

## Advent

The word Advent is from the Latin adventus for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (30th November) and continuing until 24th December. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the second and final coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. Since the 900's Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.

### Carrigtwohill Seniors Dance

#### Next Dance

**Sunday 4th. Dec.**

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.

### Carrigtwohill Seniors

#### Christmas Dinner Dance

**Will be held on Sunday 8th. Jan.**

Midleton Park Hotel  
Starting at 4.00pm.

Teas served at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available soon at €20

**Music by Pat and Frank.**

### Fun Table Quiz

Great O'Neill Pub  
Glounthaune.

Friday 2nd December 9.00pm sharp  
Raffle with hampers and prizes galore.

Finger Food Served

Table of 4 €20

**All Proceeds in aid of Sr. Mary Dunlea  
Project, Kenya and Local Projects**

This week in the Irish Catholic



### Students would benefit from Religious Ed

Students and society would benefit if Religious Education was included as a core subject in the curriculum of all schools, an expert in education will tell a conference on faith education in Kerry next week.

Dr Amelee Meehan, who works in the area of faith leadership for the Catholic Education an Irish Schools' Trust (CEIST), the Trustee body for 110 Voluntary Catholic Secondary Schools in Ireland, will argue that religion underpins so much of Western culture and thought that it is only through Religious Education that children can hope to interpret their society and find meaning in their lives.

### Finding God & peace among your peers

The first time I attended a Youth 2000 retreat, I went alone. I knew no one and I remember tagging along behind a girl who had started chatting to me on the bus. As I dodged between the people shouting greetings and running into hugs I felt my nerves dissolve a little. I realised two things: these people were young and they were normal.

That weekend I found out that it was okay to be into my Faith. I realised it was okay to have a relationship with Jesus. At a time in my life when all my peers were turning away from the Catholic Church I found people my age who were embracing it wholeheartedly. I made friends for life that I know I can count on and found peace in knowing that I had also found a place where I could be my real self.

For more see [www.irishcatholic.ie/](http://www.irishcatholic.ie/)

**"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."**

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

## Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

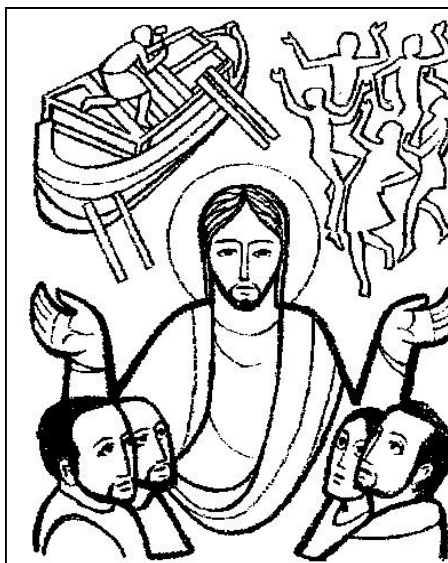
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27th. Nov. 2016 - 1st Sunday of Advent

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is. 2: 1-5  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm; 121  
Second Reading: Rom. 13: 11-14  
Gospel: Matt. 24: 37-44

"So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming."



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

You know that feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. For most people, waiting is not a very popular pastime, it can be seen as a waste of time. If we allow it to, waiting can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves.

Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent. The Gospel reminds us to be alert and use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 mins ... to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more. Jane Mellett

### Advent Devotions

Sunday 4th December at 5.30pm.  
A time to pray and prepare for Christmas.

See Our Parish Website

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

For Online Advent Calendar

### Christian Meditation

Saturday 3rd December 2016:

Day of Talks and Meditation

with Fr. Donagh O'Shea:

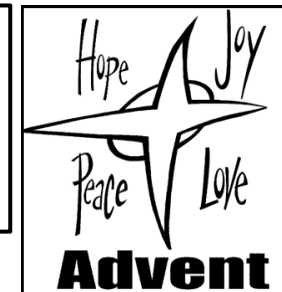
from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Missionaries' Hall,  
Western Rd., Cork.

Cost €15. Bring a packed lunch.

Booking not essential

Contact Rita Tel.: 021 4292404.



