

Prayer Corner

New Year Prayer

God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family

be willing to begin anew
with a clean slate.

We know that you are always
ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive
ourselves and to forgive one
another.

As we begin a new year,
remind us of our truest values
and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness
that comes from doing what
you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety
about the future and the past,
so that we might live in peace
with you now,
one day at a time.

Amen

The real reason

"The real reason for celebrating Christmas is that it happened *once*. And that one time changed the world. The infant born that first Christmas grew in wisdom and age and strength; he suffered and died and rose again; and he saved his people from their sins.

"This saving feast, for once and for all, has given birth to a special child who becomes the model and pattern for our human growth and wholeness. The real secret of Christmas—if we must treat it as a secret—is that the feast is for...adults!"

William Freburger

A Year of Time

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomforting, it is not a bad idea – especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2016 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, or 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchase it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak – every man, woman and child has the same 1440 minutes every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

Accord Relationship Counselling

Accord offers a safe professional and confidential service, allowing couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage & relationship. For appointment please ring -

Jean 025-31899



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27th December 2015 - The Holy Family

TODAY'S READINGS

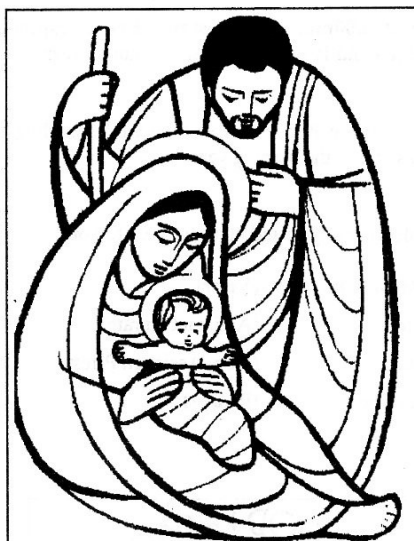
First Reading: Sam. 1: 20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 83.

Second Reading: Jn. 3: 1-2, 21-24.

Gospel: Lk. 2: 41-52.

'Did you not know that I must be busy
with my Father's affairs?'



Mary and Joseph assumed Jesus was with the caravan. Panic ensued when he couldn't be found among their family and friends. There is a dash back to Jerusalem – a whole day's journey away, and it takes three long days to find him. They must have been beside themselves with worry, thinking they had lost their son forever. We are told they were 'overcome' when they found him in the Temple – as well they might be.

Jesus' parents didn't understand what he meant by his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs'. But Mary stored up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God. As the only story in the Gospels from Jesus' childhood, this one takes on greater significance, highlighting Jesus' quite ordinary family life while also setting the scene for his future mission. We might wonder what other experiences they had as Jesus was growing up. Were there other times when Mary was struck by Jesus' wisdom and strangeness? When did she realise what was ahead for him, and for herself?

Triona Doherty

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

Today's Gospel is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story. A missing child is something that happens to most families at one stage or another. 'I thought (s)he was with you!' is the usual panicked exclamation. Returning from Jerusalem,



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Mass Times

Sunday - 6.00pm, (Sat Eve)

8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.

Weekdays

Mon. to Fri. - 10.00am. only
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 - 087 6380388

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

Christmas 2nd. - 3rd. Jan.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Michelle Barrett	John Ronan
8.30am	Mary Monahan	
10.30am	Paudie O'Mahony	Marion Joy
	Tim Healy	
12.30pm	Margot Hartnett	Aine Barry
	Marie Menzies	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Barbara McGrath
8.30am	Pauline McMullen
10.30am	Cora Rohan
12.30pm	Anita McDonnell

We welcome to our Parish Community

Isla Robyn Barrett

Sadhbh Mary Barrett

Laura Eva Cooney

who were baptised last weekend.

Parish Office

Next week the Parish Office will open on **Tues. 29th Dec. only**, from 9.30-12.30pm. You may leave a message on 4533806 or email: office@carrigtwohillparish.ie. Normal hours will resume on Tues 5th Jan.

Please Note - Monday Mass times

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

Monday to Friday next week 10.00am Mass only

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

Community Page

Carrigtwohill GAA

www.carrigtwohillgaa.com

Lotto results for Monday 21st. of December. Jackpot €3,800. Numbers drawn 9, 17, 25, 28. No Winners. €50 winners, Leo Spratt and Michael Ryan c/o Junior. Next jackpot €4,000, draw in the Cousins Bar on the 4th January.



**Irish Blood
Transfusion Service**
Seirbhís Fuilíastreachtáin Éireann

Blood Donor Clinic

Carrigtwohill Community Centre

12.00pm - 3.30pm.

Today Sunday 27th. Dec. 2015

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

Feast of the Holy Family

The primary place of encounter with God for most adults, and children, is family life. For Christians, the family is the first experience of Church where we first live our Christianity and integrate our faith, not in idealised or unreal situations but in all the realities of joys, problems and challenges in our journeying (Cf. 'Share the Good News', National Directory for Catechesis in Ireland, par.82, p.118). As we draw close to a new Calendar Year, during the Octave of the 8 days of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We can learn the meaning and mystery of this Feast and apply it to our own lives in our family life. The path to holiness is found in living our ordinary family life with Jesus at the centre of it all and family is where progress and development in the Christian life, the way of ordinary holiness, can find its raw material. Our choices not only affect the people and the world around us, they make us become the people we are and will become.

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Senior Citizens Dancing

Sunday 10th. January

Midleton Park Hotel
7.30 to 11.30pm.

Teas served at 7.30pm.

Music by Pat and Frank.



Come and enjoy a great night of dancing!

St. Mary's Church

Carrigtwohill

Two Hearts Prayer Group

Friday 1st. January

(Incorporating First Friday Mass)

At 7.30pm.

Introductory Prayer to the Holy spirit
Consecration to Our Lady
Chaplet of Mercy
Petitions
Prayer to Saint Pio
ADORATION
Rosary with Meditation and Litany
Benediction and Blessing

Work of Christmas

"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 the flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoners,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among brothers and sisters, to make music with the heart."

Howard Thurman