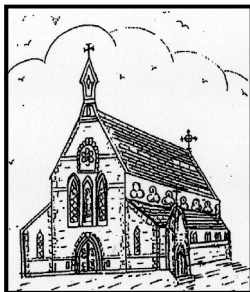


# Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter



**28th. December - Feast of the Holy Family.**

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Gen. 15: 1-6. 21: 1-3  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104  
 Second Reading: Heb. 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19  
 Gospel: Lk. 2: 22-40

"My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see".



## Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

Simeon and Anna have been waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled. They represent all that has happened in Israel's history before this moment. What kind of Messiah were they expecting? Simeon had been assured that he would not die before this moment came and he is there to welcome this family who must have

seemed 'ordinary' and poor. Simeon can see that this child will be 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of your people Israel'. Already there is a note of reversal; of boundaries being stretched. Mary is told that this child 'is destined for the fall and the rising of many'. There will be trouble ahead; there will be challenges for many. Simeon knows that many thoughts will be exposed, what people really think will be revealed, who they welcome and who they exclude will be challenged; for God's invitation and welcome has no boundaries. Anna rejoices for all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. In this statement she knows that this child will overturn systems of oppression and exclusion.

Luke is interested in how humanity responds to the Gospel. If Jesus' message is really good news, then this requires a shakeup; a shakeup which challenges comfortable assumptions about the way God works. God's abundant invitation to all may not sit comfortably with many. While Anna prays and fasts for a change of heart in the way Jerusalem operates, Simeon warns Mary that this will not be an easy road.

Jane Mellett

"There is no such thing as perfection. But, in striving for perfection, we can achieve excellence."

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## Parish Office

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

## Mass Times,

Mon, to Fri. - 10.00am. Only  
 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**  
**Next meeting on 7th. January**

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

Weekend of 3rd – 4th. Jan.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

|         |                 |                 |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6.00pm. | David O'Gorman  | Sheila O'Gorman |
| 8.30am  | Mary Monahan    |                 |
| 10.30am | Michael Ahern   | Mary Barry      |
|         | Teresa Murray   |                 |
| 12.30pm | Margot Hartnett | Bernie Carroll  |
|         | Maureen Horgan  |                 |

Ministers of the Word.

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|---------|------------------|
| 6.00pm. | Colette McCarthy |
| 8.30am  | Colm Drinan      |
| 10.30am | Cora Rohan       |
| 12.30pm | Anita McDonnell  |

We welcome to our Parish Community

**Liam Leonard Allitt**  
 who was baptised last weekend.

**The sympathy of the Parish Community**  
 is extended to the family and friends of -  
**John Joseph (Joe) O'Mahony**  
 who died during the week  
**May he rest in peace.**

**The sympathy of the Parish Community**  
 is extended to the family and friends of -  
**Claire Kenneally (Cloyne)**  
 Sister in law to Sister de Lourdes,  
 who died during the week

**Please Note**  
 No 7.30am. Mass during the coming week.  
**10.00am. Mass only.**

## Community Page

### Carrigtwohill GAA

[www.carrigtwohillgaa.com](http://www.carrigtwohillgaa.com)

Lotto results for Monday 22nd Dec.

Jackpot €7,800. Numbers drawn 6, 11, 13, 22. No winner. €50 winners, Patsy and Sean and Ciara Rohan. Next week's jack-



### Blood Donor Clinic

Carrigtwohill Community Centre

Tuesday 6th. January

5.00pm - 8.30pm

Donations greatly needed at this

### **From the joint Christmas message of Archbishop Eamon Martin and Church of Ireland Archbishop Richard Clarke.**

As we once again reflect on the Nativity story, let us remember that the infant Jesus and his earthly parents also had to face need, hatred and persecution in Bethlehem and had to flee for the relative safety of Egypt. Yet the simple message of the angel to the shepherds was "Do not be afraid" for this child would be the Saviour of the world. He is called Emmanuel, which being translated means God with us. God with us in our darkest fears and in our brightest joys. May the light of the Christ child shine upon



### Feast of the Holy Family

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their

### Senior Citizens

Annual Senior Citizens Dinner.  
4th of January.

Midleton Park Hotel  
Meal Served at 4.00pm.  
Tickets €20.00



### Prayer Corner

#### New Year Prayer

We give thanks  
for all that has been  
and, trustfully,  
we place the past into your hands.  
We ask you to inspire us  
in the year ahead  
to seek and fulfil your will.

May we truly look on each new  
day as the start of the rest of our  
lives.

Enable us,  
with the power of your Spirit,  
to remain positive and confident,  
and live fully and joyfully  
with those people  
you have placed into our lives.  
Lead us  
to bring out the best in one  
another that we may all grow  
as the people you call us to be.

**Amen**



### New Year Wish

"I wish for those I love this New Year an opportunity to earn sufficient, to have that which they need for their own and to give that which they desire to others, to bring in to the lives of those about them some measure of joy, to know the satisfaction of work well done, of recreation earned and therefore savored, to end the year a little wiser, a little kinder and therefore a little happier."

### January and a New Year

"Here we are in a month named after the Roman god Janus, an appropriate personification of the start of the new year. This particular Roman god had two faces so that he could look ahead toward the future and back at the past at the same time. As we get rid of an old year and look forward to a new one, we all try to be a little like Janus. We know through experience what we did wrong and what we did right, and hope to do better this year. Some people make ambitious new

### New Year Cleanout

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so