## Parish Contacts

### Parish Priest -

Canon Anthony O'Brien,  
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### Curate - Fr. Jim Greene,

Presbytery, 4 Carrig Downs  
Tel: 4853925, 085 8471249

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

### Parish Website -

www.carrigwohillparish.ie

### Parish Email -

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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.sssss

### Weekdays

Mon. - 10.00am, & 7.30pm.  
Tues - Fri. - 7.30am & 10.00am  
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

Mass and adoration at 7.30pm.

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

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

## Weekend 3rd. - 4th. December

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Donal Kerins	Rebecca Crawford
8.30am	Brendan Coleman	
10.30am	Michael Ahern	Teresa Murray
	John Fitzgerald	
12.30pm	Ann O'Neill	Tia Greaney
	Teresa O'Donovan	

### Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Noreen Healy
8.30am	Peter Thompson
10.30am	Cora Rohan
12.30pm	Jacinta Armstrong

## Pilgrimage to Knock

**7th December - Night Vigil**

Contact Mary Hurley - 087 9131599  
or Joan O'Sullivan 087 6656893. Bus - €25.

St. Mary's Church, Carrigwohill

## Two Hearts Prayer Group

**Friday 2nd. December**

**At 7.30pm.**

(Incorporating First Friday Mass)

## Children's Liturgy

We would hope to have a children's liturgy  
during the 10.30am Sunday Mass  
for children from 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.

This would mean that children would leave  
during the liturgy of the word to explore a  
simplified version of the Gospel of the day.  
We would appeal to parents, or indeed any  
adults who would be interested in working  
with the children, to contact the parish of-  
fice Tel: 021-4533806 (Office open Tues,  
Weds and Thurs ( 9.00am to 1.00pm.) or Fr.  
O'Brien Tel: 0876834193

This will only be possible if there are adults  
willing to help. Please contact us ASAP.

## Community Page

### Carrigwohill GAA

www.carrigwohillgaa.com

Lotto results for Monday 21st November.  
Jackpot €10,800, numbers drawn 12, 13, 16, 26.  
No jackpot winner. €50 winners, Michael Mur-  
phy and C. Walsh. Next week's jackpot  
€11,000, draw in the Gaelic Bar.

### Carrigwohill Community Council and the Carrigwohill Business Association

Invite you all to the  
switching on of the  
**New Christmas Lighting  
for the Village.**

The event will begin at 4.00pm  
on Sunday the 27th of Nov.  
at the Community Centre.



### Christmas refreshments will be served.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies,  
Children's choirs and the Folk Choir  
Face Painting and a Puppet Show

**Red FM will also be there**

## Christmas Gift Mass

At all Masses over next weekend  
3rd. - 4th. December

This year due to the increased numbers of  
homeless people, we are asking people to  
bring gifts that might bring some comfort  
in the severe winter weather.

### You might consider the following gifts

Warm hats, scarfs, gloves,  
socks, coats  
Sleeping bags, Sleeping mats  
Roll on Deodorant, Combs, Hairbrushes  
Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes,  
Baby Wipes, Feminine Toiletries  
Warm Tents, Rolls of bubble Wrap.



### Parents might ask your children to bring gifts for the homeless.

You can place your gifts in the boxes  
provided at the back of the church.

## Coffee Morning in aid of Cork's Homeless Thursday 1st. December



**Carrigwohill Community Centre**  
**10.00am to 1.00pm**

Enjoy a relaxing morning having a coffee,  
while supporting Cork's men and women who  
find themselves homeless in this winter  
weather as we approach Christmas.

**If you would like to help, we need cakes  
or raffle prizes -**

Ring Geraldine O'Flynn 086 3823389

Denise Roche 087 2355134

John Fitzgerald 086 0640249

## Blood Transfusion Service

The Blood Transfusion Service  
wishes to thank  
the **82 Donors** who attended  
their clinic last Sunday.



## Carrigwohill Flower and Garden Club

Carrigwohill Flower and Garden  
Club will host **Margaret Ahern** at their  
**Annual Christmas Gala**  
on Tuesday 29th Nov. at 8.00pm  
in the Carrigwohill Community Centre .  
Raffle for Christmas Arrangements.  
Seasonal refreshments and chat.  
Cost €10. All Welcome.

## Anam Cara Meeting

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports  
bereaved parents, is holding its next  
monthly Parent Evening on

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> of Dec from 19:30 to 21:00pm**  
in Brú Columbanus Centre, Wilton, Cork.  
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.