

## Mass Times & Intentions

### Saturday 23 January

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**  
Paddy Leahy  
Hally & Christy Dolly & their daughter  
Rosie Dolly  
Kathleen & Jack Synott  
Paddy Smullen & his parents Katie &  
Bartholomew  
Bridget & William Kane

### Sunday 24 January

Mass **10.00am**  
Anne Conway Behan  
Brendan Connolly (1st Anniversary)  
Thomas Kennedy

### Monday 25 January

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Tuesday 26 January

Morning Mass **9.30am**  
Brendan Connolly (1st Anniversary)

### Wednesday 27 January

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Thursday 28 January

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Friday 29 January

Morning Mass **9.30am**

### Saturday 30 January

Vigil Mass **6.30pm**  
Jim Robinson  
John Kennedy  
Bernie & Tom Whelan  
Peter Dunne

### Sunday 31 January

Mass **10.00am**

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

### Saturday 23 January

Darac O'Neill

### Sunday 24 January

Anna McMahon

### Saturday 30 January

Oliver Campbell

### Sunday 31 January

Giles Durcan



**We invite you to  
Download our app to help  
us to connect with  
everybody in our Parish.**



Defibrillator located at  
entrance to 'Centra'  
Dial '999' to enable code.



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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**January 24th – January 31st**

Each year this week is used to acknowledge and celebrate our Catholic Schools and their distinct ethos. This year many of the events associated with this week are not possible due to Covid 19, which has put severe and difficult restrictions on our schools, families, and teachers.

No one could have foreseen how different life would be, from just 12 months ago. Great credit must be given to our local school for the wonderful response from our Principal and Teachers to meet these strange times. Well done to all concerned. This Pandemic has affected Confirmation and Communion classes from last year. Almost 90 children await their Confirmation celebration and almost 30 await their First Communion.

At this stage of uncertainty, it is not possible to suggest when it might happen, except to say as soon as safely possible.

While not ideal, it is important for these children and families to continue to link with our online Masses each weekend – 6.30pm Saturdays & 10am Sundays.

**All our Masses can be viewed on our webcam**

[newbridgeparish.ie](http://newbridgeparish.ie) – Scroll to webcam – Caragh Parish

[www.caraghparish.ie/parish-webcam/](http://www.caraghparish.ie/parish-webcam/) Google Chrome

**Prayer for all in our School Communities**

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in your presence, and purpose in doing your will.

John D. Rayner

The weekly newsletter can be picked up in the Church or it can be viewed online on our website, [www.caraghparish.ie](http://www.caraghparish.ie) and on our app.

### **Baptisms**

Baptisms can be celebrated with a maximum of 6 people present. Contact the parish office on (045) 875602 for more information.

### **Weddings**

Weddings can be celebrated with a maximum of 6 people.

### **Funerals**

Funerals can be celebrated with a maximum of 10 mourners.

**The Church is open each day for a visit/prayer from 10am – 4pm.**

### **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### **Parish Envelopes**

The new boxes of envelopes for 2021 are now available in the Church.

We encourage people to consider setting up a Bankers Order. Forms are available also in the church or the Parish office.

Church income has been affected in every Parish due to COVID-19 restrictions, but bills must be paid.

Thanks to a number of people who have contributed to our Parish via the Kandle website donation facility for each Parish and to everyone who has kindly donated by Standing Order or by the Parish Envelopes.

**Parish Office Contact Details, The Parish office is temporarily closed to the public due to Covid 19 restrictions.**

**Opening Hours**

**Monday to Friday (10am to 1pm)**

**Tel: 045 875602**

**Email: [parishoffice@caraghparish.net](mailto:parishoffice@caraghparish.net)**

**Priest on Duty (Emergency only) Tel: 087 255 4908**

**website [www.caraghparish.ie](http://www.caraghparish.ie)**

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives Sean & Bernie Sweeney 045 897646/  
086 6688682**

### **CARAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL**

**Application for admission to our school will be from January 14th to February 12th 2021. More information on [www.caraghns.ie](http://www.caraghns.ie)**

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2020 CLASS**

I would like to offer an online link to 3 programmes on [icatholic.ie](http://icatholic.ie). The first of these links will be sent out on Monday to all Confirmation Families. I ask the boys and girls to view these links each week. I also invite them to write a short letter to me to tell me what they have learned from each link. (I will have a few prizes for the best responses each week). This is one way to help maintain contact and encourage their ongoing preparation for Confirmation.

### **SAINT BRIGID'S CROSSES**



Last year €790, the proceeds from the St Brigid's Crosses made at our workshop, was donated to the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group.

On behalf of K.S.B.S.G. a sincere '**Thank You**' to you all for your continued support.

In compliance with "COVID 2019 Government Regulations" our Annual Workshop will not take place this year.

However, Saint Brigid's Crosses will be available from the Church Community Room in Caragh on:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 11am to 1pm.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 11am to 1pm'

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 11am to 1pm (Feast of St Brigid).

**Donation €5. Once again all proceeds from the sale of the Crosses will go directly to the Kildare Suicide Bereavement Support Group; established in July 1997 the K.S.B.S.G. serves the people of Kildare. The K.S.B.S.G. continues to offer their services to all and in particular to our students in the county at this difficult time.**

They are still contactable by phone on 086 8554852.

**Thank you for your continued support.**