

## Prayer Corner

### Advent Prayer of Reconciliation

Merciful Father,  
You have given us your  
Son as your loving  
presence in this world.  
Create in our hearts the  
room for your love to  
grow.  
Forgive our shortcomings  
and prepare our hearts for  
your coming.  
We ask this in the name  
Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with  
you, one God, forever and  
ever,  
Amen.

St. Mary's Church  
Carrigtwohill  
**Two Hearts Prayer Group**

**Friday 4th. December**

(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

## Christmas Ceremonies 2015



### Parish Carol Service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. December at 7.30pm

### 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

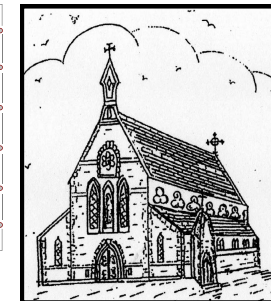
10.30 - 11.30am. & 5.00 - 6.00pm.

Also at 7.00 - 8.00pm.

**"A man enters middle age when  
he turns down the lights more for  
economy than mood."**

## Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

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**29th November 2015 - First Sunday of Advent**

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jer. 33: 14-16  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24  
Second Reading: 1 Thes. 3: 12-4:2  
Gospel: Lk. 21: 25-28.34-36

'Stay awake, praying at all times for the  
strength to survive all that is going to happen.'



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

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we begin the season of 'waiting'. The Gospel today has powerful (and perhaps distressing) images of great signs that will appear. For many of us this year we saw lots of signs that Christmas was coming, even as far back as September,

which is more distressing than any of the images in the Gospel today. Some people love that feeling of expectancy, of waiting for someone or something to arrive. It can be quite an exciting time or even one of anxiety. Very often we are on high alert during such a time, and often quite creative. We are asked to enter into a season of preparation, to celebrate God in our lives and in our world. It is a season of great joy and of hope and while waiting is not always seen as a good thing, it can be an interesting time of growth. So, what will our preparations be like? In the middle of the crazy, busy days in the run up to Christmas, can we stop and invite God into our hearts and lives once more? 'As with madness we prepare for this festive time of year, as we rush and count the days, Advent passes in a haze, So may our feet take us to places where we will meet You'. Janet Lees

Janet Mellett

## Parish Notes

Regarding the diocesan policy on Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Cloyne, representatives names and contact numbers are displayed in the sacristy and at the back of the church. Also, please be advised that once you are on the altar area of the church, you are on Parish Community Television, a system which broadcasts locally on Saorview.

## Parish Contacts

**Parish Priest** - Fr. Anthony O'Brien,  
Parochial House, Station Road,  
Tel: 4883236, 087 6834193

**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](http://www.carrigwohillparish.ie)

**Parish E-mail** -  
[office@carrigwohillparish.ie](mailto:office@carrigwohillparish.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 Fri. - 7.30am. & 10.00am.  
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 -  
John Ryan at 087 6380388

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

## Weekend of 5th. - 6th. Dec.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Michelle Barrett	Donal Kerins
8.30am	Sr. Eucharía	
10.30am	John Fitzgerald	Teresa Murray
	John O'Mahony	
12.30pm	Margot Hartnett	Aine Barry
	Bernie Carroll	

### Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Maura Ahern
8.30am	Geraldine Conroy
10.30am	Patricia O'Brien
12.30pm	Netta Brown

### We welcome to our Parish Community

*Sofia Elizabeth Fleming*  
**who was baptised last weekend.**

### The sympathy of the Parish Community

is extended to the family and friends of -

**David J. O'Brien**

who died recently.  
**May he rest in peace.**

### Canon Anthony O'Brien

On Tuesday last 24<sup>th</sup> November, the Feast Day of St. Colman, Bishop William Crean celebrated Mass in St. Colman's Cathedral, accompanied by the Cathedral Chapter of Canons.

At the meeting afterwards the following Priests were appointed as Canons of the Cathedral Chapter - Fr. Anthony O'Brien, Fr. Denis Kelleher, Fr. Donal Leahy and Fr. Michael Leamy. Our congratulations to Canon Anthony on this well deserved appointment, which is also an honour for the parish of Carrigwohill.

### Night Vigil to Knock

7th December - Bus leaves Centra at 3.00pm  
Contact Mary - 087 9131599 or  
Joan O'Sullivan 4883886. Bus - €25.

## Community Page

### Carrigwohill GAA

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

Lotto results for Monday 23rd. of November.  
Jackpot €3,000. Numbers drawn 5, 7, 21, 25.  
No Winners. €50 winners, EJK c/o Dennehy's and Nickey Ronan. Next week's jackpot €3,200, draw in the Cousins Bar.

### Carrigwohill GAA

Carrigwohill GAA A.G.M will take place on Friday 4th December in St Aloysius Secondary School students hall at 7.45 pm. All welcome.

**TROCAIRE**

Working for a Just World

It is the beginning of Advent and Trócaire 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/€4) to business support for women in Ethiopia (€250/€200), 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](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts)

### Youth Choir Congratulations

Congratulations to our Youth Choir under the direction of Ms. Lorena Gillard on their participation in "Songs of Faith" at Our Lady Crowned Church, Mayfield, last Sunday night. They did us proud. We look forward to hearing them every other Saturday at 6.00 pm Mass.

### Book Stall

Beside the main church door, at the information point, there are many booklets on the Catholic faith, including **A new children's section, Year of Mercy and Advent reflections**

### Carrigwohill

### Senior Citizens Dancing

## 50th Anniversary Dance

**Next Sunday 6th. December**

Midleton Park Hotel  
Beginning with wine reception  
**at 4.30pm.**

**Music by Pat and Frank.**  
**And Others**

Tickets €25 available from Eddie O'Riordan  
Or any members of the committee.  
Come and enjoy a great night at this special anniversary dance!



### Whist Drive

Whist drive on Saturday  
5th December  
in the Community Centre  
at 8.30pm sharp.

All welcome - including beginners.



### Car Boot Sale



The next Car boot sale will  
be held at the  
**Community Centre**  
**This Sunday 29th. of Nov.**  
Why not pop along and grab a bargain?

### 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.