

Laragh Parish Newsletter



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9. Laragh Senior Social Club:

- You are invited to our Christmas Dinner in the Lavey Inn on Thursday December 5th at 2pm. Anyone wishing to attend please give your name to Maisie on 049 4330148/086 3614382.
- There will be no get together on Thursday next 5th December due to Christmas Party.

10. **Stradone Community Centre/LADG:** Monthly meeting on Tuesday 3rd December at 9pm in the centre.

11. **Simple Mindfulness Meditation:** Session in St. Michael's Centre, Cliffern, on Thursday 12th December from 7.30pm – 9pm. All welcome. Further enquiries to Evelyn on 086 2647363.

12. **Cliffern Gun Club:** Cards 25 and Poker for Turkeys continues on Friday nights in The Cross Lounge, Stradone at 9pm sharp and will run every Friday night until Christmas. All welcome.

13. Laragh United GFC:

- Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 6, 8, 12, 16. €30 winners were Marie Reilly, Nicole McConnell, Ger Langan, Phil Cahill and Kieran Brady. Next week's jackpot €12,400.
- Fundraising Horseracing Night:** on Saturday 14th December in Laragh House. Horses are on sale from players and any committee member. Please support.
- Win a Home in Dublin 15:** Cavan GAA are holding a Draw to raise funds. For €100 you could win a home in Dublin 15 worth €375,000. The club have an allocation of tickets for sale. They will be on sale on Friday 6th December from 7.30pm – 9pm, in Stradone Community Centre.

14. **Christmas Lights Vehicle Parade:** returns to the region, supporting local charities including The Kevin Bell Repatriation Fund, Vincey McGee Benefit Fund, Nobby McMahan Trust for Cavan/Monaghan Palliative Care and Ashling Brady Fund. Sunday 22nd December at 5pm, Cavan Town. Registration at Cavan Equestrian Centre from 1pm. Entry fee €20 per vehicle. Refreshments and entertainment in The Equestrian Centre.

Your Prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- Rose Smith (nee Maguire), Crosskeys,** whose funeral take place today at 1pm in St. Matthew's Church, Crosskeys. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Geraldine Cooney, Cavan/Tierlahood, son-in-law Fintan and grandchildren.

Clergy & Pastoral Care

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

Emergency Numbers

Cavan Gardai	049 4368800	Doc-on-Call	1850 777911
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1st December 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

Receiving Advent

The American writer, Tom McGrath, describes attending a talk about Advent. The speaker invited them to write down on a slip of paper a word that named something that prevented them getting closer to God. He suggested it might be a fear, a resentment, or an attitude that shut them off from the love that God longs to give us. They were to fold the paper over a few times, grasp it tightly in one hand and make a fist around it while the speaker continued his talk. 'After a minute, my hand began to ache. At two minutes my hand grew numb. At three minutes the hand started shaking uncontrollably. He told us to open our hands. I found how hard it was to do that. After grasping the piece of paper so tightly, my hand had stiffened and seemed to have a mind of its own. I can't remember what else he said that day, but I have never forgotten that lesson. Hold on to a resentment, fear or bad attitude long enough and you will become paralyzed. As I begin Advent every year now, I start with the realization that I need to let go...Advent is a time of receiving. It's hard to receive if your hands are clasped shut. So I begin Advent once again with this prayer: Holy Spirit of God, open my hands, my eyes, my ears, all my senses, and all of my heart so I will be ready to receive your Advent blessings.'

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 1 st Dec	11.00 am	Andy & Agnes Dowd, Cara A/V
Mon 2 nd	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 3 rd	7.45 pm	As Requested
Wed 4 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 5 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 6 th	7.45 pm	Maureen Rahill, Caulfield A/V
Sun 8 th	11.00 am	Terence Smith, Cordegan A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 8th December: Ned, Mark, Grace, Darragh, Killian, Elisha

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sun 1 st Dec	9.30 am	Mary Ellen & John Lynch, Tievenanass A/V
Sun 8 th	9.30 am	Kathleen & Mike Waldron, Carrickacromin A/V

Altar Society General Clean-up: on Saturday 14th December at 11am

ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sat 30 th	7.30 pm	Hugh Reilly, Drumuck A/V
Sat 7 th Dec	7.30 pm	Frank Reilly & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V Teresa & Terry Sexton, Greaghagibney A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm

1. **The Sick & Housebound:** will be attended as follows
Laragh on Thursday 5th December
Clifferna & Carrickallen on Friday 6th December
2. **Ecumenical Carol Service:** in Stradone Community Centre on Monday 16th December. Santy will be arriving for the lighting of the Christmas tree on the green after the carol service. All welcome.
3. **PREPARING HEART, MIND & SPIRIT - An Advent Service of Carols and Readings:** will take place in The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, on the First Sunday of Advent, 1 December 2019, at 5:30pm, featuring the Cavan Rugby Club Male Voice Choir under the direction of Dr. Ann-Noelle Bennett. All are welcome to attend this special event. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.
4. **Recent Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Finn Kelly, Kilnagarbet, who was baptised in St. Brigid’s Church, Laragh, yesterday.
5. **Church Accounts 2019:** 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. **Festive Flavours:** is a fundraiser for Cavan/Monaghan Oncology Unit and Crosserlough GFC. It will take place on 3rd December at 7pm, in Cavan Crystal Hotel. The evening includes a Christmas Market, Live music, Mulled wine on arrival followed by a cookery demonstration by our impressive line up of well known chefs and drinks experts. Tickets €20 and are available on www.eventbrite.ie or by contacting Diane McEnerney 086 838 5222 or Ursula Brady 087 9892121.
7. **Understanding Self-Harm:** A one day training in **Understanding Self-harm** has been organised for Monday 9th December in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan (9.30am - 4.30pm with lunch provided). There are 25 places available on the course and places can be booked at <https://bookwhen.com/cflcavanmonaghan>.
8. **Technology Training:** FREE Five Week Basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in all areas in January 2020. Please call Angela on 046 9280790 to book a place.