



Carbury Parish Newsletter

Sunday 21st December 2025

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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 2:13-15, 19-23

A Christmas Blessing

If you look for Me at Christmas...you won't need a special Star – I'm no longer In Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are. You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations – You'll have to look beyond the stories and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do, and listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you. You're the one I want to be with; you're the reason that I came. And you'll find me in the stillness, As I'm whispering your name. Love...Jesus

Fourth Sunday of Advent

We are the people of Advent: We are the people of Advent, for Advent is now, and not just back then. Therefore, we can see all the characters of the Advent that was 'then' in our Advent which is 'now'. Where in our lives is John the Baptist, provoking us to become aware of new things happening in our lives? Where is Zachariah in our lives, not immediately open to what is so new, so hard to understand? Where is Elizabeth, so ready, through the wisdom of living, to appreciate the coming of the Lord? Where is Joseph, so gracious when all was so strange? And where is Mary in us, trusting in the providence given to her, welcoming the word in her heart? For, where we find Mary in ourselves, there we find Christ being born in our souls. (Julie Kavanagh)

Advent thoughts on Love: Divine love. It is the love that changes lives, renews history, liberates from evil, fills hearts with peace and joy. Tonight, the love of God has been revealed to us: it is Jesus... Christmas reminds us that God continues to love us all, even the worst of us. To me, to you, to each of us, he says today: "I love you and I will always love you, for you are precious in my eyes"

At Christmas, the question is this: "Do I allow myself to be loved by God? Do I abandon myself to his love that comes to save me?" Let us receive the gift that is Jesus, in order then to become gift like Jesus.

(From a Christmas Homily by Pope Francis)

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th

Derrinturn 6.00pm (Children's Mass)

Kilshanroe 7.30pm

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th

Derrinturn 11am

St Stephens Day - Friday 26th

Derrinturn 9.30am



Parish Office Christmas Hours 2025: The Parish Office will close Tuesday the 23rd of December at 5pm and will reopen Monday the 5th 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. Bernard can be contacted at 046-9553355.

2025	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
Sat 20th December <i>St Fachanan</i>		7.30pm Anniversary Masses: Sean & Una Boylan, Mucklon. Joseph & Mary McGrath, Ardkill, also their Son William & Daughter Angela Ward.
Sun 21st December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	11am Pattie Rock, 2 nd Anniversary, Her Husband Donie Rock, Roseanne & Brian Kenna and Deceased Members of the Kenna Family. 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. Patrick & Patricia Gill, Christmas Remembrance.	
Mon 22nd December <i>St Flavianus</i>	<i>Adoration until 10.30pm</i> 9.30am Mary McNally, Drehid, Anniversary. Christmas Remembrances: Patrick, Ellen & Mary Pender, Ticknevin, also Ettie & Steve Domican. William & Annie Gorey, James & Ita Jacob, Mary & Jimmy Hogan, Jimmy Jacob, Nancy & Michael Walsh, Ita Mahon, Teresa O'Brien & Sheila Goucavan.	
Tues 23rd December <i>St John of Kety</i>	9.30am No Mass.	
Wed 24th December <i>Ss Irmina and Adela</i>	6pm Paddy Cronly, Carbury Village, 1 st Anniversary. William Devine, Kilmurray, 39 th Anniversary, also remembering the Deceased Members of the Devine Family. Christmas Remembrances: Pat (Archie) Moore, Killina. Claire Melia. Pauline Cummins, Rathmore. Dick, Marcella & Declan Kearney, Killina. Sennan Daly, Fr. Frank Kavanagh and all the Deceased Members of the Mallen, Daly & Burke Families, Christy & Phyllis Sheilds, and the Deceased Members of the Shields & Donoghue Family. Ann Kelly, Ballinakill.	7.30pm Christmas Remembrances: Sean, Tom & Edward Mooney & Katie Anne Sands, Killina. John Dunne, Parsonstown.
Thurs 25th December <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	11.00am Kevin Duffy, Birthday & Christmas Remembrance. Thomas Considine, Derrinturn, Anniversary. Philomena Kenny, Anniversary. Nan Brennan, Ticknevin, Birthday Remembrance, also remembering Tommy & Andy Brennan. Mass for the Holy Souls. Christmas Remembrances: Sean & Irene Fylan, Ballyhegan. Joe (Body) Duffy, Ballyhegan. John O'Driscoll, Dublin. James (Jimmy) Earle, Rathangan/ Edenderry. Michael & Peggy Connolly, Ticknevin Lock, also Peter, Maisie & Paddy Killalea, Timahoe. Michael & Mary Sullivan, their Son Tony & Jim & Kate Connolly, Ticknevin. Eileen Connolly, Kilpatrick.	

Fri 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30am Stephanie Leeson, Christmas Remembrance. Martin & Rose Glennon, Edward & Margaret Dowdall, also their Son Eddie, Christmas Remembrance. Anniversary Masses: Helen Fanning, Boherbree. Pat Donoghue, Ticknevin. Mary Kate & Jim Kenna, Dreenane.	
Sat 27th December <i>St John</i>		7.30pm Phyllis & Richard Gavillet, 2 nd Anniversary. Tessie Duffy, Cloona, 3 rd Anniversary. Eilish & William Holton and their Daughter Anne, Cloona, Anniversaries, also the Deceased Members of the Holton Family. Andy Flood, Coonough, Anniversary.
Sun 28th December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	11am Willie Watson, Months Mind. Bernie Reilly, Broadford / Derrinturn, 1 st Anniversary. Sean Daniels, Birthday Remembrance. Anniversary Masses: Ned & Vera Fanning, Clonkeen. Mary & Michael Haslam, Ticknevin, Ellen, John & Elizabeth Kenny, Ticknevin, also Tom Roche, Killina. Noel Reilly.	

Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers & Readers for Saturday 27th of December

<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
<i>Saturday 7.30pm</i>	Martin Mooney	Aedamar O'Reilly & Kathleen Dempsey

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<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>Sunday 11am</i>	Sharon O'Brien	Cindy Pender & Rose Marie Carey

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 13th & Sunday 14th December

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Derrinturn Basket	€495.00	Development	€568.00
Kilshanroe Basket	€255.00	Christmas Stations	€202.00
Mass Cards	€205.00		

Carbury GAA Lotto: took place on Monday the 15th of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 6, 9, 13, 25, and the bonus ball was 14. There were 2 winners of the match 3, who each won €100. The next draw will take place on Monday the 22nd of December. Jackpot is €12,400.

Carbury Carers: held their Annual Christmas Raffle in the Turn Inn on Friday last, a list of the prize winners is listed below. This year was a tremendous success and the Carers wish to thank all those who sponsored prizes and gave donations. A special thank you to all those who sold tickets and to everyone who generously supported the raffle. Prize Winners are as follows: 1st Nevin Farrell. 2nd Michael Tyrrell. 3rd Peg Hughes. 4th Ann Considine. 5th Marcus Baldwin. 6th Eric Cunningham. 7th Mark O'Donoghue. 8th Josephine Holton. 9th Pat Reynolds. 10th Tom Smyth Snr. 11th Paula McCairn. 12th Terry Cummins. 13th Liz Potterton. 14th Angel Ceriza. 15th Ollie Kearney. 16th Rita Kinsella. 17th Liz Hardy. 18th Ian Cadgen. 19th Martin Sheegar.

Thankyou: St Vincent de Paul, Carbury Branch, would like to thank all individuals and businesses for their kind generosity on their recent church gate collection. New members are always welcome. Please contact carburysvp@gmail.com or + 085 273 6546 for more information.

Balyna 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 Balyna Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Lists 2026: are now available to collect from Biddy in Derrinturn Church and Eileen in Kilshanroe Church.

Christmas Message 2025

There is a sameness and a beauty about every Christmas. We send the same people greeting cards, promising to meet in the New Year; we hear the same scripture readings at Christmas Masses, but they don't in any sense lose their freshness; we share in the same rituals, and if we are honest, we wouldn't want to change a thing. I love Christmas. I hope all of you do. I am conscious there are people who will be on their own for Christmas. Christmas can be a day of contrasts. In one house, several family members will be crowded around the one table wearing their party hats and pulling Christmas crackers. Next door, a solitary figure might be sitting alone with a microwave meal. Let's look out for one another this Christmas. Some of you have suffered bereavements this past year, be gentle with yourself, Christmas mightn't be so easy. Christmas this year comes as the Jubilee Year of Hope draws to a close. We will gather in the Cathedral on the Feast of the Holy Family to formally close it in the diocese. A year ago, at the launch of the Jubilee Year I made the front door of every home a place of pilgrimage to be reconciled with one another. Last weekend during the Jubilee for Prisoners I designated every cell door in itself a place of pilgrimage, a place where prisoners might pass through renewed, refreshed and reconciled with God, with themselves and with those on the outside. And of course, the designation of the Relic of St. Brigid in the church in Kildare Town. It may look like I didn't designate many Jubilee Places of Pilgrimage around the diocese, but truth be told I probably designated more than anywhere else and that is because of the particular Jubilee it was, the Jubilee of Hope. Hope is a faithful companion through all our ups and downs. Whenever you walk through a door, remind yourself of the hope we have in Christ our Lord. We have been blessed in many ways this year throughout the diocese; the ceremony last month as I installed the relic of St. Columbanus in the Church in Myshall allowed us to complete the circle of a very memorable few days last July as we hosted the 26th International Columbanus Weekend; we have seen lay pastoral ministers commence formal training for ministry in our parishes; the establishment of Pastoral Areas where we can avail of greater opportunity of collaborating with neighbouring parishes has begun and we pray that this may deepen in the coming year.

As always, I warmly thank our priests, our deacons, our religious and lay women and men who are the backbone of every parish and our diocese.

May you all be blessed with the graces Christmas and a New Year bring.

✠Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

Invitation to Mass for the closing of the Jubilee Year: Dioceses across the world will mark the closing of the Jubilee Year on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28. This day coincides with the closing of Holy Doors in the Roman Basilicas of Saint Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. The Jubilee Year will officially conclude with the closing of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome by Pope Leo on January 6. Bishop Denis invites all parishioners across the diocese to join him in giving thanks for the graces of the Jubilee Year in the celebration of the Mass, in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow, at 10:30 am Mass. Music will be led by the Cathedral Choir.

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

Carbury GAA Upcoming Events: Sat 27 Dec - The Young Wolfetones - tickets at the club bar and on www.theyoungwolfetones.com Sun 28 Dec - Monster Bingo at 2pm. €3,500 in prizes including guaranteed €1500 jackpot. Wed 31 Dec - As our Centenary year comes to a close, the club will bury a time capsule at 4pm. All welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary:

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