

# 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 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

**Tickets will be issued after Masses this weekend to those who have booked their places at Christmas Masses and to those who book today.**

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.

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**20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## You Have Won God's Favour

A psychologist named Thomas Holmes invented a scale for measuring stress. If your stress levels reached 200, he concluded, you needed to see a doctor. By his reckoning, Christmas merited a mere 14 points. A writer called Bridget Kuhns decided to apply his scale to Mary, with interesting results. An unwanted pregnancy was 60 points. A change in living conditions (Mary stayed with Elizabeth for 3 months) earned 25 more. Hasty marriage to Joseph: 50 points. Argument about his failure to book ahead: 35. Then the birth, 39 points (only!). Change in sleeping habits: 16. Change in eating habits: 15. Uninvited guests (shepherds, wise men etc), fear of enemies (Herod), panic (the flight into Egypt) - added considerably to the pressure she was under. By the time she had finished her calculations, Bridget Kuhns worked out that Mary's stress levels were over 400 on the scale.

*Winning God's favour, it turns out, does not protect you from life's bumps and bruises. It just assures you that all will be well.*

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH**

**Masses this week:**

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	As Requested
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.45 pm	As Requested
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Tom McKenna, Drumole A/V
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Charlie & Margaret Duke, Stradone A/V

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

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN**

**Masses this week:**

Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Katie & Thomas Brady, Carrickacromin A/V
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Phil Lee, Mary Ellen & John Lynch, Tievenanass A/V

**ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA**

**Masses this week:**

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	Brendan & Mary Molloy, Cliffrerna A/V
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	As Requested

- 1. Christmas Mass Details:** on back page.
- 2. Kilmore Youth Ministry Christmas Essay Competition:** The winner of this competition is Gracie O’ Flaherty, a 6<sup>th</sup> Class student from East Knockbride NS. Well done to all who entered. She has won a family trip to Tayto Park.
- 3. Shoebox Appeal:** Edna Smith and Hazel Spears would like to thank everybody who donated so generously to their fundraiser for Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Thanks to your generosity we have raised €7,747 providing 387 of the poorest children in Africa and Eastern Europe with a special gift this year.
- 4. Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Anna Claire McIntyre, Mountain Lodge, who was baptised in St. Patrick’s Church, Carrickallen on Friday.
- 5. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers were 3, 9, 26, 28. €30 winners were Denis Sherry, Knockateggart, Mary McDermott, Munelta, Fidelma & Paula Brady, Munelta, Ann McGuigan, Tierlahood, Siobhan Cooney, Cliffrerna. Next week’s jackpot €7,800. Tickets can be purchased online.
- 6. 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.

**Thank You**  
**for your support throughout the year**  
**Wishing all Parishioners**  
**a Happy, Joyful, Safe and**  
**Peaceful Christmas**



- Your prayers are requested for the souls of the late:**
- **Mary Brady (nee McKeon), Tullyvin and late of Aughagoldrick,** whose funeral took place in Kill on Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to her husband, son, daughters, brothers Andy & Michéal, sisters Margaret and Roisin and entire family circle.
  - **Peter Nugent, Omagh,** whose funeral took place on Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to his daughter Carmel Tully, Edrans her husband Peter, grandchildren and extended family circle.