

## Prayer Corner

### Christmas Eve Prayer

"Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace."



## Christmas Crackers 2015

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

- It's Christmas Eve.



What did the grape say when the elephant stepped on it?

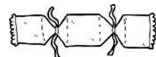
- Nothing. It just let out a little wine.

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars?

- Because their days are numbered!

Why couldn't the chicken find her eggs?

- Because she mislaid them.



## Christmas Ceremonies

**2015**



### Penitential Service

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>

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.

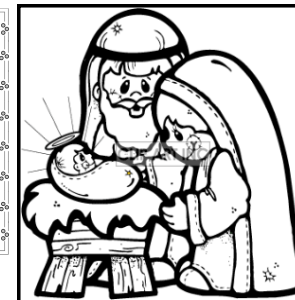
We invite you to join with us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

### 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 are also available.

## Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

[www.carrigtwohillparish.ie](http://www.carrigtwohillparish.ie)



**20th December 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Mic. 5: 1-4  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 79  
Second Reading: Heb. 10: 5-10  
Gospel: Lk. 1: 39-44

'Of all women you are the most blessed,  
And blessed is the fruit of your womb.'



### Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

Grant peace;  
For a space let there be no roar  
Of wheels and voices, no din  
Of steel and stone and fire.  
Let us cleanse ourselves from the sweat  
and dirt,  
Let us be hushed...  
(from 'Retreat' by Richard Aldington)

Let us be hushed. In all the madness of the festive season, we need some peace and quiet and time to reflect. Mary was caught up in the excitement of being pregnant, and wonderment at what the angel had told her. She went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Perhaps she needed a bit of 'head space' to reflect on everything that was happening. And then we have this precious moment when Elizabeth greets her, and describes how the child in her womb leapt for joy. Like Elizabeth, we await the arrival of Jesus with joy. Like Mary, we are filled with wonder. As we count down to Christmas, we may need a little time out. Make a little space to pray and reflect today. Wrap up warm and head out for a walk, visit your local church in the quiet of the afternoon, or take a few moments to yourself at home to get away from the noise.

Triona Doherty

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## Parish Contacts

### Parish Priest -

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Presbytery, 4 Carrig Downs  
Tel: 4853925, 085 8471249

**In Residence** - Msgr. Denis Reidy  
Teach an tSagairt, Carrigtwohill.

### Parish Website -

[www.carrigtwohillparish.ie](http://www.carrigtwohillparish.ie)

### Parish E-mail -

[office@carrigtwohillparish.ie](mailto:office@carrigtwohillparish.ie)

### Parish Office -

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs-  
days - 9.30am to 12.30pm.  
Phone - Orla at 4533806

## Mass Times

**Sunday** - 6.00pm, (Sat Eve)

8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.

### Weekdays

Mon. to Thurs. - 7.30am. & 10.00am.  
Fri & Saturday - See Christmas Schedule.

**Rosary** Mon - Thurs. after 10am Mass,  
Sunday 10.10am

### Confession

See Christmas Schedule.



## Monday

8.00pm Penitential Service

Christian Meditation every Wednesday  
evening in the sacristy at 6.30pm.  
For information contact - 087 6380388

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

## Christmas 24th. - 25th. Dec.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Sheila O'Gorman	Phil O'Connor
8.30am	Brendan Coleman	
10.30am	Michael Ahern	Mary Barry
	Teresa Murray	
12.30pm	Margot Hartnett	Bernie Carroll
	Aine Hyland	

### Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Pat Burke
8.30am	Maurice O'Donoghue
10.30am	Mary Hinchliffe
12.30pm	Carmel Walsh

## Weekend of 26th. - 27th. Dec.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Martina Barrett	Donal Kerins
8.30am	Mary Cronin	
10.30am	John Fitzgerald	Connie Lane
	John O'Mahony	
12.30pm	Teresa O'Donovan	Anne O'Neill
	Denise Roche	

### Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Mary McCarthy
8.30am	Laura O'Sullivan
10.30am	Kathleen Harte O'Brien
12.30pm	Colin Santry

## The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -  
**Ned (Edmond) O'Leary**  
who died recently.  
**May he rest in peace.**

## Please Note - Monday Mass times

From the 4th of January we will have 10.00am  
and 7.30pm Mass on Mondays, i.e. No 7.30am  
Mass on Mondays.

## Community Page

### Carrigtwohill GAA

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

Lotto results for Monday 14th. of December.  
Jackpot €3,600. Numbers drawn 2, 6, 10, 18.  
No Winners. €50 winners, Mary Kelleher and  
Joshua & Kyle. Next week's jackpot €3,800,  
draw in the Gaelic Bar.

## Penitential Service

Mon. 21st. of Dec.

St Mary's Church  
Carrigtwohill

At 8.00pm



## TROCAIRE

Working for a Just World

Trocaire 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  
(€5.00) to business support for women in  
Ethiopia (€250.00), when you buy a  
Trocaire gift you're not just giving,  
you're joining the fight for justice. Further  
info at [www.trocaire.org/gifts](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

**"Each of us is an innkeeper who decides  
if there is room for Jesus"**

## Parish Office

Next week the Parish Office will open  
**only** on **Tues. 22nd. Dec.** from 9.30 -12.30pm.  
You may leave a message on 4533806 or  
email: [office@carrigtwohillparish.ie](mailto:office@carrigtwohillparish.ie)

## The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -  
**Kathleen Cull**  
who died recently.  
**May she rest in peace.**

## Carrigtwohill SVP Annual Appeal



Our thanks to all who contributed to our  
Christmas appeal last weekend and thanks  
to the Whist Players for their donation.  
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  
or our Cork office at 4270444**

## Irish Blood Transfusion Service

### Blood Donor Clinic

Carrigtwohill Community Centre  
12.00pm - 3.30pm.

**Sunday 27th. December 2015**

Blood supplies are very low at this time  
of the year, **so your donation is critical.**

## Helping the starving in Mali

In the African country of Mali, Fr. John  
Asanyire is a Priest in a parish bigger than  
Ireland with a population of 200,000 and  
the majority of the children are suffering  
from malnutrition. He has appealed to send  
some money to help feed the children.  
They have no chance of escaping from the  
hunger trap because Mali is situated  
between the Sahara desert and the Mediter-  
ranean, If they wanted to leave they could  
never cross the desert to reach safety, they  
would all die. I am sure you are aware of  
recent attacks in Mali and the loss of life.  
People are constantly under threat. We can  
help them. We have opened a bank  
account at the AIB in Cobh and people can  
make donations and the money will be sent  
directly to Fr John by a special IBAN No.  
The Account in AIB Cobh is Sort Code:  
934062 Account No 16325057 The name  
of the fund is Fr John Asanyire, Mali.