

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.

Pope's Intentions for December

Universal; Experiencing God's Mercy
That all may experience the mercy of God,
who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelisation; Families

That families, especially those who suffer,
may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of
certain hope.

Advent Retreat

Cork Airport Hotel
Sunday 6th. Dec. 9.00am to 5.00pm
With Fr. Bing
Phone 087 1332079 for info.

Age Action Volunteers to put up Christmas Decorations for Older People

Many older people find it difficult to
decorate their homes for Christmas. Our
volunteers will put up Christmas decora-
tions for older people and take them down
again in January. Call 021-4536554.

Christmas Ceremonies 2015



Parish Carol Service

Sunday 13th. December at 7.30pm

Penitential Service

Monday 21st 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 19th.

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.

"The only place success comes
before work, is in the
dictionary."

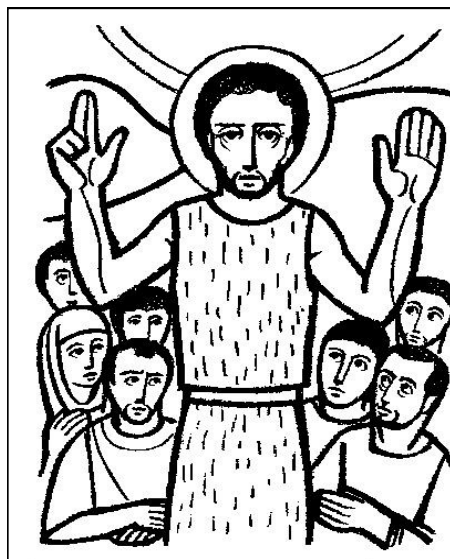
Carrigtwohill Parish Newsletter

6th December 2015 - Second Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Bar. 5: 1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125
Second Reading: Phil. 1: 3-6, 8-11
Gospel: Lk. 3: 1-6

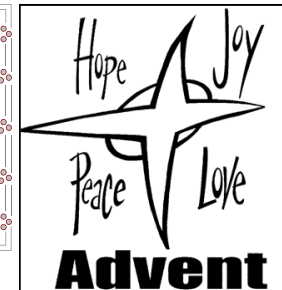
'A voice cries in the wilderness;
prepare a way for the Lord.'



Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels

How is your Advent going? We're a week
in already. Less than three weeks to
Christmas and so much still to be done!
Where to start?

If we have time to listen, there are some
pointers in our readings today.



Following the example of John the
Baptist, our Advent task is to 'prepare a
way for the Lord'. Of course in these busy
weeks we have shopping to do, presents to
buy, parties and festive gatherings to
organise; these are important parts of our
Christmas celebrations. But how are we
preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas?
Can we create space amid the hustle and
bustle? And not just in our own personal
lives – we are also called to be witnesses,
to be the people who 'cry in the wilder-
ness', announcing the good news to
others. We must be signposts, our words
and actions pointing towards Christ. Our
task this Advent is to make Jesus known.
In our dealings with others as we count
down to Christmas, let us try to be like
John the Baptist, pointing always towards
Christ. Saint Paul's prayer in today's
Second Reading is that our love for one
another may increase more and more. Let
love be your guide.

Triona Doherty

Cope Foundation

Bloomfield Day Care Centre, Midleton
Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning

Thursday 10th. Dec.

11.00am to 1.00pm

Raffle tickets €2.00 per line.

Many prizes to be won

Homemade Christmas puddings, wreaths
and jam will be available to purchase

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest -

Canon 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, Carrigtwohill.

Parish Website -

www.carrigtwohillparish.ie

Parish E-mail -

office@carrigtwohillparish.ie

Parish Office -

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 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 12th. - 13th. Dec.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6.00pm	John Ronan	Mary Harte
8.30am	Anne Collins	
10.30am	Connie Lane	Tim Healy
	Marion Joy	
12.30pm	Aine Hyland	Anne O'Neill
	Denise Roche	

Ministers of the Word.

6.00pm	Eucharistia McCarthy
8.30am	Liz Hyland
10.30am	Tadhg O'Donovan
12.30pm	Dominic Cronin

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday next the 8th of Dec. is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass times are as follows—

8.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm.

Mass for the Girls' School at 9.15am

Mass for the Boys' School at 11.30am.

Church Collection Envelopes

The boxes of Church Collection Envelopes for 2016 are now available in the sacristy. If you could collect your box, it would be appreciated. Calendars and cards will be available later.

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**

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

Carrigtwohill GAA

www.carrigtwohillgaa.com

Lotto results for Monday 30th. of November.
Jackpot €3,200. Numbers drawn 10, 16, 17, 21.
No Winners. €50 winners, Eve Cooney c/o
Guilders and Janet O'Keeffe c/o Junior. Next
week's jackpot €3,400, draw in Guilders.



Parish Carol Service

Sunday 13th. December

At 7.30pm.

St. Mary's Church,

Performances from our local choirs

Carrigtwohill Parish Choir

Carrigtwohill Gospel Choir

(Featuring - Richard Bunn)

Special Guests

Kitha Tones - Male Voice Choir

Cellist - Carol O'Connor

Plus Ger and Michaela Horgan

Community Alert

An Garda Síochána has requested that if you notice anything suspicious in your locality, you should report it to An Garda Síochána by phoning Carrigtwohill 4883222, Cobh 4908530 or Midleton 4621550.

Carrigtwohill

Senior Citizens Dancing

50th Anniversary Dance

Today 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!



Carrigtwohill SVP Annual Appeal



2015 has been a very challenging year for our Conference but also a very rewarding one for all of us. The demands on our Family Resource Centre continue to grow every week. There are now 28 people involved in providing services in the Centre. Vital services now include a substantial family support services unit, breakfast club, mother and toddler facility and after school services.

Our annual Church gate collection is taking place on 12th and 13th of December next and also donations can also be handed into the Family Resource Centre at any time.

We also are putting up a Giving Tree in the Resource Centre from 7th to 11th Dec (SVP week). The opening hours are 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

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.

Cork Association for Autism Christmas Sale

A Christmas Sale will take place in Greenville, Carrigtwohill on Thursday December 17th from 10am-5pm. There will be pottery pieces for sale which have been made by the CAA's clients along with plants which have been grown in Greenville. Christmas decorations and gifts will be on offer along with teas/coffees and treats.