



Carrigtwohill Parish

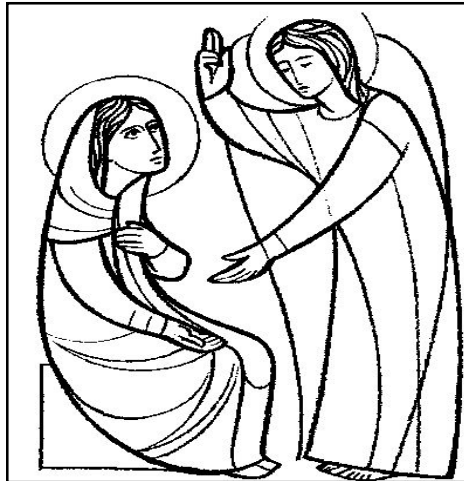
21st. December - Forth Sunday of Advent.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 2 Sam. 7: 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16.
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68
 Second Reading: Rom. 16: 25-27
 Gospel: Lk. 1: 26-38

"You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High".



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

We sometimes distance ourselves from the real encounter here. As Margaret Silf notes, we sometimes 'put Mary into a glass case, surround her with flowers, and avoid the personal consequences of this moment'. And there could have been very severe consequences for Mary, even death by stoning.

Mary's yes is an example of completely surrendering to God's will. She surrenders her motherhood, her entire life to God.

We can think today of those who mother against the odds in our world. In places where there is no food, no clean water, the threat of disease, of torture; those who watch their children suffer from addiction or violence. And we remember those who are the angel Gabriel's of the world, bringing good news and hope that 'nothing is impossible'.

'Hail Mary, woman of Nazareth, home maker, cleaner, preparer of food, fetcher of water, God is with you in your everyday excursions in this ordinary town. Blessed are you among women and blessed indeed are women in their everyday lives, in the confines of family life, in the ambivalence of decision making, in the silences and blessed are the fruits of all our labours'.

Janet Lees

Penitential Service

Monday

22nd. of December

St Mary's Church
 Carrigtwohill



Parish Clergy

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Parish Website
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Parish Office

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

Mass Times,

Mon, & Tues. - 7.30am & 10.00am.
 Wed. to Fri. see Christmas schedule.
 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

See Christmas Schedule
 Saturday - after 10am Mass until 10.45

Monday Night

Monday night Penitential Service 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 27th - 28th. Dec.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm.	Anne Murphy	Mary Harte
8.30am	Mary Cronin	
10.30am	Paudie O'Mahony	James Roche
	Jim O'Brien	
12.30pm	Teresa O'Donovan	Marie Menzies
	Dermot Cashman	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm.	Barbara McGrath
8.30am	Laura O'Sullivan
10.30am	Kathleen Harte
12.30pm	Colin Santry

The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -
Catherine (Kay) O'Brien
 who died during the week

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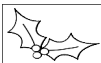
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Margaret (Peggy) Sullivan
 who died during the week

SVP Christmas Appeal 2014.

Our thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas appeal last weekend.
 We wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy new year.

As we approach Christmas, if you or somebody you know needs assistance
 Please phone: 4533971

**A silent night, a star above,
 a blessed gift of hope & love.**



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Carrigtwohill GAA

www.carrigtwohillgaa.com

Lotto results for Monday 15th Dec.
Jackpot €7,600. Numbers drawn 13, 16, 22, 25. No winner. €50 winners, Eileen Courtney and Ann c/o Tim O'Connor.
Next week's jackpot €7,800. Draw in the

Christmas Message

My friends,

The overall growth in the economy simply has not yet touched the lives of so many young people on the margins and the families that fret over their homes and accommodation for their families.

These families are foremost in our minds as are the many families who are displaced by violence and war, disease and persecution.

In the midst of all this suffering and anxiety it is truly heartening to witness the compassion and generosity of so many groups who reach out to those in need. That is why the Advent/Christmas season is so heartening and up-lifting. Its light and hope lifts up our hearts to a new appreciation of our faith in the Christ Child, Emmanuel, God - with us.

May I wish you every joy and blessing in the celebration of this Christmas Season. May it be a time to deepen our appreciation of the gift and blessing of our Christian faith, our families and

We welcome to our
Parish Community

Benjamin Michael O'Brien
Kaitlin Barbara Catherine O'Dea
who were baptised last weekend.



Parish Carol Service

This Sunday 21st December

At 7.30pm.

St. Mary's Church,
Carrigtwohill

Performances from all our local choirs
Parish Choir - Gospel choir
Folk Choir - Children's Choir

Special Guests

Dervla Burke

of 'Crystal Swing'

And Ger Horgan

+ Many other soloists and Readers

2014 - Even Better Cracker Jokes.

What song do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer?

A brick-layer.

Why should you never try to make a three-level wedding cake?

Because it always ends in tiers.

What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

Prayer Corner

Christmas Prayer

"May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth.

May hunger disappear and terrorists cease their senseless acts.

May people live in freedom, worshipping as they see fit, loving others.

May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved.

May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme."



Trocaire

Trocaire thanks all clergy and parishioners for their support and wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful New

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**WE
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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.

"NEW YEAR'S EVE"

Charity Dinner Dance

At Garryvoe Hotel, Music by the Clubmen. Proceeds to the Knights of St Columbanus Charities.

Tickets available from Jim Leahy @ 086-8046989 or Frank Terry @ 087 7777970.