



# *Carbury Parish Newsletter*

## *Sunday 17th 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: Lk 1:26-38*

### Christmas Station Masses

**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)

**An Advent Tradition, The Nativity Scene:** In Advent 2019 Pope Francis once more encouraged families to have a nativity scene or crib in the home. He said that it ‘... helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things.’

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Derrinturn 11am

Derrinturn 6.00pm (Children's Mass)

Kilshanroe 7.30pm

**Christmas Day – Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Derrinturn 11am

**St Stephens Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Derrinturn 9.30am



**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.

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

**Advent Scripture Study Video Series:** If you haven't had a chance to yet, make sure you take a look at this video series from Fr Seán Maher on the Balyna Parish YouTube channel.

2023	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
<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, Coonough.
<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 & Deceased Members of the O'Neill & 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.	
<i>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Flannan</i>	<i>Adoration until 12 Midnight</i> <b>9.30am Anniversary Masses:</b> James Garry, Killina, and all the Deceased Members of the Garry Family. William & Annie Gorey, Ticknevin. James & Ita Jacob, Mary & Jimmy Hogan, Nancy & Michael Walsh and Ita Maher. Brian & Patricia O'Neill, Killina.	
<i>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Anastasius I</i>	<b>9.30am No Mass.</b>	
<i>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Fachanan</i>		<b>9.00am</b> <i>Followed by Adoration.</i>
<i>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December</i> <i>St Peter Canisius</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Memorial Mass for all Deceased Committee Members & Participants of Carbury Community Employment Scheme and their families. Thomas Kinsella, Ballybrack, 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.	
<i>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December</i> <i>St Flavianus</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary & Nellie Pender, Ticknevin, also Ettie & Steve Domican, Christmas Remembrance.	
<i>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December</i> <i>St John of Kanty</i>		<b>7.30pm Christmas Remembrances:</b> John Dunne, Parsonstown. Kathleen (Kate) Lusk, Sarah, Edward & Vincent O'Brien, Jack Corish and Patrick Tynan.
<i>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11am</b> Mary McDonald, Months Mind. John Connolly, Ticknevin, Birthday Remembrance. Richard & Phyllis Morris, Killina, also their sons Raymond & Eugene, Anniversary. Marie Mitchell, Anniversary. Elizabeth & Michael Duffy, also Nellie Hickey, Coonough,	<b>7.30pm</b> Sean, Thomas & Edward Mooney, also Katie Ann Sands, Christmas Remembrance.

Anniversary.  
**Christmas Remembrances:** Claire Melia. Damien Galvin. Michael & Mary Sullivan, also their son Tony, and Jim & Kate Connolly, Ticknevin. Billy Connolly, Clonkeen.  
**6.00pm** Fr. Frank Kavanagh, Sennan Daly, also the Deceased Members of the Mallen & Daly Family, and for all who attend the Parish Adoration. **Christmas Remembrances:** Pauline Cummins. Ann Kelly, Ballinakill. Dick, Marcella & Declan Kearney, Killina. Tom Smullen, Lullymore. Christy & Phyllis Shields, Rathmore, also all the Deceased Members of the Shields & Donoghue Family.

*Please remember in your prayers, Moyra Melia (nee Duffy), Ticknevin, Carbury, Kildare. May she rest in Peace.*

***Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 23rd of December***

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Gabrielle Walsh	Lily Boyle

***Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Sunday the 24th of December***

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Phil Connolly	Rose Connolly & Cindy Pender

**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 9th & Sunday 10th December***

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Derrinturn Basket</i>	€495.00	<i>Development</i>	€1,725.00
<i>Kilshanroe Basket</i>	€325.00	<i>Mass Cards</i>	€120.00
<i>Retired Priests</i>	€3.12	<i>Christmas Stations</i>	€245.00
<i>Christmas Day</i>	€25.00		

**Carbury GAA Lotto** took place on Monday the 11th of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 4, 7, 15, 22, and the bonus ball was 20. There were 4 winners of the match 3, who each won €50. Next week's draw takes place Monday the 18th of December. Next week's Jackpot is €7,100.

**Christmas Recital by St. Mary's Secondary School Choir:** Edenderry Library is delighted to be joined by St. Mary's Secondary School Choir for a very festive recital on Wednesday 20th December at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend this event and no booking is required.

**Christmas Craft Workshop for Teens:** Edenderry Library are inviting those aged 13-17 to sign up to make your own miniature book Christmas bauble. This craft will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 3pm. Booking is required for this festive craft. Book your spot with Edenderry Library at 046 97 31028 or email edenderrylibrary@offalycoco.ie.

**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.





**Rejoice Sunday & Bambinelli:** The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday. The rose-coloured candle we light this day represents this joy, which is echoed in the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.' 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 Bambinelli 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!

**Keeping Christmas 2023 in the Home and Parish - a Family Prayer Companion:** A four-page leaflet for the home is now available on the Advent Resource page of [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) It contains some prayers for the 12 days of Christmas, including:

- + Christmas Eve: Prayer for placing figure of Jesus in the crib
- + Christmas Day: Prayer before your Family Christmas Meal
- + A Prayer at the Crib for the 12 days of Christmas
- + Feast of the Holy Family: A Family Prayer
- + Feast of Mary, Mother of God (January 1): Prayer suggestion
- + Epiphany (January 6): Prayer for chalking your front door and placing Magi at the crib.

**A Blessing Prayer by the Family Crib:** God of all people, from the very beginning of creation you have shown us your love: when our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless our family and all who will look upon this crib in the coming days; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and the Saviour of all. Amen.



**Advent Gospel Link 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent:** The figure of John the Baptist once more takes centre stage in our Gospel reading, though this time the account comes from John 1:6-8,19-28, rather than Mark's gospel. While he may be centre stage, John is once more pointing firmly to Christ as our saviour. In this passage he highlights an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our saviour. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst and to follow the example of John the Baptist by pointing others to the good news of Jesus. *How am I in my words and actions spreading the Advent message of hope in Jesus? What acts of kindness, patience and generosity can I share with others as I prepare for Christmas?*

### **An Advent Tradition Reconciliation: Celebrating God's Forgiveness**

An important aspect of preparing for Christmas for many people is the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation or confession. The honest assessment of our lives that Advent calls for will, invariably, lead us to seek God's forgiveness, mercy, and love. As we draw closer to Christmas take some time to consider: *What in your life would you like to change? From whom do you need to share or seek forgiveness? For what do you want to say sorry to God?* Look out for the schedule of communal celebrations of reconciliation /penance and individual confession in your parish.



**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 Bambinelli 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!