

Prayer Corner

Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son.

Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.

Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



The Parish Office will close at 11.30am next Thursday 22nd December, will open during the Christmas break on Thursday 29th December from 9.30-11.30 and re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Any enquiries, baptism bookings or certificate requests please contact Orla on 4533806 or

email office@carrigtwohillparish.ie.

Any urgent enquiries outside these times please contact Canon O'Brien or Fr. Greene.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Christmas Ceremonies 2016

Parish Carol Service

Sunday 18th. Dec.
at 7.30pm



Penitential Service

Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm.

Masses

Christmas Eve

10.00am.
6.00pm., 8.00pm., & 10.00pm

Christmas Day

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

St Stephen's Day

Mass at 10am. Only.

Confessions

Saturday 17th.

10.30am - 12.00 noon

Also before and after 6.00pm. Mass

Christmas Eve

10.30 - 11.00am. & 12.00 - 1.00pm.

Also 5.00 - 6.00pm & 7.00 - 8.00pm.

**We invite you to join with us as we
prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus.**

Training for Parish Catechists

The second two year training, the Maryvale Certificate in Catechesis, will begin in Cork in January 2017. Information packs and registration forms are available from the Cork and Ross Pastoral Development Office tel: 021 4537601 and must be returned at the latest by 10th January. This course is also open to those wishing to enhance their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

www.carrigtwohillparish.ie

18th. December 2016 - 4th. Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is. 7: 10-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm; 23
Second Reading: Rom. 1: 1-7
Gospel: Matt. 1: 18-24

"She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins."



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

While Luke focuses on the birth of Jesus from Mary's point of view, Matthew's Gospel tells the story from Joseph's. Joseph must have been extremely confused when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. He plans to quietly 'dismiss' her so as not to put her in danger. Mary's options were bleak without Joseph;



her fate is very much in his hands. He is immediately obedient and says yes to his call. Joseph welcomes Mary and gives this child the name he is instructed: Jesus.

We hear very little about Joseph in the Gospels and he is sometimes a forgotten figure in the Jesus story, yet his decision to follow God's call is hugely important as he fulfils his promise to protect Mary from danger. Joseph's 'yes' to God sets him on a dangerous path. He must protect his family and this will mean later leaving their homeland, becoming refugees fleeing the terror of Herod.

Each time God speaks to Joseph, it is through his dreams. The Word of God which comes to Joseph gives him a new meaning and a new mission in life. Today, can you reflect on how God speaks to you? In what ways do you hear God's word? And when you hear God's word, what is your response? When you have said 'yes', where has that led you?

Today we can pray for those who are faced with tough decisions and who must choose the more difficult path. It requires strength and bravery.

Jane Mellet

"Everything is connected.

Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

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Parish Office -
Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs-
days - 9.00am to 1.00pm.
Phone - Orla at 4533806

Mass Times

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

Weekdays

Mon. - 10.00am. & 7.30pm.
Tues. - Fri. - 7.30am. & 10.00am.
Saturday - 10.00am., 6.00pm., 8.00pm.
and 10.00pm

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

Confession

See details of Confessions for
Christmas on the back page.

Monday

Mass and adoration at 7.30pm.

Christian Meditation - Next Meeting
Wed. 4th. January in the Sacristy at 6.30pm.
For information contact - 087 6380388

Legion of Mary - Meet in the Sacristy
on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Weekend 24th. - 25th. December

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Sheila O'Gorman	Phil O'Connor
8.30am	Catherine Ryan	
10.30am	Michael Ahern	Teresa Murray
	John Fitzgerald	
12.30pm	Denise Roche	Susan Higgins
	Linda Cuddigan	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	James McCarthy
8.30am	Maurice O'Donoghue
10.30am	Jack McCarthy
12.30pm	Antonia O.Chea

We welcome to our Parish Community

Noah Michael Horgan Cunningham

Billy Michael Rall

who were baptised last recently.

Parish Carol Service

Sunday 18th. December

At 7.30pm.

St. Mary's Church,

Performances from our
local choirs -

Carrigwohill Parish Choir, Gospel Choir

Folk choir and Youth Choir

With Special Guests

Dervla O'Connor (Crystal Swing)

Ram Gregorio

Kiltha Tones - Male Voice Choir

Cellist - Carol O'Connor

The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -

Betty Aylward

who died recently.

May she rest in peace.

Community Page

Carrigwohill GAA

www.carrigwohillgaa.com

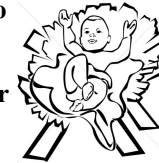
Lotto results for Monday 12th of December.
Jackpot €11,400, numbers drawn 11, 12, 13, 27.
No jackpot winner. €50 winners, John
O'Mahony c/ane and Joy Kelly O'Regan. Next
week's jackpot €11,600, draw in Spratts Bar.

Bambinelli Sunday

**At all Masses this weekend
17th and 18th December**

We are asking families to
bring their Baby Jesus
figure to any of the
Masses this weekend, for
a blessing and also a
blessing for the family.

A suggestion is, that following the
blessing, take your "bambinelli" home
and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and
save it for Christmas. Let this be the
first gift your family opens at
Christmas, when together you place
your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.



TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

Please support the Trócaire Christmas gift
range that will directly benefit families in
some of the world's poorest countries. From
olive trees for farmers in Palestine (€5.00) to
business support for women in Ethiopia
(€250.00), 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



Penitential Service

Wed. 21st. of Dec
St Mary's Church
At 7.30pm

Carrigwohill Ladies Football Social

6th of January 2017

Carrigwohill Ladies Football Social
At Fota Golf Club.

Tickets are going on sale on
Monday the 19th
7.30pm to 8.30pm
at the GAA club.

All welcome to celebrate our
very successful year and also
Women's Little Christmas.

Tickets are €25 each
(incls 2 course meal & DJ)

Tickets also from any committee member.



Carrigwohill Seniors

Next Dance

Sunday 8th. Jan.

Midleton Park Hotel
7.30 to 11.30pm.

Teas served at 7.30pm.

Music by Pat and Frank.

We would welcome all those over 50 to join us
for an enjoyable night of dancing.



'As you slide down the banister of life, may the
splinters never point in the wrong direction

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national
listening service for older people, will be
open every day over Christmas and the
New Year from 10.00am to 10.00pm. We
are here to take your call if you are on your
own, feeling isolated, worried or would
like someone to talk to. Senior Help Line
volunteers are trained older people who
understand the ups and downs of life, and
are happy to listen, to keep company and
to support.

LoCall 1850 440 444,
All calls completely confidential.