

Laragh Parish Newsletter

10. **Clifferna 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.
11. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 5, 18, 19, 29. €30 winners were Eileen O' Rourke, Maura Soden, John Reilly, Lee & Rebecca and Jimmy Galligan. Next week's jackpot €12,800.
12. **Christmas Lights Vehicle Parade:** returns to the region, supporting local charities including The Kevin Bell Repatriation Fund, Vincey McGee Benefit Fund, Nobby McMahon Trust for Cavan/Monaghan Palliative Care and Ashling Brady Fund. Sunday 22nd December at 5pm, Cavan Town. Lighting up of Remembrance Tree at Courthouse at 5.30pm. Registration at Cavan Equestrian Centre from 1pm. Entry fee €20 per vehicle. Refreshments and entertainment in The Equestrian Centre.
13. **Cavan Christmas Dash - 5K Run / Walk** - in aid of Friends of Cavan Oncology Unit and Cuan Cancer Social Support Group, 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
14. **SOSAD:** Operates 24 hours per day. Counselling service is free of charge. Telephone for free appointment 049 4326339. Christmas can be a hard time on some people, please be considerate to others. It is ok not to be ok.
15. **DB Cycling Club** are hosting their annual Santa Dash (Cycle/Run/Walk) on December 26th at 2pm in aid of Drumlin House. Event starts at The Stray Sod, Drung. Everyone welcome. Food and refreshments served afterwards.

Your Prayers are Requested for the Souls of the late:

- **Jimmy Galligan, Drumuck**, whose funeral took place on Monday last in St. Michael's Church Clifferna. We extend our sympathy to his wife Annamae, sons Barry and Noel and extended family.
- **Eamon Mulcahy, Altbaugh**, whose funeral took place in The Cathedral on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to Claire Power, Altbaugh and extended family circle.



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15th December 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

Keep the SON in Your Eyes

In 1981, nine disabled people climbed to the top of Mt Rainier, a 14,000-foot mountain in Washington State, USA. One was an amputee, five were blind, two were deaf and one was epileptic. The day before they climbed eleven people had died on the mountain in an ice fall. When the nine came back down, a reporter asked them how they had achieved such an extraordinary feat. One of the blind men answered, 'We got a lot of help from each other'. As someone said later, 'It was a perfect example of the Body of Christ in action, where the blind could see with someone else's eyes, the deaf could hear with someone else's ears, the lame could turn to someone else for support'. It echoes the message of salvation in the readings today where the blind see, the lame walk, and the deaf hear. Jesus makes it clear that the success of this message depends on faith in him. If our eyes are distracted by the evils around us or our own weaknesses, we will lose heart. Keep the SON in your eyes if you long for a truly joy-filled Christmas.

GENERAL NOTICES

ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH

Masses this week:

Sun 15 th Dec	11.00 am	John Cooney, Cara A/V
Mon 16 th	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 17 th	7.45 pm	As Requested
Wed 18 th	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 19 th	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 20 th	7.45 pm	Maureen Clarke, Ravenswood M/M
Sun 22 nd	11.00 am	Denis & Donie Sheehan & Dec family mbrs, Cork A/V

Eucharistic Adoration: On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

Servers for Next Week

Sunday 22nd December: Michelle, Leah, Fiona, Ned, Mark, Grace

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

Masses this week:

Sun 15 th Dec	9.30 am	Elizabeth & Thomas Smith & Dec family mbrs, Artina
Fri 20 th	8.00 pm	Benny Collins, Rathrussan M/M (Note change of time)
Sun 22 nd	9.30 am	Molly & Johnny Smith, Tullyinchin Rosann & Michael Boylan, Carrickacromin A/V

ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

Masses this week:

Sat 14 th Dec	7.30 pm	Brendan & Mary Molloy, Clifferna A/V
Sat 21 st	7.30 pm	James & Julia Tierney & Dec family members Luke, Peggy & Jim Smith & Dec family mbrs, Kilnacreeva

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm

1. **Confessions:** after all Masses this weekend.
2. **Christmas Mass Times:**

	Laragh	Clifferna	Carrickallen
Christmas Eve	8pm	7pm	6pm
Christmas Day	11am	---	---
3. **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.
4. **Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Daisy Ellen McDermott, Drumanarragh, who was baptised in St. Brigid’s Church Laragh on Sunday last.
5. **Laragh Envelopes 2020:** Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please take your packet home.
6. **Mass Changes:** From **Saturday 4th January 2019**, Mass times will be as follows;
 - Carrickallen** – Saturday at 7.30pm
 - Clifferna** – Sunday at 9.30am
 - Laragh** – Sunday at 11am
7. **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.
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.
9. **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.