

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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9. ISPPC Church Gate Collection: Thanks to all who continued to the collection held last week which amounted to €270.

10. Christmas Lights Vehicle Parade: in aid of the Vincey McGee Benefit Fund, Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust & Aisling Brady on 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!

11. Boxercise/Circuits: continues in Stradone Community Centre on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. €6 per night. All Welcome male & female with Dominic D.

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 5, 13, 21, 22. €30 winners Josephine Collins, Carrie Smith, Terry Reilly, Sally Robins, Tom Moore. Next week's jackpot €3200. Thank you to all for your continued support of our lotto.
- **Presentation of medals** to our U-13 and U-15 football teams will take place on Saturday 15th December in Stradone Community Centre at 7.45pm. Ronan Flanagan and Cian Mackey will make the presentations. Everybody is welcome to come along.

14. Clifflerna Gun Club: 25 Cards and Poker every Friday night until Christmas in The Cross Lounge, Stradone starting at 9.30pm.

15. 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.

16. Tearmann Domestic Abuse Service: For those who are living in fear in their own home as a result of emotional, physical or sexual abuse by their partner. Don't suffer in silence. Ring 047 72311 for free confidential information and support for women in Cavan and Monaghan.

Your Prayers are Requested for the Soul of the late:

- **Michael Mullen, England and late of Cordevlis**, whose funeral will take place in England. We extend our sympathy to his sister Rose McKenna & family, Drumole.

Clergy & Pastoral Care

Fr Brian Flynn	049 4330142	Mobile	086 0422996
Fr Liam Kelly	049 5553035	Mobile	087 9877739
Fr John Murphy	049 5553218	Mobile	087 2424760
Fr John Cooney	049 5552163	Mobile	086 8755695

Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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9th December 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent

Peace on Earth

A story is told of a soldier who asked a monk, 'Teach me the difference between Heaven and Hell'. The monk said to him: 'You are obviously a coward, and not a real soldier. I bet you don't even know how to use that gun you have - if it's a real gun at all.' The soldier was so enraged that he drew the gun from its holster and pointed it at the monk. As his finger tightened on the trigger, the monk said calmly, 'That's Hell'. The soldier, coming to his senses, felt ashamed and put the gun back into the holster. 'That's Heaven', said the monk. 'Now you know the difference.'

In a couple of weeks, we shall salute the feast when Heaven came to earth as a Child. In preparation for that feast, why don't we attempt to reproduce Heaven on earth in the here and now? Why wait for Christmas Day itself?

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 9 th Dec	11.00 am	Jim & Bridie Smith, Caufield A/V
Mon 10 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 11 th	7.45 pm	As Requested
Wed 12 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 13 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 14 th	7.45 pm	As Requested
Sun 16 th	11.00 am	Oliver & Kathleen Plunkett & Deceased family members, Cormeen A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 16th December: James, Caitlin, Aoife, Fiona, Kayla G, Paul

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sun 9 th Dec	9.30 am	Alexis O’ Reilly, Tievenanass A/V
Sun 16 th	9.30 am	Mary Ellen & John Lynch, Tievenanass A/V

ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sat 8 th Dec	7.30 pm	Frank Reilly & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V
Sat 15 th	7.30 pm	Brendan & Mary Molloy, Clifferna A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume in February 2019

1. **Annual Ecumenical Carol Service:** on Monday 10th December in Stradone Community Centre at 8pm. All welcome.
2. **Emigrant Newsletter:** will be on sale after Masses this weekend. Cost €5.
3. **Recent Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Fionn Philip Smith, Drumanarragh who was baptised in St. Brigid’s Church Laragh on Saturday.
4. **Pastoral Council:** Meeting on Tuesday 11th December at 8.15pm in The Family Room, Laragh Chapel.
5. **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.
6. **The Backpack will host a Christmas Bash** for youth in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre on December 16th, from 1pm-6pm. This event is open to anyone between the ages of 13-18. The day will include a workshop on building resilience, games, a Youth Mass, and a pizza party. Each guest will receive a Christmas present! Great opportunity for teens to learn resilience skills, make new friends, and have fun. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact the Backpack at [083 4877325](tel:0834877325) or email thebackpackprogram.life@gmail.com. (Please let us know you are coming so we can prepare for the right number of people!)
7. **Carol Concert in Cavan Cathedral:** on Wednesday December 12th 8pm in aid of the installation of the new organ. Choirs from The Royal School, Breffni College, Loreto, St. Patrick’s College, Cavan Singers, and The Cathedral Choir; also the Song Sisters, Cavan Sinfonia, with soloists, John Paul Feeley, Fr. Darragh Connolly, Claire Reilly, Carmel Donohoe. Seasonal music and readings.
8. **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