

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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8. Sisters of Mercy Donations: Two Laragh students at Breifne College, Fionan Brady and James Cahill, are travelling to Zambia at Easter to work with the Sisters of Mercy. Their goal is to raise funds before they go to assist the Sisters in their mission. In addition to other fundraising activities, they would welcome donations from churchgoers after Masses this weekend.

9. Stradone Christmas Tree Committee: wish to thank everybody who organised and helped out at the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Stradone. Thanks to the singers, those who made refreshments and to Santa for his presence and presents!

10. Free basic iPhone, iPad, Smartphone and Tablet Class: starting in Stradone Community Centre on Tuesday 8th January 2019 from 2pm – 4pm. If you would like to book a place please contact Angela on 046 9280790.

11. Cuan Cancer Support Centre Cavan: will be closed until Monday 7th January at 10am. There will be no counselling or complimentary therapies available during the Christmas Season.

12. Laragh United GFC:

- **Lotto Results:** Congratulations to jackpot winner Pat Brady, Tullyco. Winning numbers were 2, 5, 9, 12. €30 winners Joe McMahon, John Duffy, Colm & Ciaran Sheils, Paul & Joanne Brady, Paul Brady. Extra prizes for Christmas €100 winners Luke McBreen and Frank Brady. €50 winners Danny Brady, Siobhan Cooney, Olivia Donohoe, King Family. The jackpot starts again at €3,000. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone for supporting our lotto all year. The lotto will resume in January 2019.
- **Charity Match:** takes place on St. Stephen's Day at 12noon in Stradone. All money raised will go to Cliffferna and Laragh School for Special Needs. Please come along for what is always a great event.

13. Project Healthy U: a Cavan GAA initiative aimed at promoting good health, wellbeing and fun, starts at 9.30am on Saturday 5th January 2019 in Kingspan Breffni, Cavan. Walking, running, jogging, health checks plus information on Nutrition, Basic first aid, Healthy cooking and much more. Goodie bags available so please register on www.cavangaa.ie or further details from Carmel O'Neill 086 601 1509 or Peter Walsh 087 1038202. This is a free community event for all ages. Walk, run, jog continues weekly at 9.30am every Saturday until 23rd February.

14. Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service is available to patients attending Cavan General Hospital for chemotherapy treatment and is completely free to the patient – a driver will pick you up at the door of your home and bring you to the hospital & then, after treatment, bring you home. Please speak to your oncology team.

Clergy & Pastoral Care

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Fr John Cooney	049 5552163	Mobile	086 8755695

Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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23rd December 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Christmas Story

Once upon a time there was a king who was rich and powerful. But he had a problem. He wanted a wife who would love him for himself and was at a loss to understand how he could find such a person. One day he saw a beautiful peasant girl and fell in love with her. How, he wondered, could he persuade her to be his loving wife? 'Order her,' said one of his counsellors. But the king knew that love could not be commanded. 'Shower her with diamonds and pearls,' said another. But the king knew that love could not be bought. 'Pretend to be a peasant for a while,' said a third, 'and then reveal who you really are.' But the king knew that love might not survive deception. Something more was needed. He decided to renounce his royal powers and riches and actually become a peasant. Over time he gained her trust and won her hand. So caring and loving was she that, when her husband finally died, the people said: 'That man married a queen.'

St. Athanasius wrote: 'Because of his great love for us, Jesus, the Word of God, became what we are in order to make us what he is himself.'

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 23 rd Dec	11.00 am	Rose King, Broughderg M/M
Christmas Eve	8.00 pm	Felix & Elizabeth McInerney, Edergole A/V
Christmas Day	11.00 am	The Nativity of the Lord
Wed 26 th	11.00 am	Tom McKenna & Dec family mbrs Drumole A/V and Michael Mullen, Cordevlis RIP
Wed 26 th	7.45 pm	Andy Sexton, Caulfield A/V
Thur 27 th	11.00 am	As Requested
Fri 28 th	7.45 pm	John Cooney, Cara M/M
Sun 30 th	11.00 am	Charlie & Margaret Duke, Stradone A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume on Tuesday January 9th

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 30th December: Kathlyn P, Aimee, Emma R, Finn, Michelle, Lucy

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sun 23 rd Dec	9.30 am	Rosann & Michael Boylan, Carrickacromin A/V
Christmas Eve	6.00 pm	As Requested
Wed 26 th	12.00 pm	For all the Dead – Celebrant Cardinal Séan Brady
Sun 30 th	9.30 am	Phil Lee, Tievenanass A/V

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sat 22 nd Dec	7.30 pm	As Requested
Christmas Eve	7.00 pm	As Requested
Sat 29 th	7.30 pm	As Requested

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume in February 2019

GENERAL NOTICES

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| 1. Christmas Mass Times: | Laragh | Clifferna | Carrickallen |
| Christmas Eve | 8pm | 7pm | 6pm |
| Christmas Day | 11am | --- | --- |
- 2. Mass Changes:** From **Saturday 5th January 2019**, Mass times will be as follows;
Carrickallen – Saturday at 7.30pm
Clifferna – Sunday at 9.30am
Laragh – Sunday at 11am
- 3. Laragh Parish Emigrant Newsletter:** there are still copies available and will be on sale at all Masses this weekend. Cost €5.
- 4. Cardinal Sean Brady:** will celebrate Mass for the Deceased of the Parish on St. Stephen's Day in St. Patrick's Church Carrickallen at 12noon.
- 5. Laragh & Clifferna Envelopes 2019:** Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please take your packet home.
- 6. 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.
- 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. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to.
Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.

Wishing you a Happy & Peaceful Christmas

Fr Brian Flynn

