

Prayer Corner

Home Blessing at Epiphany

Bless, O Lord, this household and family, and allow all of us who live in this home to find in it a shelter of peace and health. Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of the whole family. Make our house a haven for us all, and a place of warmth and caring for all our friends who come to visit us. Enlighten us with the brilliance of your Epiphany star, so that, as we go into the world, we might clearly see our way to You. Amen

Year of Mercy Message

If you go to flocknote.com/mercy you can have a short reflection, for the year of mercy, emailed or sent to your mobile each day.



This week in the Irish Catholic

The Irish Catholic

George Hook Appeal

Veteran broadcaster George Hook has appealed to Catholics who have become alienated from the Church to follow his lead and return to the fold.

The controversial rugby pundit, who announced earlier this year that he had “re-converted” to Catholicism during a brief stint in hospital, insisted other non-practising Catholics could benefit from following suit.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Irish Catholic, Mr Hook said there is “no better” belief system than the Catholic faith in which to bring up children.

Referendum proposal ‘blinker’ –PLC

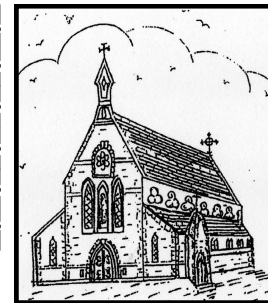
The Pro Life Campaign (PLC) has condemned as “blinker” comments by government minister Simon Harris that there should be a referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution. PLC Deputy Chairperson Cora Sherlock said that the minister of state’s call was “indicative of the blinkered attitude of this Government when it comes to abortion,” continuing, “Instead of working to improve perinatal hospice facilities for the families of babies with life-limiting conditions, his entire focus is on the further liberalisation of abortion.”

Three Wise Men.

In Persia is the city called Save [now in the Markazi Province of Iran], from which the three Magi set out when they came to worship Jesus Christ. Here, too, they lie buried in three sepulchres of great size and beauty. Their bodies are still whole, and they have hair and beards. One was named Beltasar, the second Gaspar, and the third Melchior.

see more at: <http://www.irishcatholic.ie/>

Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter



3rd. January 2016 - 2nd. Sunday after Christmas

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Eccles.24: 1-2. 8-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: 147.
Second Reading: Eph. 1: 3-6. 15-18.
Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-18.

‘The Word was the true light that enlightens all men’



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

There is a very deep teaching in today’s reading, taken from the opening of the Gospel of John. There is so much depth here and much to reflect on. God is described as the Word and as Light. The Word is that divine energy, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things. John tells us that no one has ever seen

God, but through Jesus, God has been made known. There are wonderful lines in the passage, written for all of us, to convey the message that God lives among us yet even though God created the world, the world still does not know him. God is involved in humanity; God is not somewhere out in the universe watching; God is involved with us. Today can you spend some time reflecting on the deep words of this passage? Perhaps reflect on where have you seen God in the world around you? Where is God present for you? Invite God more deeply into your life.

‘Lord, humanity today wants to live independently of you, and even Christians speak as if you created the world and then left it to its own devices. We thank you for the teaching of St John reminding us that all things come to be only because you speak a Word, and that every single thing that exists today has its being because that Word continues to be spoken in it, and the only way that anything which has come to be has life today is because your Word lives within it.’ Michel de Verteuil
Jane Mellett

Pope’s Intentions for January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

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Mass Times

Sunday - 6.00pm, (Sat Eve)

8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.

Weekdays

Monday - 10.00am. & 7.30pm.
Tues. to 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

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.

Weekend 9th. - 10th. Jan.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	Mary Harte	Anne Murphy
8.30am	Sr. Eucharistia	
10.30am	Michael Ahern	Teresa Murray
	John Fitzgerald	
12.30pm	Teresa O'Donovan	Anne O'Neill
	Marie Menzies	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Colette McCarthy
8.30am	Geraldine Conroy
10.30am	Geraldine Cashman
12.30pm	Eileen Lyons

The sympathy of the Parish Community is extended to the family and friends of -
Ted (Timothy) Counihan
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. there will be no 7.30am on Mondays.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Wednesday the 6th of January is the Feast of The Epiphany, a Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 8.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm.

Christmas Offerings

Canon Anthony and Fr. Greene wish to thank all those who contributed to the Christmas offerings, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

To those who prepared the church for the Christmas ceremonies, to all who assisted or participated and to those who attended the ceremonies.

Community Page

GAA Christmas Draw Winners

Tony Bunce	€500
Liam Walsh c/o Tadhg	€100
Bid. Sheehan, Glounthaune	€100
Michelle O'Sullivan c/o Tadhg	€100
Ken Landers	€100
Pat Cotter c/o Dennehy's	€100
Megan & Edan Leahy	€100
Alan O'Connmor c/o Ollie	€100
Ronan Barrett	€100
James Twohig	€100
Michael Sheehan	€100

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Seirbhís Fuillaistriúcháin Eireann

Blood Donor Clinic - 27th. Dec. 2015

Thank you to all those who helped with the clinic and the 106 people who generously donated blood.

Carrigtwohill Joint Project

This is Carrigtwohill Community Employment Scheme and we have a number of vacancies on our scheme, there are two in Cork Association For Autism that generally lead to work.

The vacancies are as follows-

GAA: 1 Administrator/ Caretaker.

Community Hall:

2 Caretakers morning and evening.
1 Sports Development assistant.

Cork Association for Autism:

1 Social Care Assistant
1 Administrator

There is training provided for all positions.
Contact- carrigtwohilljointproject@yahoo.co.uk

E-mail notices for inclusion in the newsletter to the parish email address
office@carrigtwohillparish.ie
before Thursday at 8.00pm.

Carrigtwohill

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!



Love Came

Love came, held safely within a gentle womb
All the truth, majesty, and creativity of a living God

Poured into a tiny heart

Making a quiet entrance in a dark and uninviting shack

Just one star shone anew as a handful of people were brought

Led by angelic voices, and open hearts.

A young mother

A faith-filled father

Men of wisdom who searched for truth

And a group of humble herdsmen.

They came to bow before a new life

And acknowledge that the rescuer had arrived

That the Word of God had come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven

and earth

Had begun

Operation Transformation

Operation Transformation is starting back on RTE1 on Wed. 6th January.

We are organising a walking group to start on Monday 4th January for anyone who is interested in joining. We will be going

on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7.30pm leaving from the doors of the Resource Centre. This is open to everyone. You just need to bring yourself and wear a Hi-Vis Vest every night.

