



Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 30th November 2025

Our Churches: Derrinturn & Kilshanroe

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

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. Bernard Reyhart P.P. Catherine McNamara, Patricia Brady, Sharon O'Brien, Kathleen McGowan, Lucia O'Brien. DLP for Kildare: Ailish Higgins.

Next Week's Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

Carbury Senior Citizens Christmas Party: The Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will be taking place in Carbury G.A.A. on Sunday the 7th of December from 1.30pm to 6pm and Santa will be making an appearance on the day. Anyone that would like to attend, can phone the Parish Office at 046-95-53355, the last date for taking names is Monday 1st December, anyone that would like to donate spot prizes for the raffle on the day, can leave them into Bidy or the Parish Office.

Christmas Station Masses

Sun 30th Nov @ 11am (Dtn) Killina, Ballybrack, Kilpatrick, Ballinakill, Drummon.

Sun 7th Dec @ 11am (Dtn) Carbury, Newbury, Longridge, Teelough, Haggard, Ardkill, Coolcor.

Sun 14th Dec @ 11am (Dtn) Rathmore, Ticknevin, Ashgrove, Ashbrook, Trinity Crescent, Trinity Drive, Ashmount. Thank you for supporting our Priests

First Sunday of Advent

Advent: A Season of Hope in a Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Leo will formally close the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome on January 6. But before he does, we undertake our Advent journey as a people of hope. This Jubilee year reminds us that our hope is a person, Jesus Christ. As we enter this last phase of the Jubilee year, Advent once more invites us into a time of conscious hope and expectation. At the darkest time of the year, we wait, we hope for and we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time, while we remember his first coming at Christmas. BUT in this Advent season we are also called to look out for Christ who is continually coming to us. 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock!' (Revelations 3:20). This Advent let us ready ourselves, through prayer and deeds of love, to open the door of our hearts to Christ – our hope, our life, our peace. (Julie Kavanagh)

Advent Prayers and Blessings for the Home

Parishioners are invited to use the KANDLE prayer leaflet for the home this Advent. It contains a prayer for the season for use each day, as well as blessings for the family advent wreath, Christmas Tree and the family crib. See the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan website, Facebook and X pages for further Advent prayers and thoughts throughout the season.

#HaveYourSay about your Catholic School: For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

2025	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
Sat 29th November <i>St Brendan of Birr</i>		7.30pm Sadie Mangan, Kilshanroe, 11 th Anniversary. Tim & Bridie Ryan, also their Daughter May, Thomastown, Anniversaries. Mary & Paddy Norris, Ticknevin, Anniversaries, also the Norris & Gill Families, Killina. Kit & Julia Lawless, also Seamus, Pat & Ernie Lawless.
Sun 30th November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	11am Mary Daly, Ballyhegan, 2 nd Anniversary. Margaret Connolly, Ticknevin House, Birthday Remembrance. Michael, Sarah & Seamus Hogan, Remembrance Mass. Joe McLoughlin, Coonough, Birthday Remembrance. Anniversary Masses: Josephine & Patrick McNally, Killinagh. Jimmy Tyrrell, Clonkeen. Lil & Jack Tobin, Ticknevin. Peg Joyce, née O'Toole, Kishavanna. Olivia O'Brien, Coill Dubh, also Her Grandmother Margaret Malone.	
Mon 1st December <i>St Eligius</i>	<i>Adoration until 10.30pm</i> 9.30am Mass for the Carers of the Parish. Louisa MacHugh, 1 st Anniversary, also Her Husband Michael. Jack Carey, Anniversary, also Josephine & Patrick Carey and the Deceased Members of the Carey Family, Ballyhegan. Mass for Special Intentions.	
Tues 2nd December <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am No Mass.	
Wed 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>		9.00am Followed by Adoration.
Thurs 4th December <i>St John Damascene</i>	9.30am	
Fri 5th December <i>St Crispina</i>	9.30am Mass for the Deceased on the Mass Card List.	
Sat 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>		7.30pm Mass for the Living on the Mass Card List. Pat Holton, Kilshanroe, 7 th Anniversary. Paddy Holton, late of Cloona, and Johnstownbridge, 10 th Anniversary. And Deceased Members of the Fanning Family. Ellen O'Brien, Kilshanroe, 50 th Anniversary, also the Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family. Paddy Keegan, Mucklon, Anniversary, also the Deceased Members of the Keegan Family. John Bermingham Anniversary. Andrew & Ann Gannon, Gorteen, 52 nd & 9 th Anniversary respectively, also their Son Seamus 2 nd Anniversary.
Sun 7th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	11am Patrick Moriarty, Kerry, Months Mind. Kitty Nevin, Killina, 1 st Anniversary. William Kelly, Drehid, 1st Anniversary. Claire Melia, Birthday Remembrance. Willie Smullen, Coolavacoose, 14 th Anniversary. Tommy Holt, Derrinturn, Anniversary. William Kelly, Drehid, 15 th Anniversary. Seamus Gill, 50 th Anniversary, also Michael Gill Snr. and Patsy & Billy Gill, Ballybrack.	

