

# Carbury Parish Newsletter


## Sunday 22nd December 2024

### Our Churches: Derrinturn & Kilshanroe

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Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

For all bookings, newsletter items, and general queries please call 046 9553355.

Derrinturn & Kilshanroe Churches - Masses and other liturgical ceremonies will be streamed live on the Parish Website via webcam on [www.carburyparish.ie](http://www.carburyparish.ie).

Local Safeguarding Representatives: Fr. John Fitzpatrick P.P. Catherine McNamara, Patricia Brady, Sharon O'Brien, Kathleen McGowan, Lucia O'Brien. DLP for Kildare: Ailish Higgins.

Next Week's Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

**A Christmas Blessing:** If you look for Me at Christmas...you won't need a special Star – I'm no longer in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are. You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations –you'll have to look beyond the stories and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do, and listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you. You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came. And you'll find me in the stillness, As I'm whispering your name.  
Love...Jesus

**Parish Office Christmas Hours 2024:** The Parish Office will close Monday the 23rd of December at 5pm and will re-open Thursday the 2nd of January at 9.30am. The Parish Office team would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for the New Year. During the break, Fr. Fitzpatrick P.P. can be contacted at 046-9553355.

**Carbury GAA:** will be hosting a Christmas Bingo Special on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in the clubhouse. Jackpot of €1500 guaranteed on the day. Books can be secured now in advance (single book €15, Double book €20) - an ideal Christmas gift for a family member or friend. See our social media pages for details or contact 086 8567254.

**Balyna Parish Draw:** Draw to be held on Sunday 5th January 2025 after 11.00am Mass in Broadford Parish Church. Prizes: First Prize: €1,000, Second Prize: €500, Third Prize: €200, there will also be three prizes of €100. Tickets are €10.00 each or a Book of 11 tickets for €100. Funds will be used to offset Insurance costs and to support the various projects in Balyna Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Derrinturn 6.00pm (Children's Mass)

Kilshanroe 7.30pm

**Christmas Day - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Derrinturn 11am

**St Stephens Day - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Derrinturn 9.30am



**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Lists 2025:** are now available to collect from Bidy in Derrinturn Church and Eileen in Kilshanroe Church.

**Kilshanroe Adoration:** Will still take place in Kilshanroe Church on Christmas Day from 9am to 10am.

2024	Derrinturn Church	Kilshanroe Church
<i>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> December</i> <i>St Peter Canisius</i>		<b>7.30pm</b> John Connolly, Ticknevin, Birthday Remembrance, also Patrick & Kathleen Brennan, Ticknevin, also remembering the Deceased Members of the Brennan Family. Sean & Una Boylan, Mucklon, Anniversary.
<i>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> December</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>11am</b> Daisy Mae O'Reilly, 9 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance. Willie Smullen, Coolavacoose, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Christy & Phyllis Shields, Rathmore, Christmas Remembrance, also remembering the Deceased Members of the Shields & Donoghue Family. Des Doyle, Anniversary, also His Son Adrian Doyle, late of Wicklow, also Tommy Mee. Billy & Annie Gorey, Ita & James Jacob, Ita Mahon, Nancy Walsh, Jimmy Jacob & Mary & Jimmy Hogan, Anniversaries. Mick & Elizabeth Duffy, also Nellie Hickey, Coonough, Anniversaries. Catriona McNamee, Birthday & Christmas Remembrance. Susan & James Kearney, Nellie, Todd & Thomas Kearney, Sarah & Kevin Kearney, Lou MacHugh, also all the Deceased Members of the MacHugh & Kearney Families, Christmas Remembrance.	
<i>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> December</i> <i>St John of Kanty</i>	<i>Adoration until 10pm</i> <b>9.30am</b> Patrick, Nellie & Mary Pender, Ticknevin, Christmas Remembrance.	
<i>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>Ss Irmina and Adela</i>	<b>6.00pm</b> Mick & Peggy Connolly, Ticknevin Lock, Anniversary, also remembering the Deceased Members of the Killalea Family, Timahoe. <b>Christmas Remembrances:</b> Pauline Cummins. Claire Melia & Eileen Mulligan. Ann Kelly, Ballinakill. Sennan Daly, Fr. Cavanagh, also the Deceased Members of the Mallen & Daly Family, and for those who attend Adoration.	<b>7.30pm</b> Sean, Thomas & Edward Mooney, Christmas Remembrance, also Rose Gallagher, Anniversary. John Dunne, Parsonstown, Christmas Remembrance.
<i>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>11am</b> Kevin Duffy, Birthday & Christmas Remembrance. Nan Brennan, Birthday Remembrance, also remembering Andy & Tommy Brennan. <b>Anniversary Masses:</b> Thomas Considine, Derrinturn. Philomena Kenny. Brigid Daly, Killina. <b>Christmas Remembrances:</b> Sean & Irene Fylan, Ballyhegan. John O'Driscoll, Dublin. Michael & Mary Sullivan, their Son Tony, Ticknevin, also Jim & Kate Connolly and all the Deceased Members of the Connolly Family. Eileen Connolly, Kilpatrick. James (Jimmy) Earle, Rathangan. Billy Connolly, Clonkeen.	<b>9.00am No Mass</b> Adoration will still take place from 9am to 10am.
<i>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St Stephen</i>	<b>9.30am Anniversary Masses:</b> Patrick Donoghue, Ticknevin. Helen Fanning, Boher bree. Stephanie Leeson, Christmas Remembrance.	
<i>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>St John</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	
<i>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>The Holy Innocents</i>		<b>7.30pm</b> Phyllis & Richard Gavillet, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

