

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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7th January 2018 – Baptism of the Lord

The Blessed One

One day as the Buddha was sitting under a tree, a slim young soldier walked past, looked contemptuously at his chubby cheeks and fat tummy, and said: 'You look like a pig.' The Buddha looked up calmly at the soldier and said: 'And you look like God.' Taken aback by the reply, the soldier asked: 'Why do you say I look like God?' The Buddha answered: 'Well, we don't really see what's outside of ourselves. We see what's inside of us and project it out. I sit under this tree all day and I think about God, so that when I look out, that's what I see. Whereas you...you must be thinking about other things.'

How we view others speaks volumes about what's going on inside ourselves. When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened, the Spirit came down upon him, and the voice of the Father said: 'This is my blessed one, in whom I take delight.' Jesus lived out of that blessed consciousness for the rest of his life. He was able to look out at the world and say: 'Blessed are you who are poor, you who are persecuted, you who are mourning, you who hunger for justice. No matter what your circumstance, you are blessed.' Our baptism tries to tell us the same but developing the consciousness of Jesus is a lifetime of hard work. Much of the time we live with a cursed consciousness. We look at another person and say to ourselves: 'Who do you think you are? You're a fool.' And every time we say it, we deny our baptism.

A Word of Thanks

To all who have helped in the Parish in the past year:

- The members of the Pastoral Council
- The members of the three Church Committees
- The finance and accounting teams
- The Sacristans
- The Altar Societies
- The Altar Servers
- The Ministers of the Eucharist
- The Eucharistic Adoration Groups
- The Readers
- The Choirs
- The Organists
- The Collectors
- The Ushers
- The Car Park Attendants
- The CES workers
- The Secretary
- All our generous donors and contributors



GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 7 th Jan	11.00 am	Stevie McDermott, Munelta A/V
Mon 8 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 9 th	7.45 pm	For the Intentions of the People who assisted and helped the Sheils Family, Caulfield
Wed 10 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 11 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 12 th	7.45 pm	John & Rose Ann Reilly, Clondargen A/V
Sun 14 th	11.00 am	Jim Reilly & Dec family mbrs, Lisatoo A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 14th January: Ellen, Grace, Peter, Fiona, Kevin, Killian

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sat 6 th Jan	7.30 pm	Francis Smith, Carrickallen A/V
Sat 13 th	7.30 pm	Noel Smith, Artina A/V

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sun 7 th Jan	9.30 am	Phelim Reilly, Tierlahood A/V
Mon 8 th	7.00 pm	Patrick McGee and Mary Daly, Carrickacromin A/V
Tue 9 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Wed 10 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Thur 11 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Fri 12 th	7.00 pm	Peter & Bridge Donnelly, Clifferna A/V
Sun 14 th	9.30 am	Eddie & Rose Farrelly, Tierlahood A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume in February

Mass Bookings: Can be made after 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings in the Vestry.

1. **The Sick & Housebound:** will be attended as follows
Clifferna – on Tuesday 9th January
Laragh and Carrickallen – on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th January
2. **Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Damian McGivney, Knockateggart and Arlene McCaul, Bunnoe who were married in St. Mary's Church Bunnoe yesterday. Also Claire Tierney and Stephen Walls, Kilnagarbet who were married in St. Dympna's Church Lower Lavey on Sunday last.
3. **Envelopes 2018:** There are still come packets left in the churches, please take yours home.
4. **Outdoor Fitness Classes:** Choose this year to be a happy, healthy one. We are back training in Stradone every Monday and Wednesday from 7pm – 8pm, starting this Monday 8th. Walker or runner, all are welcome. €5/class. Contact 087 7571126 for further details if required.
5. **Iron Maidens Golf Society:** AGM takes place in Laragh House on Saturday 13th January at 8pm. New members are always welcome.
6. **Stradone Community Centre/LADG:** Meeting on Tuesday 9th January at 9pm in the centre.
7. **Laragh Foroige Club:** returns to regular activities on Friday 12th January from 8.30pm to 10pm. Gala 2018 Practice starting soon!
8. **Laragh United GFC:** Football and Camogie AGM will take place on Sunday 7th January at 5pm in Stradone Community Centre. All members are asked to attend, new members are welcome.
9. **Learn to Jive with Mairead Gaffney & Craig Lovett:** Five week course commencing Monday 8th January in the Errigal House Hotel, Cootehill and Tuesday 9th January in the Shantully Inn, Crossdoney starting at 8.30pm. No partner needed. Contact 086 1928568 / 086 1763044 for further details.

Recent Deaths:

- **Dan McCaffrey, Foxrock and late of Stradone,** whose funeral took place on Thursday in Foxrock.
- **Rosemund Brady, Ballyhaise,** whose funeral took place on Friday in Ballyhaise. We extend our sympathy to her niece Miriam Hegarty, Laragh NS.
- **Michael Tackney, Cootehill,** whose funeral took on Thursday in Cootehill. We extend our sympathy to his sister Adelaine Reilly, Tullyco.