Please remember in your prayers, Willie Kelly, Liverpool, and formerly Ticknevin, Son of Teresa & Patrick. May he rest in Peace.

Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 6th of December

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Cyril Regan	Tommy Holton & Carmel Dixon

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<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Fiona Feely	Phyllis McDermott & Kate Crowe

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 22nd & Sunday 23rd November

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Derrinturn Basket	€580.00	Development	€846.00
Kilshanroe Basket	€265.00	Christmas Stations	€220.00
Clergy	€100.00	Autumn Offering	€5.00
Easter Collection	€5.00	Mass Cards	€99.00

Carbury GAA Lotto: took place on Monday the 24th of November, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 2, 16, 18, 23, and the bonus ball was 10. There were 0 winners of the match 3, the Lucky Dip was shared between 4 people, who each won €50. The next draw will take place on Monday the 1st of December. Jackpot is €12,100.

Communion Calls: Fr. Bernard is available to do house calls for the sick or housebound on the First Friday of each month in Derrinturn and the First Wednesday in Kilshanroe. If you would like the Priest to call, you can phone the Parish Office 046-95-53355 to leave your name, address and Eircode.

Save the date: Perfect Harmony Christmas Concert Noel Noel, taking place in St. Mary's Primary School Edenderry, on Sunday the 7th of December at 7pm. 🎫 Tickets: €10 🧑🧒 Students & children: FREE
Tickets available from choir members or on the door on the night. Expect an evening filled with beautiful music, harmonies, and Christmas spirit! 🎄🎵

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat: Will take place in St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise on Saturday 29th November 2025 from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm. Holy Mass @ 10.00 am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass @ 10.45 am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry)
Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P
www.spioraidnaoimh.com

First Saturday Conference in Knock: To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday in December - December 6th. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am in the Reconciliation Chapel. There will be three talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. There will also be the Rosary led by the Children's Rosary group, a 15-minute meditation led by Fr. Marius O'Reilly, as Our Lady requested for the First Saturdays, and time for lunch. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. For more details, please visit firstsaturdays.ie

Kilshanroe Tidy Towns: Introducing Kilshanroe Tidy Towns! A few local residents have come together with a shared goal — to enhance our village and build a community we can all be proud of. We want Kilshanroe to be safe, clean, and welcoming, with everyone feeling a sense of pride in where we live. We're now working towards forming a Tidy Towns committee to help access grants and support future projects. Whether you'd like to join the committee, volunteer for events, or simply follow our progress online, we'd love to have you involved! Email kilshanroetidytowns@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page Kilshanroe Tidy Towns to get in touch. (20+) Kilshanroe Tidy Towns | Facebook

Save this date for SANTA: Santa arrives in Caragh – Sunday 7th December – Tickets only €5. Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Elves will be in Caragh Community Centre from 12.30 – 4pm. Visit Santa in his Wooden Grotto, have your photo taken with Santa and the Elves before departing with a Festive treat. See Mrs. Claus in her busy kitchen where the Elves and Mrs. Claus make her famous secret recipe cookies. She will gift you one of her cookies as you leave. Tickets for Santa & Mrs. Claus will be on sale from 12pm on the day. Only €5 per child.

