



Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 24th December 2023

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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.

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

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

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

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 24th

Derrinturn 11am

Derrinturn 6.00pm (Children's Mass)

Kilshanroe 7.30pm

Christmas Day – Monday 25th

Derrinturn 11am

St Stephens Day Tuesday 26th

Derrinturn 9.30am



Parish Office Christmas Hours 2023: The Parish Office will close Thursday the 21st of December at 5pm and will reopen Tuesday the 2nd of January at 9.30am. The Parish Office team would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for the New Year. During the break, Fr. Fitzpatrick P.P. can be contacted at 046-9553355.

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

Nollaig na mBan: On Saturday 6th January Edenderry Library will have a coffee morning with a poetry reading and mindfulness tips to celebrate Nollaig Na mBan. There is no booking required for this event.

2023	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
<i>Sat 23rd December</i> <i>St John of Kanty</i>		7.30pm Christmas Remembrances: John Dunne, Parsonstown. Kathleen (Kate) Lusk, Sarah, Edward & Vincent O'Brien, Jack Corish and Patrick Tynan.
<i>Sun 24th December</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	11am 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, Anniversary. Christmas Remembrances: Claire Melia. Damien Galvin. Michael & Mary Sullivan, also their son Tony, and Jim & Kate Connolly, Ticknevin. Billy Connolly, Clonkeen. James (Jimmie) Earle, Rathangan / Edenderry. 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: Ann Kelly, Ballinakill. Pauline Cummins. Dick, Marcella & Declan Kearney, Killina. Tom Smullen, Lullymore. Christy & Phyllis Shields, Rathmore, also all the Deceased Members of the Shields & Donoghue Family. Michael & Mary Kate Gill, Ballybrack, also their Sons Tommy, Seamus, Billy, Patsy & Daughter Betty.	7.30pm Sean, Thomas & Edward Mooney, Katie Ann Sands, also Rose Gallagher, Christmas Remembrance.
<i>Mon 25th December</i> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<i>Adoration until 12 Midnight</i> 11am Nan Brennan, Birthday Remembrance, also remembering Andy & Tommy Brennan, Ticknevin. Christmas Remembrances: Eileen Connolly. James (Jimmie) Earle, Rathangan / Edenderry. May & Lar Martin, Drehid, also the Deceased Members of the Martin Family. Mick & Peggy Connolly, Ticknevin Lock, also the Deceased Members of the Killalea Family, Timahoe. Patricia & Patrick Gill. Anniversary Masses: Philomena Kenny, Ticknevin. Thomas Considine, Derrinturn.	
<i>Tues 26th December</i> <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30am Stephanie Leeson, Christmas Remembrance. Anniversary Masses: Helen Fanning, Boherbree. Patrick Donohoe.	
<i>Wed 27th December</i> <i>St John</i>		9.00am <i>Followed by Adoration.</i>
<i>Thurs 28th December</i> <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am Mass for Special Intentions. Esther Domican, 5 th Anniversary also Her Husband Stephen Domican, Birthday Remembrance.	
<i>Fri 29th December</i> <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.30am John & Ellen Kenny, Ticknevin, Tom Roache & Elizabeth Kenny (Roache), Killina, also Michael & Mary Haslem, Ticknevin, Anniversary. Thomas Kenny, Ticknevin, Birthday Remembrance.	

<i>Sat 30th December</i> <i>St Egwin of Evesham</i>		7.30pm Tessie Duffy, Cloona, 1 st Anniversary, also Her Husband Paddy Duffy. Eilish Holton, also Remembering the Deceased Members of the Holton & Harris Family. Andy Flood, Coonough, Anniversary.
<i>Sun 31st December</i> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	11am Mary Daly, Ballyhegan, Months Mind. Vicky O'Reilly nee Cronly, Birthday Remembrance. Sean Fox, Parsonstown, 7 th Anniversary. Sean Daniels, Birthday Remembrance. Dennis Gorman, Anniversary.	
<i>Please remember in your prayers, Pattie Rock (nee Kenna), Trinity Drive, Derrinturn, Carbury, Kildare. May she rest in Peace.</i>		

<i>Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 30th of December</i>		
<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Martin Mooney	Tommy Holton

<i>Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Sunday the 31st of December</i>		
<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Paddy Fitzsimons	Rose Marie Carey & Clodagh Pender

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.

<i>Collections Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December</i>			
<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Derrinturn Basket</i>	€555.00	<i>Development</i>	€2,115.00
<i>Kilshanroe Basket</i>	€365.00	<i>Mass Cards</i>	€572.20
<i>Donation</i>	€80.00	<i>Christmas Stations</i>	€320.00
<i>Christmas Day</i>	€50.00	<i>Christmas Dues</i>	€50.00
<i>Clergy</i>	€100.00		

Carbury GAA Lotto took place on Monday the 18th of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 7, 11, 14, 23, and the bonus ball was 4. There were 4 winners of the match 3, who each won €50. The next draw will take place on Monday the 8th of January. Next Jackpot is €7,200.

Advent Gospel Link 4th Sunday of Advent: Because Mark's gospel doesn't start until the baptism of the adult Jesus, today we hear the account of the Annunciation from the gospel of Luke. As we prepare to welcome Christ, we might embrace a few phrases from this gospel passage. The angel, a messenger from God, says to Mary and is saying to us today: 'The Lord is with you', 'Do not be afraid', 'Nothing is impossible to God'. At this Christmas time, can we respond to God's message to us and be the person God has created us to be - a person wonderfully made. Can we, like Mary, say to God: 'Let what you have said be done to me.' See www.kandle.ie for our weekly Scripture Sharing Reflections on the Advent Sunday readings.

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.



Kildare & Leighlin Christmas Message

There is something about a baby that captures all our attention. It's magnetic. Even the most stubborn heart softens in the presence of a new born baby. I saw it recently on a visit to bless a school extension, in the staff room later when their colleague on maternity leave, called in with her new bundle of joy, everyone just wanted to see the baby. The adult in us becomes the child again, cooing and making all sorts of funny faces! Babies make people smile and that's such a good thing. Christmas is about smiling; it takes much less face muscles to smile than it does to frown. We adults complicate matters. In the words of Pope Francis "*Jesus is God's smile ... when we look down at the nativity scene; when we look at Baby Jesus, we can feel God smiling at us*". It all began in Bethlehem, in the simplicity of a stable. This is the essence of what we celebrate at Christmas. God becoming a baby. God stooping down to be like one of us. We are all conscious of the turmoil in the world at present. War in Ukraine and absolute terror in Gaza and Israel, the Holy Land, the place of that Bethlehem stable. Sadly, too many babies and children are caught up in conflicts. My prayer and hope to all is that you will feel God smile on you this Christmas. Also, that you might smile, as you thank God for those around you, family, friends and colleagues. And next time you see a new born baby, remember that as you smile, God is smiling on you. We need to realise this, this year more than ever, in our war-weary and broken world. Into it a fragile baby is born, a baby whose smile has the capacity to soften the hardest of adult hearts.

Every blessing for Christmas and 2024,

✠Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

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 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 3rd 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.

