



# *Carbury Parish Newsletter*

## *Sunday 14th December 2025*

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

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**Eircode: Holy Trinity Church Derrinturn W91XN35**

**Eircode: Church of the Holy Family Kilshanroe A83XW11**

**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](http://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 1:18-24**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Quote on Advent Joy:** "Joy is not the same as happiness. We can be unhappy about many things, but joy can still be there because it comes from the knowledge of God's love for us... Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing — sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death — can take that love away." Henri Nouwen

"The Christian identity card is joy, the Gospel's joy, the joy of having been chosen by Jesus, saved by Jesus, regenerated by Jesus; the joy of that hope that Jesus is waiting for us, the joy that - even with the crosses and sufferings we bear in this life - is expressed in another way, which is peace in the certainty that Jesus accompanies us, is with us." Pope Francis

**An Advent Hope Prayer:** God of all creation, in these days we make our advent journey to you. As we journey to you as a pilgrim people and bear witness to God's presence in the world, may everyone know what it is to hope. May hope dwell in the heart of every person. May we each trust in the Spirit of hope who leads our way, and may we be bearers of Christ, the face of hope, to all we meet. Through the One who was, who is, and who is to Come, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Christmas Station Masses**

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

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

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

**Church Gate Collection:** For St Vincent de Paul, will take place at 7.30pm Saturday 13th December at Kilshanroe Church and 11am Sunday 14th December at Derrinturn Church, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. SVP are also open to new members, please contact [Holytrinity.carbury@svp.ie](mailto:Holytrinity.carbury@svp.ie) or Confidential Contact number 085-2736546.

**Family Carers Ireland:** Family Carers Ireland have launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher. Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at [www.familycarers.ie/christmas](http://www.familycarers.ie/christmas) - thank you!

**Balya Parish Draw:** Draw to be held on Sunday 11th January 2026 after 11.00am Mass in Broadford Parish Church. Prizes: First Prize: €1,000, Second Prize: €500, Third Prize: €200, there will also be three prizes of €100. Tickets are €10.00 each or a Book of 11 tickets for €100. Funds will be used to offset Insurance costs and to support the various projects in Balya Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

<b>2025</b>	<b>Derrinturn Church</b>	<b>Kilshanroe Church</b>
<b>Sat 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Lucy</i>		<b>7.30pm</b> Moyra Melia, Ticknevin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Thomas, Elizabeth & Margaret Moran, Athlone, Christopher & Annie Coyne, Edward, Mary, Laurence & Patrick Fanning, Ardkill, also Elizabeth & Michael Gorry, Allenwood, Christmas Remembrance. <b>Anniversary Masses:</b> Des & Brigid Bourke. James (Jim) Duffy, Mucklon. Breda Cummins, Ardkill. Walter Lewis, Coonough.
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11am</b> Jane Malone, Killina, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, also remembering Her Husband William. Patrick Hanniffy, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, also remembering His Parents Patrick & Mary, and his siblings. Eddie Logan, Coonough, Anniversary, also Tony Moran, Christmas Remembrance. John & Elizabeth Clancy, Carbury, Anniversary, James & Catherine Ennis, also the Deceased Members of the Ennis Family. Jim Cummins, Coonough, Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance. Brian & Patricia O'Neill, Killina, Anniversaries. Kate Gill, Anniversary, also the Deceased Members of the Gill Family. <b>Christmas Remembrances:</b> Lily, Teddy & Darragh O'Neill, Philomena & Thomas Kenny, Eddie & Esther Kenny, also Rose Kenny. Paddy, Brigid & Peadar O'Neill, Olivia & Lily Cox, and the Deceased Members of the Garry & O'Neill Family.	
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Mary di Rosa</i>	<i>Adoration until 10.30pm</i> <b>9.30am</b> Raymond Baldwin, Birthday Remembrance. <b>Anniversary Masses:</b> Julie Grace, Parsonstown. Owen, Mary Rose & Conleth Malone.	
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Adelaide</i>	<b>9.30am No Mass.</b>	
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Lazarus</i>		<b>9.00am</b> Followed by Adoration.
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Flannan</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Richard (Dick) Brennan, Birthday & Christmas Remembrance. James Garry, Killina, Anniversary, also remembering the Deceased Members of the Garry Family, Killina.	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Anastasius</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sean, Teresa & P.J O'Reilly, also Mary Murphy, Ballinakill, Carbury, Anniversaries.	
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Fachanan</i>		<b>7.30pm Anniversary Masses:</b> Sean & Una Boylan, Mucklon. Joseph & Mary McGrath, Ardkill, also their Son William & Daughter Angela Ward.
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> December</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11am</b> Pattie Rock, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, Her Husband Donie Rock, Roseanne & Brian Kenna and Deceased Members of the Kenna Family. Tony Moran, Christmas Remembrance. Daisy Mae Reilly, Birthday Remembrance. Mary Duffy, Clonkeen, Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance, also Mary, Tim, T.T & Thomas Duffy, Christmas Remembrance. John Connolly, Ticknevin, Birthday Remembrance.	

