



## Prayer Corner

### Family Advent Prayer

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.  
Amen.

**The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.**

### Simon Fundraisers

The residents of Cluid Housing, Ard Carrig, Carrigtwohill are hosting two fundraisers in aid of the Cork Simon Community.

A night of traditional music at The Cousin's Bar, on **Wednesday, December 7th. at 7.30pm**

A Coffee Morning with bric a brac corner in the Community Room at Ard Carrig, Castl lake, Carrigtwohill **from 11.00am on Friday, December 9th.**

Your support in raising funds for this very worthy cause would be greatly appreciated

### Carrigtwohill Point to Point.

The A.G.M. of Pigeon Hill & Carrigtwohill Point to Point Committee will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 6th Dec. 2016 at 9.00pm. All are welcome.

This week in the Irish Catholic

## The Irish Catholic

### Papal visit to Ireland

The first point to keep in mind about the trip is that the visit is pastoral in nature. When a Pope visits a country, it is either a state visit (that is to say he is primarily coming as a Head of State to visit another Head of State) or a pastoral visit (primarily to visit the local Church). The World Meeting of Families is the key event, and there will be a concern that a papal visit to Ireland, if not handled sensitively, could overshadow that five-day event.

### Clonard Mercy Tent 'a great success'

The 'Mercy Tent' initiative held by priests and volunteers from Clonard Monastery in Belfast has been hailed "a great success" following high demand and positive feedback from visitors.

Entering the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping at the Kennedy Shopping Centre, Clonard set up its tent for two days, November 18 and 19, inviting shoppers to avail of the Sacrament of Confession or merely a 'time-out', and met with a warm response from all.

### Precious Life 'largest petition ever'

The North's leading pro-life group Precious Life has submitted a massive 300,000-strong petition to Stormont urging legislators to keep Northern Ireland abortion-free.

In a response to a recent petition on behalf of Amnesty International calling for abortion access to be extended to the region, which claimed 45,000 signatures, Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life joined with Jim Wells of the Democratic Unionist Party in presenting the counter petition on November 28.

Speaking to The Irish Catholic, Ms Smyth said the Amnesty petition "holds no weight" for Northern Ireland given the fact that anyone, anywhere in the world was in a position to sign that document.

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

# Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

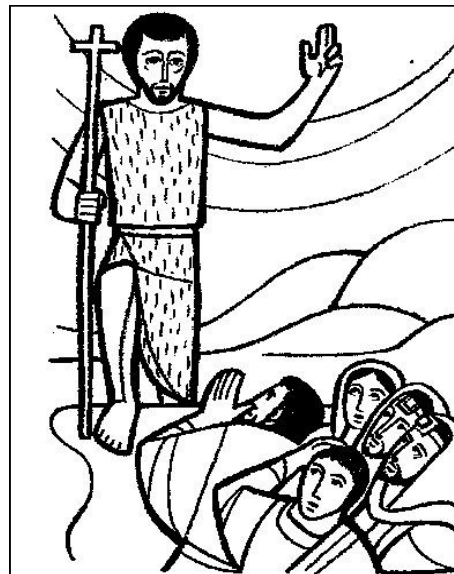
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4th. December 2016 - 2nd. Sunday of Advent

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is. 11: 1-10  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm; 71  
Second Reading: Rom. 15: 4-9  
Gospel: Matt. 3: 1-12

"The one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals."



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

This second Sunday of Advent we are called to make straight paths for the coming of our Lord. How we prepare is important. We are waiting, and yes waiting can be frustrating. But waiting can also be a time of growth, of inspiration, of dreaming big dreams and imagining the endless possibilities that might come.



We should try not to let go of that hope and inspiration.

John appeals to the community who have gathered to open their eyes, to take the opportunity that is at hand and deal with the spiritual crisis which surrounds them. John is calling for a radical change of heart. The decisive moment is coming where people must take a new path. What can we do to help build communities where leaders produce good fruit? What can we do to respectfully challenge those who do not? Today we pray that God's Spirit enlivens our heart, our work and our world.  
Jane Mellet

### Carrigtwohill Seniors

#### Next Dance

**This 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.



### 'Carols by Candlelight'

St. Patrick's Church, Lr. Glanmire Rd,  
**Friday Dec. 9th at 8.00pm.**

In aid of the Cork Association for Autism. The Cork Prison Officers and the Cork Garda Male Voice Choirs, The Choir of St. Patrick's, Note Perfect, Harmonic's and Montfort's Choir. Tickets are €15 and are on sale from Pro Musica on Oliver Plunkett Street, St Patricks Church or **call Carol on 021 453 3642**

## Parish Contacts

### Parish Priest -

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### Parish Website -

www.carrigwohillparish.ie

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### Parish Office -

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9.00am to 1.00pm.  
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## Mass Times

**Sunday - 6.00pm, (Sat. Eve.)**

**- 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm.**

### Weekdays

Mon. - 10.00am., & 7.30pm.  
Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 7.30am. & 10.00am.  
Thurs. - 8.30am., 10.30am. & 7.30pm.  
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

## Thursday 8th. December

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

8.30am	Mary Cronin	
10.30am	John O'Mahony	Connie Lane
	Tim Healy	
7.30pm	Sean Barrett	John Ronan

### Ministers of the Word.

8.30am	Geraldine Conroy
10.30am	Roma Walsh
7.30pm	Anita McDonnell

## Advent Devotions

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

## Pilgrimage to Knock

7th December - Night Vigil

Bus leaving Centra Carpark at 3.30pm

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

## Immaculate Conception

Thursday next is the feast of the Immaculate  
Conception. Mass times will be -  
**8.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm,**

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## Carrigwohill GAA

www.carrigwohillgaa.com

Lotto results for Monday 28th November.  
Jackpot €11,000, numbers drawn 9, 10, 17, 22.  
No jackpot winner. €50 winners, Jimmy Doyle  
c/o Tadhg and Imelda Dylan Hegarty. Next  
week's jackpot €11,200, draw in the Cousins

## Christmas Gift Mass

At all Masses over this 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

A huge thank you to all who supported our  
coffee morning on Thursday last, those  
who baked the beautiful cakes, those who  
looked after the catering, the Community  
Centre personnel and those who donated  
prizes. A special thanks to Carrigwohill  
Flower and Garden Club for their  
generous donation.

**€1,265 was raised for the homeless.**

Proceeds will go to Cork Penny Dinners,  
'Hope for the Homeless' and 'Helping  
Cork's Homeless'.

## Christmas Craft

## Fair

In Aid of St. Vincent De  
Paul

Carrigwohill Resource Centre

**Saturday 10th. Dec.**

1.00pm to 5.00pm

## Carrigwohill SVP Annual Appeal



2016 has been a very busy year for our  
Conference, but our services continue to  
grow as we endeavour to meet the ever  
increasing demands in our community.  
The Family Resource Centre continues to  
provide vital services that now include a  
substantial family support services unit,  
breakfast club, mother and toddler facility  
and after school services.

**Our annual Christmas Church  
gate collection is taking place on  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December next  
and also donations can also be  
handed into the Family Resource  
Centre at any time.**

We thank you sincerely for all your fantastic  
support and contributions in the past, it is  
only because of what you give to us that we  
are able to give to others and provide the  
services that are so badly needed.  
On behalf of all members, and volunteers,  
together with all our staff in the Family  
Resource Centre, we wish you all a very  
happy and peaceful Christmas.