Live Streaming in Progress. Anyone approaching the Sanctuary should be aware they may be seen on the Live Stream.

CARRAIG NA BHFEAR PARISH **Church of the Immaculate Conception**

Sat/Sun 30th Nov/1st Dec 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 30th November, 5.30 pm Billy Ring, 1st Anniversary Praying also for Declan O'Donoghue whose anniversary occurs

Sunday 1st December, 11.30 am

Peg Cashman, Month's Mind Neilus and Kitty O'Connell Terry Folev Praying also for Declan O'Donoghue whose anniversary occurs

Monday 2nd December, 9.00 am Timothy Hayes Special Intention

Tuesday 3rd December, 9.00 am Niamh O'Connell Edward Rogers Declan O'Donoghue

Wednesday 4th December, No Mass

Thursday 5th December, 9.00 am Humphrey O'Donoghue Pat Geaney

Friday 6th December, 9.00 am Peg Cashman Tom Buckley

Saturday 7th December, 5.30 pm Dan Murphy John Foley Michael O'Neill

Sunday 8th December, 11.30 am Christy Leahy Percy and Noreen Noonan

Parish House

Very Rev. Canon Martin Keohane Co PP Parish House: 0214884119 Parish Mobile: 0876015489

Parish Office.

Wed - Thu	9.30 am to 11.30 am.
Fri	2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
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Collection

Sat/Sun 23rd/24th November €1494.00

Second Sunday of Advent 8th Dec.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is normally observed on 8th December each year. However as 8th December this year falls on a Sunday the Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent will take precedence and will be celebrated on Sat/Sun 7th/8th December this year.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection.

2024 continues to be challenging for everybody. Energy costs continue to rise and almost everything we buy is going up in price every week. St. Vincent de Paul is helping people to meet these challenges but they can only help if we are generous to them.

SVP are extremely grateful for the support they receive. Every donation makes a difference and they wish to thank their donors for the support given down through the years.

This year there will be a Church gate collection for SVP here in Carraig na bhFear at Mass times next weekend Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th December.

First Friday Vigil of Reparation of the Alliance of the Two Hearts.

The Vigil of Reparation of the Alliance of the Two Hearts will not take place here in Carraig on Friday 6th December as there is a wedding in the church on that day. The Vigil will return on the First Friday of January

Christmas Mass Bouquets

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office. Cards cost €2.00 each in addition to the Mass Offering that may be made.

No Morning Mass on the occasion of a Weekday Funeral.

Commencing in January 2025, when there is a weekday funeral Mass being celebrated in Carraig na bhFear the 9.00 am morning will not take place.

This will allow appropriate time to prepare the church for receipt of the remains and allow the priest to prepare for the celebration of the Requiem Mass.

Any intentions booked for the cancelled Mass will be transferred to the next available Masses.

Multi-purpose Sports & Social Complex Fundraising Appeal Update

Our door to door fundraising campaign is still ongoing.

Currently we have raised €69,000 and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating to this fantastic project.

Make sure to fill out the tax form and send it back to the person named on the envelope that you received if you want the Carraig na bhFear CC Complex Fund to benefit from the tax back scheme.

Please donate if you have not done so already.

Online donations are welcome and can be made to the following bank account:

Account Name: Carraig na bhFear CC Complex Fund

IBAN: IE25AIBK93405401447866 **BIC: AIBKIE2D** Michael Manley Chairperson Multi Purpose Finance Committee

Around the Fireside

The next session of Around the Fireside will take place in Carraig na bhFear Community Hall on Saturday 7th December at 8.00 pm.

There will be Music, Song, Recitation, and Storytelling. Tea/Coffee will be served. Come enjoy the atmosphere and the fun.

Christmas Craft Fair, Carraig na bhFear

Carraig na bhFear Community Council are delighted to host our annual Christmas Craft Fair in Carraig na bhFear Community Hall on Sunday the 8th December from 12.00 md until **2.00 pm** with a wonderful display of our local crafts. Everyone welcome!

Friends of South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital

A Festive Celebration Concert in aid of South Infirmary / Victoria Hospitals featuring the Cork Garda Choir, Cork Prison Officers Choir, The Wilcollane Singers and the Bravura Quartet will take place in St. Finbarr's South Church, Dunbar St., Cork on Sunday 8th December commencing at 7.00 pm.

For further information and tickets contact Eilish Corcoran 086-3092956.

The Advent Wreath

The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God.

The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to the birth of our Saviour.