

Prayer Corner

Advent Prayer

Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your
promises and ever close
to your Church: the earth
rejoices in hope of the
Saviour's coming and
looks forward with
longing to his return at
the end of time.

Prepare our hearts and
remove the sadness that
hinders us from feeling
the joy and hope which
his presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever
and ever.

Amen.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Youth 2000 invites all **young adults**
between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic week-
end retreat taking place from 18th-20th
December 2015 at Newbridge College,
Co. Kildare. This will be an exciting
weekend attracting over 600 young people
from all over the country.

There will be **free buses** picking up from
various areas throughout the country.

Booking is essential. For more infor-
mation see- www.youth2000.ie,
or Tel: **01 6753690**

Christmas Ceremonies

2015



Parish Carol Service

Sunday 13th. December at 7.30pm

Penitential Service

Monday 21st December at 8.00pm.

Masses

Christmas Eve

10am.

6.00pm., 8.00pm., & 10.00pm

Christmas Day

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

St Stephen's Day

Mass at 10am. Only.

Confessions

Saturday 19th.

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Also before and after 6.00pm. Mass

Christmas Eve

10.30 - 11.30am. & 5.00 - 6.00pm.

Also at 7.00 - 8.00pm.

Church Collection Envelopes

The boxes of Church Collection
Envelopes for 2016 are now available in
the sacristy. If you could collect your
box, it would be appreciated. Calendars
and cards will be available later.

Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

13th December 2015 - Third Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Zeph. 3: 14-18
Responsorial Psalm: Is. 12;2-6. R.v.6
Second Reading: Phil. 4: 4-7
Gospel: Lk. 3: 10-18

'Someone is coming, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
undo the strap of his sandals.'



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

In his poem Japanese Maple, Clive James
offers a heartrending description of some
of the beauty he observes during what he
believes are his final days.

You feel the drain
Of energy, but thought and sight remain:

Enhanced, in fact.

When did you ever see
So much sweet beauty as when fine rain
falls
On that small tree
And saturates your brick back garden
walls

Faced with his mortality, the poet was
able to celebrate and take pleasure in the
simplest of things. The poem radiates with
acceptance and a certain contentment as
he reflects on the world and its 'sweet
beauty'. (A year later he wrote of his em-
barrassment at still being alive after the
attention the poem garnered!)

Today is Gaudete Sunday; the day takes
its name from the Latin Gaudete meaning
'Rejoice'. The first line of our Second
Reading uses the word 'happy' twice and
'happiness' once. This happiness Paul
speaks of is not a passing mood, but a
deeper happiness and contentment, a
peace of heart. Do we take the time to
cultivate this deeper sense of happiness? It
is something we can think about as we
prepare for Christmas. It is not the gifts
and festivities that will bring us true and
lasting happiness. Triona Doherty

Parish Newsletter

Please advise any of your friends or
family who live outside the parish or
abroad, that our weekly newsletter is
available to view on the parish
Website www.carrigtwohillparish.ie



Parish Contacts

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Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9.30am to 12.30pm.
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Mass Times

Sunday - 6.00pm, (Sat Eve)

8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.

Weekdays

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

Saturday - 10.00am. & 6.00pm.

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

Confession

Saturday - after 10.00am Mass until 10.45.
- after 6.00pm Mass until 7.00pm.

Monday

7.30pm Mass followed by Adoration

Christian Meditation every Wednesday evening in the sacristy at 6.30pm.

For information contact -
John Ryan at 087 6380388

Legion of Mary - Meet in the Sacristy

on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

New members always welcome.

Weekend of 19th. - 20th. Dec.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Anne Murphy	David O'Gorman
8.30am	Denis Hyland	
10.30am	Paudie O'Mahony	Jim O'Brien
	James Roche	
12.30pm	Teresa O'Donovan	Aine Barry
	Marie Menzies	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Noreen Healy
8.30am	Eileen Ahern
10.30am	Jack McCarthy
12.30pm	John Weldon

We welcome to our Parish Community

Katie Ellen Collins

Elise Vivienne McGinn

who was baptised last weekend.

The Year of Mercy began on December 8th.

The following is from Pope Francis's BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY:
"On the following Sunday, the **Third Sunday of Advent**, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome - that is, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran - will be opened..."

On the same Sunday, I will announce that in every local church, **at the cathedral - the mother church of the faithful in any particular area - a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year.**

Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church's universal communion.

Bishop Crecan therefore opened the Holy Door at St Colman's Cathedral, Cobh on December 12th at 6.00 pm Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent.

Community Page

Carrigtwohill GAA

www.carrigtwohillgaa.com

Lotto results for Monday 7th. of December.
Jackpot €3,400. Numbers drawn 10, 13, 22, 26.
No Winners. €50 winners, Tracy Hawkins and Brandon Barry c/o Martin. Next week's jackpot €3,600, draw in Spratts Bar.



Parish Carol Service

Sunday 13th. December

At 7.30pm.

St. Mary's Church,

Performances from our local choirs

Carrigtwohill Parish Choir

Carrigtwohill Gospel Choir

(Featuring - Richard Bunn)

Carrigtwohill Youth Choir

Special Guests

Kitha Tones - Male Voice Choir

Cellist - Carol O'Connor

Plus Ger and Michaela Horgan

Penitential Service

Mon. 21st. of Dec.

St Mary's Church

Carrigtwohill

At 7.30pm



TROCAIRE

Working for a Just World

Trócaire has launched it's Christmas gift range that will directly benefit families in some of the world's poorest countries.

From olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5/£4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/£200), when you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice. Further info at www.trocaire.org/gifts

Carrigtwohill SVP Annual Appeal



Our annual Church gate collection is taking place this week-end also donations can also be handed into the Family Resource Centre at any time.

Dear Santa

Dear Santa, did you get my tweet of presents I would think are sweet? And what about my Facebook post of toys and stuff I want the most?

Dear Santa, did you read my blog? That's where I keep a running log of all the times that I've been good and doing things I know I should.

I hope you saw my Instagram, my email wasn't flagged as spam, you've seen my YouTube channel too and all my texts have made it through.

Wait, does the North Pole even get computers and the Internet? I hope it does. I mean, it better, or - I might have to write a letter!!

Cork Association for Autism Christmas Sale

A Christmas Sale will take place in Greenville, Carrigtwohill on Thursday December 17th from 10am-5pm. There will be pottery pieces for sale which have been made by the CAA's clients along with plants which have been grown in Greenville. Christmas decorations and gifts will be on offer along with teas/coffees and treats.

Christmas Offerings

For security reasons, we would appreciate, if you would consider bringing your "Christmas Offerings to the Priests" envelope to Mass on next week-end.