

# Laragh Parish Newsletter

## 7. Dates for your Diary:

**Confirmation** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm

### First Holy Communion 2020

**Laragh** on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**Clifferna** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

### Cemetery Sunday 2020

**Carrickallen** on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Laragh** on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Clifferna** on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

8. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 6, 13, 14, 20. €30 winners were Barney & Tina Connolly, Ray Carroll, Marina Sexton, John Denning, Ellie McIntyre. The winners of the Christmas extra prizes were €100 Grainne & Peadar Soden, Maurice & Clare Brady, €50 winners Mary McDermott, Claire O' Reilly, Shane O' Brien, Nicholas Byrd.

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## Your prayers are requested for the souls of the late:

- **Bernadette Hough (nee McQuillan), Cabra and late of Knockateggart**, whose funeral took place in Clifferna on Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to her husband Gerry, sons Michael and Paul, brothers Frank, Pdraig and Sean and extended family circle.
- **Yvonne Ward, Strokestown**, whose funeral took place on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to her niece Ms Hazel Mulhall, Laragh NS.

## A Word of Thanks...

### To all who have helped in the Parish in the past year:

The members of the Pastoral Council & Church Committees

The finance and accounting teams

The Secretary

The Sacristans, Altar Societies & Altar Servers

The Ministers of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Adoration Groups

The Readers, Collectors, Choirs & Organists

The Ushers & Car Park Attendants

The CES workers

All our generous donors and contributors



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**29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Feast of the Holy Family**

## Faith, Hope, Courage and Love

A parish arranged for a group of fathers to go on a retreat. The retreat master encouraged them to take St. Joseph as a model of fatherhood. One man immediately objected. 'Joseph's situation was totally different from mine. He was a saint, his wife was sinless and their child was the Son of God. How am I expected to have anything in common with him? I'm no saint, my wife is far from sinless, and none of our children is the Son of God.' The retreat master replied: 'You're right in saying that your situations have little in common but wrong in assuming that it was easier for Joseph. Was your wife pregnant before marriage and you didn't know by whom? Did your son leave home for three days and you didn't know where he was? Were you ever woken up in the middle of the night and told to get out because your child was about to be killed? This is the Joseph I want you to identify with: someone who faced much tougher challenges than most of you are likely to meet in your whole life yet never gave up. Isn't this what family life is about? Never losing faith in your children, continuing to hope that God will help your family in times of difficulty, protecting them from harm and always, always loving them unconditionally.'

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

#### Masses this week:

Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Charlie & Margaret Duke, Stradone A/V
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	As Requested
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.45 pm	As Requested
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.45 pm	Tom & Kitsy Cahill, Lislea A/V
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Jim & Bridie Smith, Caulfield A/V

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Will resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### Servers for Next Week

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Aimee, Lucy, Finn, Kayla G, Paul, Kathlyn

#### Church Arrangements for January

**Offertory Collectors:** Shay Power, Bernie O' Rourke (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Tom Dowd, Josephine Cullivan (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Readers:** Shea Denning (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Triona Brady (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Altar Society:** Mary Smith, Maire Reilly

HAPPY NEW YEAR



### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

#### Masses this week:

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	As Requested
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	7.00 pm	James Cooney, Clifferna A/V
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Joseph & Mary Ellen Rudden, Arderda A/V Owen & Bridget Smith, Termon A/V

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Will resume in February

#### Church Arrangements for January

**Door Collectors:** Damien McGivney, Vincent O' Connell, Philip Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Fionnuala Farrelly, Damien Fitzpatrick, Mary McGivney  
**Reader:** Roisin Cooney

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

#### Masses this week:

Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Phil Lee, Tievenanass A/V
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30 pm	Francis Smith, Carrickallen A/V

**Crib Donations:** Are going to Trocaire, please be as generous as you can

#### Church Arrangements for January

**Door Collectors:** Phelim O' Brien, Brendan Collins, Liam Clarke  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pauline O' Brien, Sheila McCabe  
**Readers:** Shane Smith (Sat 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>)  
Sarah Sherlock (Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)

### GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Word of Thanks:** Sincere thanks to all who helped with the Christmas liturgies in the parish. We thank the choirs, sacristans, servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, collectors, Pastoral Councils, those who decorated the Churches and all who helped in the running up to Christmas.
- 2. The Sick & Housebound:** will be attended as follows  
**Laragh** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
**Clifferna and Carrickallen** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- 3. Mass Changes:** From **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020**, Mass times will be as follows;  
**Carrickallen** – Saturday at 7.30pm  
**Clifferna** – Sunday at 9.30am  
**Laragh** – Sunday at 11am
- 4. Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Colm Hand, Corfad and Niamh Fitzsimons, who were married in St. Joseph's Church, Sandycove on Friday.
- 5. Recent Baptisms:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Donncha Michael Vincent Rudden, Edergole who was baptised in St. Brigid's Church Laragh on Friday and Baby Charlie Patrick Brady, Laragh, who was baptised in St. Brigid's Church Laragh on Saturday.
- 6. St. Michael's Pastoral Area:** (Parish of Drumgoon, Kill/Drung and Laragh) have employed Mr JP Weir, Mullagh as the Clusters Pastoral Assistant. He takes up his new appointment on January 20<sup>th</sup> and his first duty will be to work with parents and children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2020. He will be based at the Parochial House, Monaghan Rd, Cootehill, and will work across the three Parishes in the seven schools. We wish him success as he begins work in our parishes