		Tessie Duffy, Cloona, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Eilish Holton, Cloona, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, also Her Son Paddy Holton, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Andy Flood, Anniversary.
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	<b>11am</b> Thomas Kenny, Birthday Remembrance. Dennis Gorman, Anniversary, also remembering his Mother Maureen Gorman. <b>Anniversary Masses:</b> Ned & Vera Fanning. Mary & Michael Haslam, Ticknevin, Ellen, John & Elizabeth Kenny, Ticknevin, also Tom Roche, Killina. Pat & Mary Flanagan, Rathmore.	

*Please remember in your prayers, Kevin Kelly, Athlone, Westmeath / Carbury, Kildare also Larry (Lar) Dunne, Clonbrown, Clonbullogue, Offaly, Brother of Margaret Balfie. May they rest in Peace.*

<b>Kilshanroe Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Readers for Saturday 28th of December</b>		
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Saturday 7.30pm	Martin Mooney	Aedamar O'Reilly

<b>Derrinturn Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Readers for Sunday the 29th of December</b>		
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
Sunday 11am	Phil Connolly	Rose Connolly & Cindy Pender

**Christmas Mass Bouquets:** are available in the usual outlets and from the Parish Office. The Parish Office opening hours are 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday.

<b>Collections Saturday 14th &amp; Sunday 15th December</b>			
<b>Collections</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Derrinturn Basket	€705.00	Development	€779.95
Kilshanroe Basket	€370.00	Autumn Collection	€85.00
Mass Cards	€487.00	Clergy	€60.00
Christmas Stations	€350.00	Donation	€100.00
Christmas Day	€25.00	Mission Sunday	€15.00

**Carbury GAA Lotto:** took place on Monday the 16th of December, the Lotto numbers drawn were, 6, 19, 20, 24, and the bonus ball was 13. There were 0 winners of the match 3, the lucky dip was shared with 4 people, who each won €50. The next draw will take place on Monday the 6th of January. Jackpot is €7,400.

