

# Laragh Parish Newsletter



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**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## The Voice from the Stable

There is an old Jewish story about a farmer named Isaac who went to his neighbour and asked to borrow his donkey. The neighbour said, 'I'm sorry, Isaac, but the donkey is out on loan to someone else.' But just as he finished speaking, the donkey brayed from inside the stable. So Isaac said, 'How can you tell me your donkey is out on loan to someone else when I can hear him braying inside the stable?' The neighbour shrugged his shoulders and said, 'Isaac, who are you going to believe, the donkey or me?'

We live in a world of conflicting voices. There are voices that tell us we must look after number one, even if that means lying or cheating or undermining the institutions we depend on. There are voices that tell us we should not put our trust in others, that love and self-sacrifice is a mug's game, and that God is a myth invented by those who want to control our lives. There are voices that tell us that 'eat, drink and be merry' is the only philosophy to live by because tomorrow we die and that's the end of everything. But the words of John the Baptist and the words of Advent invite us to listen to a different voice, the voice from the stable who proclaims Good News: that God is present in our world, that Christ will come again and raise us to new life, that the Holy Spirit will lead us on our journey into truth. Who are you going to believe?

## Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father,  
grant us the fortitude of Christ your son  
to face the Covid-19 crisis  
with trust, patience and compassion.  
Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit  
to free us from fear  
and look forward together to the future  
with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph,  
the guardian of Jesus, and Mary,  
the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church,  
may we be guided through this time of peril.  
Preserve us in peace; protect the vulnerable;  
keep safe our health care workers  
and all who serve society,  
at home and abroad.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



**John the Baptist**

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH LARAGH**

**Masses this week:**

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	Andy & Agnes Dowd, Cara A/V
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	As Requested
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Kathleen McEntee, Aughagoldrick M/M
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Dec mbrs Gillick Family, Tierlahood A/V Dec mbrs Sheehan Family, Cork A/V
Sun 13 <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 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Johnny & Molly Smith, Tullyinchin A/V Roseann & Michael Boylan, Carrickacromin A/V
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> As Requested
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Kathleen & Mike Waldron, Carrickacromin A/V

**ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH CLIFFERNA**

**Masses this week:**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	PJ, Dympna & Baby Oliver Smith, Tierlahood A/V
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Jimmy Galligan, Drumuck A/V
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Frank Reilly & Dec family mbrs, Greaghagibney A/V

1. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times:**  
**Clifferna** on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
**Carrickallen** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
**Laragh** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm
  
2. **First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to the children from St. Michael’s NS Clifferna, who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. They were Dylan Allen, Ava Brady, Darren Carroll, Grainne Casey, Erin Maguire, Emma Rudden, Sophie Rudden, Tanya Sexton, Odhran Smith, Sorcha Smyth and Amy Watson. Congratulations also to Pearl Gilmartin from Castletara school who celebrated her First Communion with the Clifferna children.
  
3. **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.
  
4. **Numbers at Mass:** Please note that the maximum number permitted at Mass throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons is 50. All are encouraged to wear masks. In order to cater for increased numbers at Christmas, it may be necessary to put on additional Masses. If other measures are considered necessary to adhere to government regulations, we hope to be able to specify these in the next two newsletters.
  
5. **Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy Baby Cara Andrea Breslin, Moneycass, who was baptised recently in St. Patrick’s Church, Carrickallen.
  
6. **Clothes and Toys Collection:** St. Patrick's College are having a clothes and old toys collection for St Vincent de Paul and Sleepout Cavan. All donations can be left at the school on or before 11<sup>th</sup> December.
  
7. **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.
  
8. **Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Numbers were 11, 21, 22, 24. €30 winners were Noreen Clarke, Monica McDonagh, Con Cullivan, Darragh Smith, Denis Brady. Next week’s jackpot €7,400. Tickets can be purchased online.
  
9. **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.