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INAUGURAL CONCERT - THANK YOU EVERYONE

Congratulations to all who took part in the Inaugural Concert of the newly restored Cathedral organ last Sunday night. It was an awe-inspiring celebration of Carlow singers and musicians, with guest Prof. Gerard Gillen. Thank you to them and to all who contributed to the success of the evening in many different ways. A collection was held towards the end of the concert and raised €1800. Thank you to all who gave donations. A special word of appreciation is due to all who have supported our Sponsor a Pipe campaign, and to all who have contributed to the Organ Restoration Fund. This has raised approximately €36,000 so far. It is still possible to Sponsor a Pipe; forms are available at the back of the Cathedral or in the Parish Centre; you can Sponsor a Pipe online at www.carlowcathedral.ie.

Watch out for future concerts - Fr. Columba McCann OSB of Glenstal Abbey, well-known organist and composer, will give a concert on March 31 at 8.00p.m. This will be a unique event, entitled Musical Meditations on the Gospels of Lent. All are welcome; no admission charge, collection will be held.

LENTEN LUNCH

Last year a group of Parishoners organised a soup lunch on the Fridays in Lent, the thinking behind the project was two fold:-

- (a) To encourage fasting on one day a week during Lent by counting lunch as your main meal of the day.
- (b) Donating the cost of your main meal to charity.

Last year we raised over €700 which went to Trocaire to help the people of Haiti. Why not come along on Friday the 11th. March between 12noon and 2pm?

The proceeds will go to local causes.

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION, CARLOW PARISH PILGRIMAGE ITALY
12th -18th June 2011

(3 nights in Padua and 3 nights in Milan) Cost: €890 pps

Spiritual Director: Fr. Padraig Shelley Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Anthony in Padua. Visit the unique city of Venice.

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of
Lake Como and Verona

Enjoy a city tour of Milan and visit

Duomo di Milano - the second largest Cathedral in the world.

Visit the birth place of Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli - Pope John XXI I.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
NEWSLETTER

1ST. SUNDAY OF LENT

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WEEK OF PRAYER OF PRAYER 21st - 27th March

During this week, we as parish are invited to deepen our spirit of prayer: You are invited to take part in the following:

BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT a time of guided prayer and reflection starting Mon. 21st. March to Thurs. 24th. March This retreat is designed to fit around the person's working day. No cost. For more information contact Fr. John Cummins or Sr. Bernie O'Rourke. Booking forms available in the Cathedral & Parish Centre.

EVENING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION in the Cathedral each evening starting on Mon. 21st. March to Thurs. 24th. March from 8pm - 9pm.

40 HOURS OF ADORATION (QUARANT' ORE) -starting Friday 25th. March after 10am Mass until Sunday evening with Benediction before the evening Mass.

Volunteers needed to pray in the Cathedral each hour of the Adoration, including the nights of Friday and Saturday. We are inviting people to sign up for an hour, day or night, during this period. The Time Sheets are available at the main door of the Cathedral. Security will be provided during the night. The gates of the Cathedral yard will be open during the night for those who wish to leave cars there. This is an opportunity to spend some time with the Lord. We remember the words of Jesus "stay here and keep watch with me". In the busyness of life today, we are invited to stop and stay for a bit with the Lord. This is a chance to take time out, to pray for ourselves and our families, to pray for the sick and troubled, to pray for peace and reconciliation. This is a real opportunity to pray for the renewal of our Church, for a deepening of faith, for vocations, and for the grace of conversion.

ST. MATTHEWS GOSPEL RELEVANCE FOR TODAY - Ecumenical prayer evenings on Weds March 23rd. & 30th., April 6th. & 13th. in the Community House, Haymarket, Carlow at 8pm.

ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT TROCAIRE
is asking people to stand in solidarity with those in the developing
world who are living in fear and in danger simply because
they are poor. Please take a Trocaire Box home with you
today and remember the world's poor this Lent.
For more information on the campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent
or call 1850 408 408 (0800 912 1200 in NI)

CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday 6th. March 2011
Dev. Fund € 1858
Offertory € 1399
Thanks for your support.

PARISH BOOK CLUB
Meeting this Monday 14th. March
at 8pm in the Parish Centre.
and currently discussing
"Where the hell is God?"
by Richard Leonard &
"Stillness Speaks" by Eckhart Tolle.
Available now in the Parish Shop.
All welcome.

AN EVENING WITH LIAM LAWTON & LOCAL
CHOIRS - on Fri. 11th. March in the Church of the
Most Holy Rosary, Tullow. Doors open 7.30pm
Concert 8pm. Minimum donation €10.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
in St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown every
Tues. at 7.30pm (9 weeks) on 15th. March with
Fr. Dermott Ryan (signs of hope in our Church)

BAPTISM NOTICE - You are required to give a
minimum of 3 weeks notice when you have
a baby for Baptism. Baptisms take place on the
1st. and 3rd. Sun. every month.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING - A day of prayer
for healing, will be held in Emmanuel House of
Providence, Clonfert, on Sat. 27th. March. Bus
departs Clonsh Stores at 8.30am via bus stop
Barrack St. Carlow. Bring packed lunch.
Reservations Lily 9151245.

