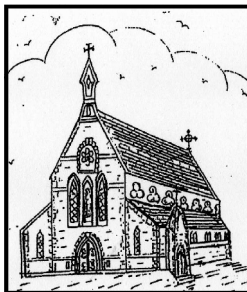


# Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter



**7th. December - Second Sunday of Advent.**

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is. 40: 1-5; 9-11  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84  
 Second Reading: 2. Peter 3: 8-14  
 Gospel: Mark. 1: 1-18

"Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to



## Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

John the Baptist is an interesting character. He wasn't someone who kept up with the latest fashion. We are told he wore strange clothes, ate insects and lived in the desert. And yet John was very popular as we hear that 'all of Judea' came to him. There was obviously something very attractive about John.

People could see something in him; something that inspired them; something that gave them hope. John is clear that he is not the one they are looking for; rather he is someone who is pointing to the one they are looking for. John shows the way for people, he is a signpost to God.

The world says to God, 'we no longer need you, we know what is best'. And then we look at the wilderness of our modern world and hear the voice of one crying, 'Prepare a way'. How do we prepare for welcoming God's love into our hearts? God is crying out for us to welcome him again and again. It is us who are blocked; we put so many things in the way. John is urging us to clear the path, to let go of all the things that are preventing us from experiencing God's love. John is calling people out from despair into hopefulness.

Jane Mellett

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 8.30am, 10.30am

## Dates for your Diary

Sun 7th Dec - Gift Mass (at all Masses)  
 Sun 21st Dec - Carol Service at 7.30pm

## Parish Clergy

Parish Priest - Fr. Anthony O'Brien,  
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## Parish Office

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

## Mass Times,

Tues, 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 13th – 14th. Dec.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm.	Sheila O'Gorman	Phil O'Gorman
8.30am	Sr. Eucharistia	
10.30am	Paudie O'Mahony	James Roche
	Jim O'Brien	
12.30pm	Dermot Cashman	Marie Menzies
	Margot Hartnett	

### Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm.	Noreen Healy
8.30am	Liz Hyland
10.30am	Tadhg O'Donovan
12.30pm	Dominic Cronin

## 8th Dec. The Immaculate Conception

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

8.30am	Catherine Ryan	
10.30am	John Fitzgerald	Connie Lane
	John O'Mahony	
12.30pm	Teresa O'Donovan	Anne O'Neill
	Marion Joy	

We welcome to our Parish Community

**Blake Joseph Ford**

who was baptised last weekend.



## Gift Masses



All Masses on this weekend, 6th and 7th of December, will be 'Gift Masses'. Any non perishable gifts would be welcome. All gifts will go to our local Society of St.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

## Community Page

### Carrigtwohill GAA

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

Lotto results for Monday 1st. Dec.  
Jackpot €7,200. Numbers drawn 7, 15, 19, 20. No winner. €50 winners, Judy c/o Spratts and Donal Scannell Next week's jackpot €7,400. Draw in Spratts Bar.

### Greenville Christmas Sale

Greenville Christmas Sale in aid of Cork Association for Autism 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 10am to 3pm. Plants, pottery, Christmas gifts and decorations for sale.

### Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co.Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December. Many young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### Sirius Art Centre Concert

Karen Underwood & John O'Brien, Sirius Art Centre, Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> 8pm (doors open 7.30pm) Tickets €20 on sale now from Cobh Family Resource Centre tel 021 481610. Proceeds in aid of the Counselling service at Cobh Family

"The things that matter most in this world, they can never be held in our hand".

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

We ask you to support our annual Christmas Appeal which takes place this year on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The monies raised from our appeal will go to supporting families and individuals from the local community who are experiencing poverty in its various forms and who have sought material or financial support from the Society to help them through what can be a short but very difficult time in their lives.

We also provide a range of practical services and assistance to families through our Family Resource Centre. These include a Community Pre-School, Parent and Toddler Group, Shared Reading, Out of Schools Club, Family Support and outreach services.

We would be obliged if you could enclose any contribution in the envelope provided and return it to us in any of the following ways.

- The local SVP Church Gate collection
- To "Vincent's" Shop, Main Street.

Or to any member of the local Conference.

We would like to express our appreciation for your generous response to our previous

### Senior Citizens

#### **No Dance for December.**

Annual Senior Citizens Dinner.  
4th of January.

Meal Served at 4.00pm.  
Tickets €20.00



### Prayer Corner

#### Prayer to the Immaculate Conception

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of Your Son.  
You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by His death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.  
Help us by her prayers to live in Your presence without sin.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



### Parish Carol Service

Parish Carol Service  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December



Global Catholic Network [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)  
Mass broadcast every day at  
12 noon and 6.00pm.

### 'Carols by Candlelight'

A 'Carols by Candlelight' Concert will take place at St. Patrick's Church on the Lower Glanmire Road, Cork City on Friday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Funds raised will benefit the **Cork Association for Autism (CAA)**. Choirs performing on the night include Note Perfect, Cork Garda Male Voice Choir, Rainbow Lyrics, The Cork Prison Officers Male Voice Choir and The Choir of St. Patrick's. Tickets cost €15 at - [www.corkautism.ie](http://www.corkautism.ie).

### The Advent Wreath

The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.  
The wreath itself is also symbolic. The

### Pope's intentions for December

**Universal:** Christmas, Hope for Humanity. That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

**Evangelisation:** Parents. That parents may be true evangelisers, passing on to

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.