

# Laragh Parish Newsletter



## Proposed Plan for Christmas Masses

It is important to point out that there is no obligation to attend Mass at present. Nevertheless, many people would like to attend Mass for Christmas. To accommodate them, nine Masses will be provided between Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 27th. These will take place at the following times:

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Saturday/Sunday
6.00 pm Carrickallen	10.00 am Carrickallen	7.30 pm Cliffferna
7.00 pm Cliffferna	11.00 am Laragh	9.30 am Carrickallen
8.00 pm Laragh	12.00 am Cliffferna	11.00 am Laragh

**In relation to these Masses, we would ask parishioners to follow the guidelines provided below:**

- You should nominate only one of these Masses as your preferred choice
- To book your place, please drop into the sacristy of your Church to provide the relevant details
- You must book at the Church you propose to attend
- In accordance with government guidelines, only 50 places will be available at each Mass (Families will count as 1).
- Entry to the Church at these Masses will take place at the main door only
- After Mass, you are asked to leave by the nearest exit
- Social distancing must be observed at all times
- Masks should be worn throughout the Mass.
- People who have not booked a place must wait until the 50 places are assigned to those who have booked.
- Every attempt will be made to accommodate people who turn up without booking but no guarantees can be given
- If anyone is unable to gain entry, he or she can follow the Mass on external speakers
- You are asked not to congregate in groups after Mass, inside or outside
- Please show respect for others and particularly for the stewards who will check your booking at the doors

It seems unlikely that we will have a problem with numbers at other Masses during the Christmas season so you do not need to book them in advance. Nevertheless, all Masses up to and including the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th are part of the festive season and you may treat any of these as your preferred Christmas Mass. Indeed, in the interests of avoiding overcrowding on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, you are encouraged to do so.

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**13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## Rejoice in the Lord Always

The family were on their way home from their baby's baptism when the baby's 6 year old brother started crying. 'What's wrong?' asked the father. 'This is a happy day. Don't spoil it for us. What's the matter?' The child sobbed, 'It's what the priest said.' The father looked puzzled. 'What did he say that could possibly make you cry?' 'He said that children should be brought up in a Christian home,' the boy answered, 'but I want to stay with Mammy and you!' The parents laughed at his innocence but his words stung them. They talked about it later and decided that maybe they should go to Mass occasionally. A few months later the priest met the boy on the school corridor. He had noticed the family at Mass and thought he'd check to see whether it had changed their home life in any way. 'Do you pray together as a family before meals?' he asked the boy. 'We don't need to,' he replied, 'Mammy's a very good cook!' I suppose the lesson is: progress in Christian living is a slow business.

*Today's Mass reminds us that the purpose of life in Christ is joy, not pain or boredom. Joy is an inner sense of God's presence and of his abiding love for us.*

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH**

**Masses this week:**

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	As Requested
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Funeral Mass for Teresa Brady, Drumole RIP
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Dec mbrs of McKeon Family, Aughagoldrick A/V
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Dec mbrs of Gillick Family, Tierlahood A/V Dec mbrs of Sheehan Family, Cork A/V
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	As Requested

**Eucharistic Adoration:** On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN**

**Masses this week:**

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Kathleen & Mike Waldron, Carrickacromin A/V
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Katie & Thomas Brady, Carrickacromin A/V

**ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA**

**Masses this week:**

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	Frank Reilly & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Bernadette Hough, Dublin and Knockateggart A/V
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Brendan & Mary Molloy, Clifferna A/V

**1. Confessions:** As it will be impossible for most people to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation this Christmas, the Bishops' Conference recommends that everyone place their trust in God's mercy through an Act of Perfect Contrition. Churches with Webcam or radio link will celebrate a service of preparation to assist those who cannot celebrate the sacrament.

**2. Baptisms:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Katie Mai Cooney, Clifferna who was baptised in St. Michael’s Church, Clifferna yesterday and Baby Croíadh Rose Daly, Drumalee, who was baptised in St. Brigid’s Church, Laragh yesterday.

**3. Wedding Bells:** Congratulations to Stephanie O’ Donnell, Tierlahood and Ronan Smith, Drumcrow, who were married in St. Michael’s Church, Clifferna on Friday.

**4. Mass in St. Brigid’s Church Laragh:** There are some dates available for intentions for the coming weeks. If you wish to book an intention or an anniversary, please contact Kathleen. Bookings for 2021 can be also taken.

**5. Laragh Ladies Football:** Laragh United are setting up a Laragh Ladies Gaelic Football team for 2021 covering all groups. If interested, please text Ita Smith on 087 7813413 with the name of the child and their age.

**6. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers were 12, 13, 17, 30. €30 winners were Noelle Cooney, Clifferna, Carmel Masterson, Online, John Reilly, Tierlahood, Noeleen Cooney, Clifferna, Helena Brady, Grousehall. Next week’s jackpot €7,600. Tickets can be purchased online.

**7. Christmas Lights Vehicle Parade 2020:** There are 2 routes for this year’s run. Participants can start or leave the run when they wish. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm. Tickets cost €20. Registration and more details online. Proceeds in aid of Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust, SOSAS and Vincent McGee Benefit Fund.

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

- **Teresa Brady (nee Hill), Drumole**, whose funeral will take place in St. Brigid’s Church, Laragh today. We extend our sympathy to her sons Denis, Dan, Michael, Philip and Patrick, daughters Anne and Mary and extended family.
- **Eric Pepper, Munelta**, whose funeral took place in St. Brigid’s Church Laragh on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to his wife Valerie, daughter Lisa, sons Eric, Stephen, Matthew and Karl and wide family circle.