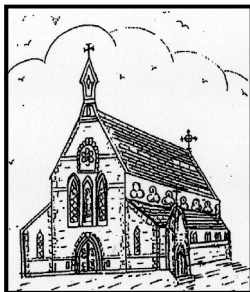


Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter



14th. December - Third Sunday of Advent.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is. 61: 1-2. 10-11
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm Lk. 46-54
 Second Reading: 1. Thess. 5: 16-24
 Gospel: Jn. 1: 6-8.19-28

**"A voice that cries in the wilderness:
 Make a straight way for the Lord".**



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

There is so much darkness around us: in the Church, in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical. The Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light.' He gave hope to people.

We can think of many people in society today who witness to the light. One that comes to mind is Malala Yousafzai. Malala was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan. She was targeted for speaking out on the rights of women to education. She has said: 'We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world.' Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class.

Look around your families and communities and you will see many who witness to the light. We each have the capacity to do the same, however dark the situation may be. The Gospel challenge is to bring hope and good news. We should take example from the Malala's of the world. 'They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.'

Michel de Verteuil

Jane Mellett

Christmas Card

A Christmas Card giving the times of the Christmas ceremonies and a parish calendar, together with a box of envelopes for 2015 for those who use them, will be distributed

Parish Clergy

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Parish Office

Saturday 10.45am-12 midday
 (Parish office is behind the Sacristy.)

Mass Times,

Mon, to Fri. - 7.30am & 10.00am.
 Sat - 10.00am.

Sunday 6.00pm, (Sat Eve)
 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.

Rosary, Mon – Sat. after 10am Mass,
 Sunday 10.10 am

Confession

Saturday - after 10am Mass until 10.45
 After 6pm Mass until 7pm.

Monday Night

Monday night Mass and Adoration At 7.30pm

Christian Meditation every Wednesday

Legion of Mary - Meet in the Sacristy
 on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.
 New members always welcome.

Weekend of 20th – 21st. Dec.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm.	Martina Barrett	Donal Kerins
8.30am	Denis Hyland	
10.30am	Mary Barry	Michael Ahern
	Teresa Murray	
12.30pm	Maureen Horgan	Bernie Carroll
	Aine Hyland	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm.	Pat Burke
8.30am	Eileen Ahern
10.30am	Jack McCarthy
12.30pm	John Weldon

We welcome to our Parish Community

Olivia Eve Crawford

who was baptised last weekend.

Christmas Offerings

It would be greatly appreciated, for security reasons, if you would bring your "Christmas Offerings to the Priests" envelope to Mass on next week-end.

Congratulations to

**Catherine Garde
 and David Falvey**

who were married this week.

Congratulations to

**Sheila Buckley
 and Colum Murphy**

who were married this week.

"Ask what Jesus wants from you and be brave"

Pope Francis

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Carrigtwohill GAA

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Lotto results for Monday 8th Dec.
Jackpot €7,400. Numbers drawn 6, 9, 10, 28. No winner. €50 winners, Tomás Hogan and Paudge Deehan. Next week's jackpot €7,600. Draw in the Gaelic Bar.

A note from Safeguarding Children Cloyne Diocesan Committee:

The Safeguarding Children Newsletter (Christmas 2014) available throughout the church this week-end highlights: The true and factual narrative that the Diocese of Cloyne has shown "very strong commitment and spared no effort" in ensuring a safe environment for children in all aspects of church life and activity and that Bishop Crean, Church personnel, committees, staff and volun-

Pastoral Letter The Meaning of Marriage

The Irish Bishops have issued a pastoral letter on the meaning of marriage, which is available at the back of the church, please take a copy home to read.

The pastoral statement advises the faithful that "to redefine the nature of marriage would be to undermine it as the fundamental building block of our society. The Church seeks with others to reaffirm ... that marriage should be reserved for the unique and complementary relationship between a woman and a man from which the generation and upbringing of children is uniquely possible."

Bishops encourage everyone to read *The Meaning of Marriage* which is currently being distributed to over 1,300 parishes.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Carrigtwohill Conference Christmas Appeal 2014.

We will hold our Annual Christmas collection following all Masses this weekend, your generosity would be greatly appreciated and will help us to continue our work at a time of the year that can be difficult for many families.

Our thanks to all who donated goods at the gift Masses last weekend.

2014 - Best Cracker Jokes.

What do you call a little lobster who won't share his Christmas presents?
Shell-fish

What's round and bad tempered?
A vicious circle

What lies at the bottom of the sea and shivers? A nervous wreck.

And there's more where they came

Ennismore Retreat Centre

Just to wish you a peaceful
Advent and Christmas Season.

Our Brochure for 2015 is now
available on line.

Also, to let you know that Christmas
Mass Cards and the newly released
CD – Soul Space, are available at
Reception.

Our Christmas closing is from -
December 23rd 2014

Prayer Corner

Advent Prayer

O Feeder of the Hungry
come -

Make our hearts and souls
hungry for your word, your
wisdom, your justice, your
vision for our world.

Open us to leave space for
you

by emptying ourselves of
clutter:

of unfruitful busyness,
of rigid opinions,
of self-righteous judgment,
that we might create room
for your spirit to enter.

Satisfy us with your
presence

And compel us to
generously and joyfully
feed the many hungry
of our hurting world.

Gospel Choir

We welcome the Gospel Choir to
our 12.30 Mass this Sunday.

Christmas Ceremonies 2014

Parish Carol Service

Sunday 21st. at 7.30pm

Masses

Christmas Eve

10am.

6.00pm., 8.00pm., & 10.00pm

Christmas Day

8.30am., 10.30am., & 12.30pm.

December 26th.

Mass at 10am. Only.

Confessions

Saturday 20th.

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Also before and after 6.00pm. Mass

Monday 22nd.

Penitential Service 7.30pm.

Christmas Eve

10.30 - 11.30am. & 5.00 - 6.00pm.

Also at 7.00 - 8.00pm.

Parish Carol Ser- vice

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