Entering into the season of Advent... The traditional prayer of Advent, ‘Come, Lord Jesus’, brings us straight to the heart of what this season is about. The word ‘Advent’ stems from the Latin ‘Adventus,’ meaning ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’. It speaks to our yearning for the presence of Jesus in our lives and to a deep-down recognition for the need of this presence above all things. At the beginning of a new Church year, over the Four Sundays of the Advent season we ready ourselves for the joy of Christmas when we remember and commemorate the birth of Christ. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for His second coming, at the end of time. We are reminded of this second coming in many phrases that we hear or say at Mass, for example ‘as we look forward to his second coming’, ‘when he comes again in glory’, ‘as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour’. This second coming is a central theme from the beginning of Advent right up to 17 December. From that point, our attention and preparation move more exclusively to the commemoration of His first coming on the Feast of the Nativity. And yet, as we prepare to remember his coming at Christmas and to anticipate his Second Coming, we also recognise that the risen Christ is always coming to us. In these Advent days, Jesus, the Lord who is HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE, reaches out to us and walks with us. As we journey through these days are we ready to welcome him again and again into our life? Are we preparing a way for the Lord? Are we prepared to pray, ‘Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!’ (Julie Kavanagh)

A Daily Prayer for Advent: A family member can light a candle or the family advent wreath to begin this prayer Loving God, as your light grows in the dark of winter, bring its strength and its hope to all people who suffer through war and conflict, poverty and injustice. 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 all in need in this world and in our community. Help us to see in the Christ-child we welcome this Christmas, the one who came to bring an end to all divisions and injustice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. And may the Lord bless us, keep us safe, and fill us with hope this Advent Day and always. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Edenderry Library

From the 2nd December – Santa’s Postbox is available in Edenderry Library for those all-important Santa letters.
Tuesday 2nd Dec: 8.30am - 9:30am – Networking Breakfast with OLDC and the Mental Health Network. 11am – Tuesday Morning Adult Bookclub. 2pm – 5pm – Festive DIY Craft Table – Children must be supervised by an adult.

Wednesday 3rd Dec: 2pm – Young Adult Manga Bookclub. 3pm -6pm – After School Lego Club with festive themed lego challenges. 5.30pm – Festive Family Movie Evening. 6pm – Jenny Bergin Artist Exhibition Launch – all welcome. 7pm – Ciorcal Comhrá – conversational Irish group for adults - new member’s welcome.

Thursday 4th Dec:

11am – Baby & Me Sensory Music Session facilitated by Music Generation. Booking Required. Sensory Room available for Bookings every Thursday.

Friday 5th Dec: 10.30am – Baby & Toddler Group. 12pm – Feeding Support Group with Public Health Nurse & Lactation Specialist. 3.30pm – Christmas Bauble Craft for over 6s. Booking Required.

Saturday 6th Dec: 10am – STEM Saturday including Magic Table. 10:30am – Festive Craft for under 6s (Christmas Bauble theme). 11:00am – Storytime for under 6s.

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Tuesday 2nd Dec: 10am – Baby & Toddler Group (all welcome). 2pm – Board Games. 3.30pm – Children's Book club (new members welcome)

Thursday 4th Dec: 2pm - 4.30pm – After School Lego Club with festive themed Lego challenges. 3.30pm – Crafty Thursday Christmas theme. 6pm – Christmas Movie.

Saturday 6th Dec: 10am -12.30pm – Lego Free play & Board Games. 10.30am – Story tots – Storytime for under 6s.

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 14th February	EMHC training	Newbridge Parish Centre, 10am – 4pm
Saturday 7th March	EMHC training	Cathedral Parish Centre, 10am – 4pm

Celebrating 21 years: Visit Caragh's Christmas Craft Fair next Sunday, Dec.7th from 12-4.30pm home to over 30 vendors and exhibitors for 21 years. This is a Fair you won't want to miss. Wooden stalls with Yuletide Gifts, Festive Food, Christmas Decorations, Handmade Crafts, Seasonal Treats, Local Produce and gifts to suit all are available. Refreshments and festive treats served throughout the day. The Craft Fair is a wonderful experience where family, friends, neighbours and community meet and greet. It's Festive Fun for everyone. Entry and parking as always is FREE.