

Laragh Parish Newsletter

Stepping outside the Circle

A young married couple bought a house just off the M3 about 10 miles from Dublin. They both had reasonably good jobs but their combined salaries didn't leave much over when the mortgage repayments were made. From the start of the marriage they made a decision that they would keep their expenses to a minimum and avoid spending money on luxuries. One day the wife said to the husband, 'I'm going to Blanchardstown Centre to do some shopping.' When she saw the look on his face, she added, 'Don't worry, I'm not going to buy anything expensive.' A few hours later she arrived home with a beautiful red dress costing €200. Her husband was annoyed. 'I thought we agreed not to spend that kind of money unless we really had to,' he said. 'I know,' she replied. 'I didn't mean to buy it but a little voice in my head told me it would be perfect for me. So I tried it on and it looked so good, I just couldn't resist.' 'You know that was the voice of the Devil?' said her husband. 'Why didn't you do what Jesus did when he was tempted by the Devil? Why didn't you just say, "Get behind me, Satan"?'

His wife replied, 'I did say that. I used those very words. I said, "Get behind me, Satan!' 'And?' said the husband. 'Well,' said the wife, 'then I heard the voice answer, "It looks great from behind as well!"'

The season of Lent is a time for remembering that we often live in a circle designed by the Devil, a circle in which "I" am the centre of my world. Lent tells me that "I" am not the centre of my world. God is the centre of my world. I am the centre of his plan for the world. That means stepping outside the circle of myself so that I may be free to achieve God's purpose in my life.



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21st February 2021 – First Sunday of Lent

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

Mass Intentions

The following Masses are booked and will be offered in the coming week:

Maria & Michael Lee, Knockateggart A/V
Jim & Rita Reilly, Lisatoo A/V

Vincent & Mary Kate Duffy, Cliffferna A/V
Gerry Pritchard, his parents Brigid & Mick, and his brother Mick Brady A/V
Margaret, John & Bernard Smith & Baby Grace, Drumuck A/V
Dec mbrs of Sheils Family, Caulfield A/V

Anyone wishing to book a Mass can do so in the normal way.

Laragh Church Webcam

There was another unexpected setback with the fibre broadband installation during the week. The plan now is to install it on Monday. Audio-Visual Technologies should then be available later in the week to complete the link to the webcam. Check www.churchtv.ie next Sunday at 11am. Third time lucky?!

We pray for all those who have died recently

May they Rest in Peace

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Childcare Assistant:** Community Employment Childcare Network are currently seeking to recruit a Childcare Assistant for Laragh Childcare Services Preschool, Stradone Community Centre, Stradone, Co. Cavan. If you, a family member or friend are interested in a career in Childcare, over the age of 21 and currently in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for one year or more, this may be of interest to you. This is a training program so all training will be provided to QQI Level 5 and QQI Level 6 standards. For more details please contact the Community Employment Childcare Network (Baillieborough) on 042-9675572, or email cecn@outlook.ie
- 2. St. Michael's Cliffferna:** Anyone wishing to hand in dues or envelopes can do so on Sundays from 11.30am – 12.30pm.
- 3. National School Enrolment Forms for 2021:**
 - Laragh NS is now taking enrolments for the coming year 2021 – 2022. To request a form please email laraghschool@gmail.com
 - Cliffferna NS is now taking enrolments for the coming year 2021 – 2022. To request a form please email office@cliffnans.ie
- 4. Covid 19 Pandemic:** Thankfully the numbers have started to reduce, but sadly we are seeing more people dying from the virus. Please continue to act responsibly to minimise the risk of contracting the disease or infecting others. If you feel unwell in any way or if you have been in touch with a positive case, please isolate in your own home.
- 5. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 10, 11, 21, 22. €30 winners were Orla O' Reilly, Online, John Reilly, Tierlahood, PJ Cahill, Online, Seamus Dolan, Caulfield, Noel Brady, Carrickallen. Next week's draw €9,600. Many thanks for your continued support.

