

Prayer Corner

Christmas prayer for a friend

My prayer for you this Christmas
Is like a special gift
I choose to ask for peace and joy
And there's more on this list!
I know you need both hope and love
To fill your life anew
And so I take these precious things
And wrap them up for you.

I ask that you would know how much
You're loved and held so dear
As I take a ribbon of grace
And tie a bow this year.
And on the label I will write
My promise new to you
"You're in my prayers this
Christmas time
And the whole year through".



Christmas Ceremonies 2016



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

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
celebrate the Birth of Jesus.**

Christmas Crackers

What is the best Christmas present?
A broken drum - you can't beat it!

What happened the man who stole the
advent calendar? He got 25 days!

What shivers and is found at the bottom
of the sea? A nervous wreck!

What begins with T, ends with T and has
T in it? A Teapot!

What do you get when you cross a Christ-
mas tree with an apple? A pineapple!

"It comes every year and will go on forever.
And along with Christmas belong the
keepsakes and the customs. Those humble,
everyday things a mother clings to, and
ponders, like Mary in the secret spaces of
her heart." ~ Marjorie Holmes.

  
**WE
WISH
YOU A
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR
FILLED WITH
JOY
AND
PEACE**



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25th. December 2016 - Christmas Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is. 52: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm; 97

Second Reading: Heb. 1: 1-6

Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-18

"The Word was made flesh, he lived
among us, and we saw his glory."

'Joy to the World'



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

If you were to put together a guest list for
the birth of the Messiah 2000 years ago
one might expect political leaders like
Caesar Augustus and religious leaders
such as the chief priests and the Pharisees
to be included. Yet for Luke, the
shepherds are some of the first to welcome
Jesus into this world and are the first
'preachers' of the Good News.

Many would find it completely shocking
that Shepherds would be included. It was
a disreputable trade and shepherds were
considered 'unclean' because of their
profession. At first they were terrified, but
the angels reassured them: 'do not be
afraid'. The response of the shepherds was
immediate: 'let us go now to Bethlehem
and see this thing which has taken place'.

The poor, the marginalised, the outcast
will be the first to experience the abun-
dance of God's hospitality through Jesus
and the shepherds come in their name. We
are told that people were amazed by the
shepherds and their words. Their journey
didn't end in Bethlehem, for them it was
perhaps only the beginning as they
returned 'glorifying and praising God'.
We are invited to Bethlehem today, to
open up our hearts to the one who has
come to bring hope and joy. And we
return, like the shepherds, 'glorifying and
praising God for all they have seen and
heard'. We must allow that love to
penetrate our hearts and celebrate with our
family and friends the joy that lives
amongst us. And when we have finished
celebrating we remember that the real
work of Christmas begins once again:

**'When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and princes are
home. When the shepherds are
back with their flocks.**

**The work of Christmas begins;
to find the lost; to heal the broken; to
feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace
among people; to make music in the
heart.'** Howard Thurman

Jane Mellet



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Mass Times

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

Weekdays

Mon. - Fri. - 10.00am. Mass only
Saturday - 10.00am. & 6.00pm.

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

Confession

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

Monday

No Mass on this Monday night..

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 31st. Dec. - 1st. January

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Martina Barrett	Donal Kerins
8.30am	Ann Collins	
10.30am	John O'Mahony	Connie Lane
	Tim Healy	
12.30pm	Ann O'Neill	Teresa O'Donovan
	Tia Greaney	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Barbara McGrath
8.30am	Peter Thompson
10.30am	Mary Hinchliffe
12.30pm	Jude O'Sullivan

We welcome to our Parish Community
Ruairí Eoin Morris
who was baptised last weekend.

The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -
Nellie Curran
who died during the past week.
May she rest in peace.

Parish Carol Service



We celebrated our Parish Carol Service on last Sunday evening in front of a packed church. Our thanks to all who attended and especially to those who gave of their time to rehearse and perform so beautifully on the night. We are fortunate to have such talented people in our community. We were also delighted to have some visiting artists who added greatly to the occasion. As we entered the last week of advent it was an opportunity to reflect on the joy and the hope that the birth of Jesus brings, and hopefully we keep this joy and hope at the heart of our Christmas celebrations. A special thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council's Liturgy Group for their work in organising the event.

Community Page

Carrigtwohill GAA

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Lotto results for Monday 19th of December. Jackpot €11,600, numbers drawn 4, 6, 9, 14. No jackpot winner. €50 winners, Mary Forde and Sandra Ryan. Next jackpot €11,800, draw in The Gaelic Bar on the 9/1/17.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wish to thank each and every person who donated in any way, no matter how big or small, to our annual Christmas appeal fund. Monies received through the Church gate collection, Whist Drive, Raffle and other donations have amounted to in excess of €16,000.00 to date, which is an increase of over €2000.00 from 2015. These monies have been further supplemented with a most generous amount of non perishable goods and foodstuffs which were also donated.

Due to your extraordinary generosity, the Society has been able in turn to provide coal, oil, gas, clothes, toys and hampers to less fortunate people and families within our community in Carrigtwohill, Leamlara and Lisgoold Parishes during the past week.

Again we thank you all for your most generous Support and we wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas



The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -
Patrick Mulcahy
who died during the past week.
May he rest in peace.

"Love seeks one thing only: the good of the one loved. It leaves all the other secondary effects to take care of themselves. Love, therefore, is its own reward."—Thomas Merton

Children's Liturgy

The following note was received from a parishioner and gives a very good outline of the format for a children's liturgy. "My sister shared with me about how they do this in Perth, Western Australia. After the Introductory Rite, Father invites the children to come to the front and they are then led to a room beside the church. Whilst the readings, Gospel, sermon and prayer of the faithful take place in the church, the children hear a child's version of the day's readings, sing a prayer together and draw or make something aligned with the day's theme. During the Prayer of the Faithful, the children return to the church. Then with the offertory they bring their art up with the gifts, then return to their parents. The experience helps the children feel connected and purposeful. It helps them learn about God and is something they look forward to each week."

Brad Allen

We would love to do this in our parish, but we need parents to help, please contact Fr. O'Brien if you are interested.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 4th of January from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork (please note change of venue). This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Please note

10.00am Morning Mass only next week.
No 7.30am Morning Mass.

The Parish Office will be open only on Thurs. Dec. 29th from 9.30-11.30am and will reopen on Wednesday 4th January at 9.00am.