, Patricia Brady. DLP for Kildare: Kathleen Sherry.

*Next Week's Gospel: Jn 1:6-8.19-28*

#### Christmas Station Masses

**Sun 10th Dec @ 11am (Dtn)** Carbury, Newbury, Longridge, Teelough, Haggard, Ardkill, Coolcor.

**Sun 17th Dec @ 11am (Dtn)** Rathmore, Ticknevin, Ashgrove, Ashbrook, Trinity Crescent, Trinity Drive, Ashmount.

Thank you for supporting our Priests

**2024 Pioneer Calendar:** The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5.

[www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar](http://www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar)

**Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign:** With the cost-of-living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals have launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

**Take time as a couple:** You and your spouse/ fiancée are Invited to a CANA evening for couples to share some refreshments, explore relationship-related topics, and pray with other couples on Saturday 9th Dec @ 5 pm to 7.30 pm, Ceili House, Harbour Rd, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath N91 NY28. For more info. please email [canairland@gmail.com](mailto:canairland@gmail.com) or call Victoria at 085 102 5464 and check out [www.canairland.org](http://www.canairland.org)

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Lists 2024:** are now available to collect from Bidy in Derrinturn Church and Eileen in Kilshanroe Church.

**Parish Donation Envelopes:** have arrived in the Parish Office. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute the envelopes over the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office on 046 9553355 or email [carburyparish@gmail.com](mailto:carburyparish@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Church Gate Collection:** For St Vincent de Paul, will take place on Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm at Kilshanroe Church and Sunday 10th December at 11am at Derrinturn Church, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

2023	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
<i>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Juan Diego</i>		<b>7.30pm</b> Sean Traynor, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, also Tom, Kathleen & Thomas Hassett, Remembrance Mass. Pat Holton, Kilshanroe, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. John Birmingham, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. James Duffy, Mucklon, Anniversary.
<i>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11am</b> Willie Smullen, Coolavacoose, 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Paddy Judge, Ticknevin, 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Michael, Sarah & Seamus Hogan, Dreenane, Remembrance Mass. Tommy Holt, Derrinturn, Anniversary. Robert (Bob) Heavey, Drehid, Anniversary. Elizabeth & Edward O'Neill, Anniversary, also remembering the Deceased Members of the O'Neill Family, Ballybrack. Susan & James Kearney, Nellie, Tod & Tommy Kearney, Sarah & Kevin Kearney, also Patrick Kinsella, Christmas Remembrance. Esther Gill, Killina, Birthday Remembrance.	
<i>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Damasus</i>	<i>Adoration until 12 Midnight</i> <b>9.30am</b> Mass for the Carers of the Parish. Sean, Teresa & PJ O'Reilly also Mary Murphy, Ballinakill, Anniversary.	
<i>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	<b>9.30am No Mass.</b>	
<i>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Lucy</i>		<b>9.00am</b> Novena for the Deceased. <i>Followed by Adoration.</i>
<i>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	
<i>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Mary di Rosa</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	
<i>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Adelaide</i>		<b>7.30pm</b> Dick Brennan, Rathmore, Birthday and Christmas Remembrance. Thomas & Elizabeth Moran, Athlone, Christopher & Annie Coyne, Arkill, Edward, Mary, Lawrence & Patrick Fanning, Ardkill, also Elizabeth & Michael Gorry, Allenwood. <b>Anniversary Masses:</b> Des & Bridget Bourke, Coonough. Sean & Una Boylan, Mucklon. Walter Lewis.
<i>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11am</b> Mary Duffy, Clonkeen, Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance, also Christmas Remembrance for Tim, Mary, T.T & Thomas Duffy. Eddie Logan, Anniversary, also Tony Moran, Christmas Remembrance. Lilly, Teddy & Daragh O'Neill. Thomas, Philomena, Eddie & Ester Kenny also Paddy & Bridget O'Neill, and Deceased Members of the O'Neill and Garry Family, Christmas Remembrance. DaisyMae O'Reilly, 8 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance. <b>Anniversary Masses:</b> John & Lily Clancy, also James & Catherine Ennis and Deceased Members of the Ennis Family. Vera & Ned Fanning. Julia Grace, Parsonstown. Jim Cummins, Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance.	

*Please remember in your prayers, Mary McDonnell (nee Connolly) Grattan Park, Derrinturn, Carbury, Kildare / Clondalkin, Dublin. Eileen McGreevy, who died recently in Coventry, England, Sister of Margaret Colgan. Mary Daly (nee Murray) Ballyhegan, Carbury, Kildare / Edenderry, Offaly, also Michael (Mick) Cummins, Ticknevin, Carbury, Kildare. May they rest in Peace.*

**Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 16th of December**

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Frances Cline	Owen Smith

**Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Sunday the 17th of December**

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Sharon O'Brien	Fidelma Mallen & Rose Connolly

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

**Collections Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December**

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Derrinturn Basket</i>	€485.00	<i>Development</i>	€1,525.00
<i>Kilshanroe Basket</i>	€390.00	<i>Mass Cards</i>	€458.25
<i>Autumn Collection</i>	€10.00	<i>Christmas Stations</i>	€705.00
<i>Christmas Day</i>	€10.00	<i>Mission Sunday</i>	€20.00
<i>Clergy</i>	€70.00		

**Carbury GAA Lotto** took place on Monday the 4th of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 9, 11, 13, 16, and the bonus ball was 23. There were 6 winners of the match 3, who each won €35. Next week's draw takes place Monday the 11th of December. Next week's Jackpot is €7,000.

