

Laragh Parish Newsletter

- 10. St. Michael's National School:** Presents the Clifflerna Christmas Community Celebration on Wednesday 19th December at 7pm in St. Michael's Church Clifflerna. An evening of music, song, poetry and readings. All voluntary donations welcome on the night. Everybody welcome.
- 11. Darkness into Light:** Bailieborough will be a new venue for the Darkness into Light Walk/Run in 2019. Notification of the route etc will follow at a later date.
- 12. Progressive 25 Card Games:** will continue in St. Michael's Centre, Clifflerna on Thursday nights at 8pm sharp.
- 13. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 1, 4, 7, 9, €30 winners Pat Smith, Rose Marie Mullen, Noelle Cooney, Denis Brady, Oisín Callaghan. Next week's jackpot €3,400. Thank you to all for your continued support of our lotto.
- 14. Clifflerna Gun Club:** 25 Cards and Poker every Friday night until Christmas in The Cross Lounge, Stradone starting at 9.30pm.
- 15. Christmas Lights Vehicle Parade:** in aid of the Vincey McGee Benefit Fund, Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust & Aisling Brady on today Sunday 16th December at 4.30pm in Cavan Town. All types of vehicles Lorries, Cars, Tractors, Vans etc. welcome. *Entry Fee €20 per vehicle.* Registration from 1pm at the Equestrian Centre. Refreshments and entertainment. Lighting up of Remembrance Tree at 5.30pm at the Courthouse, Cavan (find us on facebook) 'Christmas lights vehicle parade' where more details provided!

Your Prayers are Requested for the Souls of the late:

- **Mayjo Ormiston, Lisnaglea**, whose funeral took place in Lavey Parish Church on Friday. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Caroline, sons Roy and John and extended family circle.
- **Molly Fay, Kilnaleck**, whose funeral took place in St. Patrick's Church, Kilnaleck with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery Clifflerna. Wife of the late Michael Cobey, Tierlahood.
- **Mary Ellen Sheridan, Crossdoney**, whose funeral took place in St. Felim's Church, Ballinagh on Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Geraldine Smith and family, Drumcrow.
- **Christopher Palmer, Aughgoldrick**, whose funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.
- **Rose Keogan, Castlerahan**, whose funeral took place in St. Mary's Church, Castlerahan on Friday. We extend our sympathy to her sister Patsy Brady and family, Aughgoldrick.



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16th December 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent

What Must We Do?

Fr. Michael had made several attempts that day to complete a parish report that was due in the Bishop's office a week ago. Just as he put his fingers to the keyboard for the umpteenth time, the doorbell rang again. This time it was Patrick, a regular caller, who wanted some change to buy a 'cup of tea' i.e. whiskey. Fr. Michael usually went along with the subterfuge - but today was different. Today he was mad as hell. 'Go away,' he said, 'I'm busy' and before Patrick had time to open his mouth, the door was slammed in his face. Back at the computer, Fr. Michael found it difficult to concentrate on the survey. He shouldn't have been so harsh. It was Christmas time and there was snow in the air. Patrick could have done with some help. Then the doorbell rang again. This time it was a stranger - also looking for a 'cup of tea'. Without thinking, Fr. Michael thrust a note into one of his hands and an overcoat into the other. The stranger looked surprised. Returning to the computer, Fr. Michael stopped suddenly. 'God has a sense of humour,' he thought. 'If I'd been generous from the start, it would only have cost me two "cups of tea". Instead, I've lost my best overcoat.'

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 16 th Dec	11.00 am	Oliver & Kathleen Plunkett & Deceased family members, Cormeen A/V
Mon 17 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Wed 19 th	10.00 am	For the People of the Parish (Note change of time)
Thur 20 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 21 st	7.45 pm	Phil Smith, Longfield A/V
Sun 23 rd	11.00 am	Rose King, Broughderg M/M

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 23rd December: Hannah May, Ellen, Eoin, Emily, Grace, Darragh

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sun 16 th Dec	9.30 am	Mary Ellen & John Lynch, Tievenanass A/V
Sun 23 rd	9.30 am	Rosann & Michael Boylan, Carrickacromin A/V

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sat 15 th Dec	7.30 pm	Brendan & Mary Molloy, Clifferna A/V
Tue 18 th	10.00 am	Philip, Elizabeth & Mary Donohoe, Drumhilla A/V
Sat 22 nd	7.30 pm	As Requested

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume in February 2019

1. Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas: After all Masses in the Parish next weekend. Confessions all day in The Cathedral of Ss Patrick & Felim, on Wednesday 19th December. There will also be a Penitential Service next Sunday at 7pm in St. Michael's Church Cootehill.

2. Christmas Mass Times:	Laragh	Clifferna	Carrickallen
Christmas Eve	8pm	7pm	6pm
Christmas Day	11am	---	---

3. Recent Baptism: The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Eoghan Patrick Smith, Knockateggart who was baptised in St. Michael's Church, Clifferna on Sunday.

4. Church Accounts 2018: Laragh Church Finance Committee would like to thank you, the parishioners, for all your contributions to date. As the financial year ends on 31st December, please bring all outstanding dues etc up to date. Please make any cheque payments for dues to Priests Revenue Account. If you wish to contribute to parish funds but are not currently receiving envelopes please contact the parish priest or any member of the church committee. Donations made via the envelope system enable the parish to recoup tax refunds from the Revenue Commissioners.

5. Laragh Envelopes 2019: Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please take your packet home.

6. Laragh Choir Practice: on Tuesday 18th December at 8pm in Laragh Church. All choir members please attend.

7. DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS: Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am to 10pm. They are available to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Callers can seek information on entitlements, other organisations or services, or look for clarification on topical items as reported in media. Having an opportunity to discuss a problem or a worry can help the caller clarify the situation for themselves. They can gain a new perspective on the situation, identify a new source of support and may see a way forward hitherto denied. Free phone number 1800 804 591.

8. Free Basic iPhone, iPad, Smartphone, Tablet Class starting in Stradone Community Centre on Tuesday 8th January 2019 from 2-4pm. If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046 9280790.

9. Cavan Christmas Dash: 5K Run/Walk - in aid of Cavan Parkinson's Branch and Drumlin House, will take place on St. Stephen's Day at 12 noon. Registration on the day in the Farnham Arms from 10.30am onwards or visit www.cavanchristmasdash.ie