**Carbury Community Employment Scheme:** has vacancies for Grounds Persons in Kilshanroe Cemetery, 2 for Trinity Crescent, and grounds person for the New Lawn Graveyard, Derrinturn.  
Ref: #CES-2354060. Carbury, Co. Kildare, W91 F141. No of positions 3. Community Employment Programme 19.5 hours per week. Community Employment Programme Rates. Published On: 6th Sep 2024 - Closing On: 18th Oct 2024. Contact Louise or Paula on 0858759242 or email [carbureyce@gmail.com](mailto:carbureyce@gmail.com)

**Catholic Faith Support Group:** Would you like to join a Catholic Faith Support group in Prosperous Parish, based on Adult Catechesis? We meet between 8pm - 9pm Mondays. Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Alice 087-6505803 on any enquiries.

**List of Pilgrimages for 2025:** Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability) to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025. LAST REMAINING SEATS 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony.  
13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun. Flying with TAP Airlines. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 email: [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com). Payment can be made by instalments.

**SeniorLine:** Would you like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, they can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and refer the caller to other helpful services available if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help, phone SeniorLine

## **Kildare & Leighlin Christmas Message 2024**

At the very centre of the word ‘incarnation’ is the noun ‘caro’ meaning flesh. God assumes our flesh. He who is everywhere, allows himself to be restricted in our human body, in our broken and bruised world. Christmas is once again marvelling at this becoming flesh, the fact that He “became flesh” (Jn.1:14). Christmas reminds us that God completely assumed our human condition. We sometimes ask, why did He do it? Because He cares for us, loves us, wants to hold us close to Him and particularly those who are fragile or tender.

As we contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation this Christmas, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for God’s immense gift to humanity. But we can’t just leave it there, Christmas calls us to be to be that gift to others.

As Pope Francis reminded us in his homily at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 2023 in St. Peter’s Basilica “Christ does not look at numbers, but at faces”. This Christmas, as we prepare to step into a Jubilee Year of Hope, may we realise He sees our face and He smiles at the greatest gift we can give, the gift of being present to and for one another, the gift of our hearts. Pope Francis’ latest encyclical Dilexit Nos means “He Loved Us”. He invites us to draw closer to one another and to allow our hearts to be transformed. Looking on the crib at Christmas allows us to do just that.

May our hope, this Jubilee Year, be grounded in the incarnate Christ. As the Jubilee Prayer prays “may your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the gospel”.

Blessings and good wishes to all for Christmas and 2025.

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**Jubilee 2025:** Pilgrims of Hope: A Jubilee – Holy - Year is marked every twenty-five years by the Universal Church as a time of dedicated prayer so as to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with another, and with all of creation. The theme for the Jubilee Year is ‘PILGRIMS OF HOPE’. This theme invites us to recognise the Christian hope that is at the centre of our faith, a hope we carry with us into every experience of our life. It also encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our troubled world. The Jubilee year 2025 opens in Rome on Christmas Eve, 24 December, with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica by Pope Francis after the celebration of Mass in St Peter’s Square. Further doors will open at the basilicas of St John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul outside the walls in Rome and perhaps, at a prison. Unlike in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, holy doors will open in Rome in this Jubilee. The opening of the Holy Year will be marked universally in a liturgy celebrated by the Diocesan Bishop on the following Sunday, 29 December. Parishes in Kildare and Leighlin will be asked to mark the opening - making use of the hymn and prayer in the liturgy of the day and sharing a prayer card for the home on the day: the Feast of the Holy Family.

**A Daily Prayer for Advent:** A family member can light a candle or the family advent wreath to begin this prayer Loving God, as your light grows in the dark of winter, bring its strength and its hope to all people who suffer through war and conflict, poverty and injustice. Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem to lead the way to your Son, guide all people - leaders and citizens – to follow your ways of peace and justice. As we remember the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be a source of courage for each of us, helping us to reach out in friendship to all in need in this world and in our community. Help us to see in the Christ-child we welcome this Christmas, the one who came to bring an end to all divisions and injustice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. And may the Lord bless us, keep us safe, and fill us with hope this Advent Day and always. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Dana’s Cross & Cloak Concert – Abbeyleix Co Laois:** Dana’s Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sunday 2nd February 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24 (featuring local artists). Ticket €25.00 (Book on Eventbrite.ie). For more information, contact Antoinette- 086 0803047.