**Looking ahead to the Third Sunday of Advent:** St John Paul II began a tradition in Rome that continues today. On this Sunday, children and their families from across Rome come to St Peter's Square, bringing with them the figure of the infant Jesus from their crib. After the Angelus, the children raise up the figures and the Pope blesses them. The day is now also known affectionally as Baminelli Sunday, the Italian for babies. In many places the blessed figure is wrapped and placed under the family Christmas tree to be unwrapped and finally placed in the crib at Christmas – reminding us of the first and most important gift of Christmas. Many of our parishes have introduced this practice so look out for an invitation in your local parish!

**An Advent Household Prayer:** We invite you take a moment each day in Advent to light your Advent wreath/ candle, to thank God for your Advent Day and to pray this prayer in union with the rest of our diocesan family, praying for peace in our world and in our lives. Loving God, as your light grows in the dark of winter, bring its strength and its hope to the people of the Holy Land and to all people who suffer through war and conflict. Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem to lead the way to your Son, guide all people - leaders and citizens – to follow your ways of peace and justice. As we remember the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be a source of courage for each of us, helping us to reach out in friendship to the oppressed and displaced of this world. Help us to see in the Christ-child we welcome this Christmas, the one who came to bring an end to all divisions. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. And may the Lord bless us and keep us safe this Advent Day and always. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace.



**Totus Tuus Magazine:** is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

**Balyna Community First Responders:** “On behalf of the Balyna Community First Responders, we would like to thank everyone who raised money for our group this year. We would not be able to function without your generous donations. A special thank you to The Paddy Cycle, The Shamrock Car and Vintage Club, Sinead Rushe, Tesco Community Fund and Kildare County Council Community Fund. As always, feel free to pop down to our monthly meetings or contact our Facebook/ Instagram page if you would like to volunteer with our group in the new year! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year”.

**A Central Figure of Advent:** John the Baptist Over the weeks of Advent we encounter a number of key characters in the unfolding story of our salvation. In the Gospel this Sunday we are introduced to John the Baptist. An older cousin of Jesus, he was a prophet sent by God to prepare people for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. His life was one of continually pointing to Jesus. When his mother, Elizabeth, was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was the Son of God. John’s desert ministry was all about calling people to be ready for Jesus and the change he would bring to their lives. John’s call to repentance is not mere fire and brimstone, scare tactics, but is a call rooted in the belief that God is coming to His people and we need to be ready. John’s message provokes us into action, calling us to turn back to God and to ready ourselves for Christ to come into our lives. Crucially, this personal readying involves looking beyond ourselves, to how we treat others and live with others. As followers of Jesus, it calls us to lives of justice and right relationship with one another; it calls us to acts of kindness and charity to neighbour and stranger. For the desert places in which we walk, the streets we roam, the paths we cross, guide our feet, take us to places where You would go. Give us words that You would use that in this Advent season of promise and preparation we might point the way with John the Baptist to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ~ written by John Birch

**An Advent Tradition:** While the Christmas tree is very much part of the Christmas season, over the course of Advent the tree will begin to appear in more and more homes, signalling that we are getting closer to the feast of Christmas. In the midst of winter, the evergreen tree, dressed with lights, reminds us of the life and light that comes to us through Christ. The colourful decorations of the tree are a reminder of the paradise tree of the garden of Eden, hung with the bright colour of fruit.



*Families are invited to say the following prayer together when they put up the Christmas tree in their home.*

**A Blessing Prayer:** Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we gather around this tree. May its light and the cheer it gives us be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. As we delight in this tree may we come to the knowledge and joy of the Christmas gift of salvation and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Weekly Advent Gospel Link:** On the second Sunday of Advent, we hear again from Mark’s Gospel. We are now in Year B of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings named Year A, B and C. Today, the text we hear comes from the start of Mark’s writing and he opens with a very direct message. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is **the** Good News, the gospel. Mark’s whole Gospel is about revealing for us who Jesus is. Every day we listen out for the news of the day. But the Gospel of Jesus is the news of our salvation. And the message of John the Baptist points firmly to Jesus as the source of our salvation. The challenging figure of John the Baptist continues to call us, even today, to examine ourselves as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives once more. John reminds us that we are a baptised, forgiven people. We can be grateful for this forgiveness but we can also choose to be a better person as a result of it. And we can choose to share forgiveness with others in our lives. A key part of our Advent preparation is about figuring out this question: *what would it mean for me to be a better person, to be a forgiven and forgiving person, straightening the path for Jesus to take root in my life?* See [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) for weekly Scripture Sharing reflections on the Advent Sunday readings from homilies of the late Fr John Cummins & visit Balyna Parish Youtube channel on the Parish website for Fr Seán Maher’s short weekly Advent Scripture Study series