	Marie Mitchell, Anniversary. Susan & James Kearney, Nellie, Todd & Tommy Kearney, Sarah & Kevin Kearney, Louisa & Michael McHugh, and the Deceased Members of the Kearney & McHugh Family. Patrick & Mary Garrigan, Christmas Remembrance.	
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*Please remember in your prayers, Ned Cummins, Ticknevin, Carbury, Kildare May he rest in Peace.*

<b>Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Readers for Saturday 6th of December</b>		
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Gabrielle Walsh	Martin Mooney & Patricia Gallagher

<b>Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Readers for Sunday the 7th of December</b>		
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Teresa Corrigan	Fidelma Mallen & Sharon O'Brien

**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.

<b>Collections Saturday 6th &amp; Sunday 7th December</b>			
<b>Collections</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Derrinturn Basket	€725.00	Development	€691.80
Kilshanroe Basket	€435.00	Christmas Stations	€313.00
Christmas Day	€40.00	Mass Cards	€90.00
Autumn Offering	€10.00		

**Carbury GAA Lotto:** took place on Monday the 8th of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 10, 11, 14, 20, and the bonus ball was 24. There were 2 winners of the match 3, who each won €100. The next draw will take place on Monday the 15th of December. Jackpot is €12,300.

**#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/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

**Eucharistic Adoration – All Are Welcome:** Spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration takes place as follows:

- Every Monday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass until 10:30 p.m. in The Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn
- Every Wednesday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for one hour in The Holy Family Church, Kilshanroe

Please note: In the event that Mass is not celebrated, Eucharistic Adoration will proceed as scheduled in both Churches. Would you consider committing to one specific hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each Monday in The Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn? Please refer to the sign-up sheet available inside the Church each Monday for further details.

*“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.” — St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:** Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals. To donate, go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**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.

### **Edenderry Library**

**All December (until Dec 23rd)** Santa's Postbox is available in Edenderry Library for those all-important Santa letters. Jenny Bergin Artist Exhibition

**Tuesday 16th Dec:** 2pm – 5pm – Festive DIY Craft Table – Children must be supervised by an adult.

**Wednesday 17th Dec:** 3pm - 6pm – After School Lego Club with festive themed lego challenges.

5.30pm – Festive Family Movie Evening. 6pm - Born to Prance Performance Reading with Author Anthea McWilliams. 7pm – Ciorcal Comhrá – conversational Irish group for adults - new member's welcome.

**Thursday 18th Dec:**

11am – Baby & Me Sensory Music Session facilitated by Music Generation. Booking Required. 2.30pm - Festive Messy Play. Sensory Room available for Bookings every Thursday.

**Friday 19th Dec:** 10.30am – Baby & Toddler Group. 3.30pm – Christmas Reindeer Craft for over 6s. Booking Required.

**Saturday 20th Dec:** 10am – STEM Saturday including Magic Table. 10.30am – Festive Craft for under 6s (Melted snowman). 11am – Storytime for under 6s.

**Tuesday 23rd Dec**

14:00 – 17:00 – Festive DIY Craft Table – Children must be supervised by an adult.

**Edenderry Christmas Opening Hours:** Tuesday 23rd Dec - Open 10am – 4pm. Wednesday 24th - Monday 29th Dec – Closed. Tuesday 30th Dec - Open 10am – 5pm. Wednesday 31st Dec - Open 10am – 4pm. Thursday 1st Jan – Closed. Friday 2nd Jan – 10am – 5pm. Saturday 3rd Jan – 10am – 1pm.

### **Daingean Library**

**Tuesday 16th Dec:** 10am Baby and Toddler Group. 2pm – 4.30pm Boardgames.

**Thurs 18th Dec:** 2pm – 4.30pm After school festive Lego play. 3.30pm - Reindeer craft. 6pm - Adult book club.

**Sat 20th Dec:** 10am – 12.30pm Lego free play. 10am – 12.30pm Boardgames. 10.30am - Festive Story tots.

**Daingean Christmas Opening Hours:** Tuesday 23rd Dec - Open 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm. Wednesday 24th - Monday 29th Dec – Closed. Tuesday 30th Dec - Open 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm. Wednesday 31st Dec - Friday 2nd – Closed. Saturday 3rd Jan – 10am – 1pm.

**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)

**Foot Health Practitioner:** Based in Carbury Sports Clinic, Derrinturn are now taking appointments for Tuesday 23rd December for all your foot needs. To make an appointment or for any queries, please contact Ron on 086-3005672

**The Three Tenors Live:** Friday 19th December at 8.30pm, Holy Family Church, Askea. Tickets €30, available in the Parish Office or the Day Care Centre and also on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) All welcome.

**Room at the Inn, Christmas Carol Service:** Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, 5pm Sunday 21st December Presider; Bishop Denis Nulty. Everyone welcome. Donations on the evening for St. Vincent de Paul.

**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](mailto:kilshanroetidytowns@gmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page Kilshanroe Tidy Towns to get in touch. (20+) Kilshanroe Tidy Towns | Facebook