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT IN CARLOW

Cathedral:	Mon - Fri.	7.30am	10am	Sat.	10am
Askea:	Mon - Fri.	9.30am	7pm		
Graiguecullen:	Mon - Sat.	8am (Mon, Wed, & Fri.)	10am		
Capuchin Friary:	Mon - Sat.	1pm	5.30pm - 6pm	Exposition	

of the Blessed Sacrament followed by evening prayer at 6pm.

MASS TIMES & MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 19th. March
6.15pm Michael Curran

Sunday 20th. March
8.30am Barry McHugh
11.00am C. Geoghegan
12.30pm Mary Merrigan
7.00pm Martina Berry

If you are unable to attend,
please appoint a substitute.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK THURSDAY 17TH MARCH - A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 16th March
6.15pm Sharon Cawley

Wednesday 17th March
8.30am Anne Archbold
11.00am Michael Abbey
12.30pm Patricia Moloney
7.00pm Pauline Naughton

If you are unable to attend,
please appoint a substitute.

CONTACT PEOPLE - Trocaire Boxes available
in the Sacristy for distribution to Homes. More
contact people needed in all areas.

13th. March 2011

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto



Numbers drawn on the 6th. March '11
5 - 7 - 14 - 24
No Jackpot Winner
13 Mt. 3's shared €1000

Lotto Tickets available in Lotto Office across from Cathedral after Saturday
evening & all Sunday Masses or at the Parish Centre
Bingo every Friday & Sunday night in the Youth Centre, Green Lane at 8.30pm

DOMINICAN NUNS - Monastic Contemplative
life. Vocation Discernment Weekend. 1st - 3rd
April 2011. (Fri evening - Sun after Lunch)
Young women interested in learning about
our contemplative way of life, are invited to
a weekend of prayer and reflection - with sung
liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences,
and opportunity to meet with sisters. Contact:
Sr Mairead OP, Monastery of St Catherine of
Siena. The Twenties, Drogheda Co Louth.
Tel: 041- 9838524.

GORTA SHOP - wants your unwanted ladies,
gents and children's clothes, shoes, jewellery,
handbags, pictures, cds, dvds, and books.
Good quality bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts
are also welcome. It is important that donated
items are clean and in good saleable
condition. All donations can be dropped into
our shop at 4 Burren St. Carlow (across from
the post office) We thank you for your continued
support.

ST. JOSEPH'S NS - (jr school for boys 4-7 yrs)
Joseph's Road, is now taking enrolments for
pupils starting school next Sept. 2011. Contact
school for enrolment forms on 059 - 9142502
or stjoes@eircom.net

Szkola St. Joseph (szkola dla chlopcow w
wieku 4-7 lat), St. Joseph's Road (niedaleko
stacji kolejowej) rozpoczela zapisy na nastepny
rok szkolny. Prosimy zgłaszac sie do szkoły po
formularz przyjecia, dzwonic pod numer 059
914 2502 lub przez email stjoes@eircom.net

CARLOW REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES - are
getting ready for Eige. Creative writing workshops
for young people on Sat 26th. March, & 2nd., 9th.
April from 10am - 1pm in the Vault. Contact
Angela on 085 - 7897303.

SETANTA GAA CLUB: Hurling and camogie
training for 6 to 12 year olds commences next Sat.
March 19th at 2.30pm at Carlow IT Grounds.
Loan of hurls and helmets available. All boys and
girls are welcome to try out a skilful game in a
FUN environment. For further details contact Mary
087-6986467.

MOVING ON - Are you a young mother aged
between 16-25 years, interested in a second
chance of education? If so, contact Lorraine at
the Moving On Programme, St. Catherine's
Community Service Centre, Carlow on 059-
9138717.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - are holding an
open public meeting with participation from
anon on Sat. 26th. March at 4pm in the Askea
Parish Centre. Adm. Free. All are welcome.

CARLOW SENIOR CITIZENS - Charity Sale in aid
of Carlow Senior Citizens on Sun. 27th. March in
the O'Brien Centre, Dublin Road, from 12 noon
until 6pm. Bric - a - brac and bargains galore. Free
Car Parking

ADULT DANCE CLASSES - with Marie Cashin
Every Thurs night in Eire Og Clubhouse. Men
and women welcome. Individual dance routines
to jazz, musical, modern style music. 8:30-
9:30pm, price- €10 per class. Ring Marie on- 086
1654740 or 059 91 43687