

### PARISH TEAM

Fr. Ruairi O' Domhnaill Adm., Fr. Brian Maguire C.C., The Presbytery, Dublin Road.  
Tel: 9131227 PRIEST ON DUTY 087—2588118 e-mail: info@carlowcathedral.ie

Fr. Martin Smith (I.T. Chaplain)	Sr. Dolores Fitzgerald	Deacon David O'Flaherty	Parish Centre 9164087
1 Green Road, Carlow	4 Pinewood Tel: 9140408		Shop 9164021 Fax: 9164088
Parish Website www.carlowcathedral.ie		Diocesan Website www.kandle.ie	

### CARLOW BINGO REMINDER

At the Youth Centre, Green Lane, on **Sunday 10th. December at 3pm.**

€10,000 in prize money.

All Full House on Book - €500 / Full House on Jackpot €1,500

Full House on Raffle Game €1000 / Full House on Flyer Game €1000

6 Panel Book €5 / Double Book €10

Plus Bumper Lotto Jackpot

Extra Cash Prizes on all line, Double Line and Full Houses  
**in December**

**On Friday 15th., 22nd., and Sunday 17th.**

Bingo starts at 8.30pm. Six Panel Book .....€4 Double Book .....€8

Enquiries 059 - 9164087 Don't Miss It !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday 17th. December at 8.30pm in Carlow Cathedral.

All are welcome

**DELTA CENTRE** - hosts its very popular Christmas Fair and Outdoor Lights Display from Saturday 9th - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Enjoy a huge range of traditional gifts. Light lunches, tea/coffee and cakes served each day, with full traditional Christmas Lunch on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December (booking essential 0599143527)

**Opening Hours:** Monday – Friday 9am to 7pm Weekends 11am to 7pm

**Admission: Adults €5 Concessions €4 Children free** to visit the gardens Santa visit €10 (includes all other activities) family of 4 €30, family of 5 €40, family of 6 €50 (online booking essential) www.deltasensorygardens.com

### CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Give the gift of a chance to win the Parish Lotto ((Bob's your Uncle €2 per week with an opportunity to win the Jackpot of €20,000) Gift Vouchers now available or why not have your name or your Family name inscribed on our Organ Pipes. For further information please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087 **Shop Local this Christmas to keep jobs in Carlow.**



## CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent

Vol. 28 No. 1

3rd. December 2017

### REFLECTION Advent a time of hope

It is said that while there is life there is hope.

This has even a deeper meaning in reverse:

while there is hope there is life. Hope comes first, life follows on.

Hope gives power to life, for hope is strength.

The amount of energy in the world is equal

to the amount of hope in it.

Hope sheds light into millions of despairing hearts.

It is the miracle medicine of the mind.

It inspires the will to live.

It is the doctor's most powerful ally,

It is a shield against defeat and failure.

It never sounds the retreat.

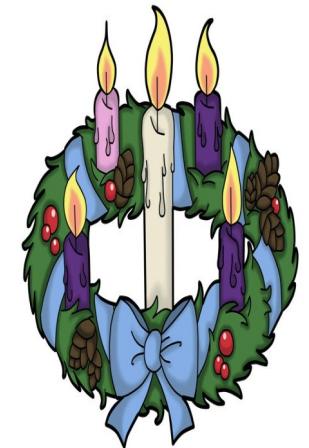
It revives ideals and renews dreams.

As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.

Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope,

For the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord, in the final analysis, You are our only hope.



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER**  
MASS TIMES Thursday 6.15pm, Friday 7.30am, 11am and 7pm  
PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

**Cathedral Parish**  
**Sunday 26th. November 2017**  
Dev. Fund €1987  
Offertory €1077  
**Many thanks for your continued support**

**CHRISTMAS DUES**  
For the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish may be handed in today & during the next couple of weeks. Envelopes are provided for this purpose in your box & also at the back of the Cathedral. Thanks to those who already contributed.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA** - for December, January, February and March in the sacristy for collection.

**CARLOW CATHEDRAL CHOIR** are looking for new members. They meet every Wednesday in the Cathedral Parish Centre from 7pm - 8.30pm. For more information please contact Marian on 087 6689943.

**CÓR AN AIFRINN** - We sing at the 6.15pm Irish Mass on the first and second Saturdays of each month. We welcome singers and musicians of all ages. Bí linn agus fáilte.

**AIFREANN GAEILGE** - Irish Mass today 2nd December followed by a 'Pop Up cupán tae' in the Cathedral Parish Centre. Fáilte isteach!

**PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS** - Reflection on the Scripture Readings for the Sundays of Advent starting on Tuesday 5th. December after 10am Mass in the Cathedral Sacristy. Light refreshments served. All are welcome.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Christmas Collection next weekend Saturday 9th. and Sunday 10th. December. Thanks for your generous support during the year.

**"ALL WILL BE WELL"** - In Fr Paddy Byrne's first book, he draws on his years of parish ministry and pastoral care to outline the challenges we face. His book is now available in the Parish Shop.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
2 Adults will be received as Catechumens on  
Sunday 10th. at 11am Mass  
**Cathedral Carol Service**  
on Sunday 17th. December at 8pm

**FEAST OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
- A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION -  
Thursday 7th. December**  
6.15pm Michael Curran

**Friday 8th. December**  
7.30am Paddy Behan  
11.00am Michael Carbery  
7pm Rosmary O'Hara

**MASS TIMES  
MINISTERS OF THE WORD**  
**Saturday 9th. December**  
6.15pm Gearóidín Mhic an tSiobhaird

**Sunday 10th. December**  
8.30am Anne Archbold  
11.00 am Anne Brennan  
12.30pm Kay Slattery  
7pm Anne Ahern

**If you are unable to attend  
PLEASE APPOINT A SUBSTITUTE**  
**WEEKDAY MASSES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
7.30AM AND 10AM / SATURDAY 10AM**

**CHRISTMAS REFLECTIVE RETREAT** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm to 5pm. Theme: 'Preparing our Hearts to Welcome the Christ-Child'. Venue: 9 Old Burrin, Burrin Road, Carlow. No cost but booking is essential. For enquiries and bookings please contact Sr. Eileen at 086/3194597.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** - are now on sale in Bethany House Alzheimer Day Care Barrack Street Carlow Pack of 12 beautiful quality assorted cards with envelopes €10.00 per pack call in or phone Hilda/Caroline 0599134736 Thank you for your continued support Also our monthly support Group meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 am in Bethany House next meeting is Tuesday 5th December at 11 am all are welcome.

**KNITTED SQUARES** - should be handed in to the Cathedral Parish Centre by Tuesday 14th. December.

**3rd. December 2017**



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. All welcome.

**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

Numbers drawn on 26th. November 2017  
7 - 8 - 14 - 18  
No Jackpot Winner  
8 Match 3 match 3's share €2,000

**PARISH SHOP** - will open on Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm for the month of December. Please feel free to come and browse through our extensive selection of gifts

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS** takes place in St Fiacc's House, Graiguecullen on Tuesday 5th December. Rosary, Mass and Benediction. All welcome.

**PRAYER MEETING** - every Wednesday in the Cathedral Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**LIONS CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2017** Please give generously to our Food Appeal. Collections outside Dunnes, Rath's, Super Value and Tesco on 7th., 8th., and 9th. And again on the 14th. 15th., and 16th. December. Distribution of Hampers will be carried out by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday 17th. December.

**AN ASPIRO CHRISTMAS** - 20th Anniversary Christmas on Saturday 23rd December 8pm, Carlow Cathedral. Tickets: €12/€10, Family (2+2) €35, available in Graiguecullen and Cathedral Parish Centres and from choir members.

**PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES** - on January 12th. & 13th., February 2nd. & 3rd, March 2nd & 3rd. Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2018 should book their course now. Bookings can be made on line at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie). For further information please contact Mary 059 - 9138738.

**'TIS THE SEASON'** - Start off your Christmas celebrations and join Carlow Youth Orchestra, Sing Aloud, No Strings Attached and the Staves this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 4pm in St. Mary's Church, Castle Hill. Tickets €10 and children go free. Available from Carlow College of Music or at the door. 059 9140676. [info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie](mailto:info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - shop Tullow Street will have a large range of ladies' winter coats together with bags and shoes for sale on Tuesday 5th. December. They will also have men's and children's coats for sale on the same date.

**CBS PARENT'S ASSOCIATION** - are holding a Christmas Fair in the Sports Hall on Thursday 14th December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Free admission and visit to Santa. Local Crafts and TY mini-companies with ideal Christmas gifts available. Teas/Coffees, Cakes & Sandwiches available. All are welcome.

**ART EXHIBITION** - by members of the Barrow Valley Group of Painters will take place in Carlow County Library from Thursday 7th December to Thursday 14th December during library opening times. All paintings are for sale and suitable for Christmas presents.

**EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS** - by Lily O'Rourke in "The Tailor's" Formal Ware, Dublin St, Carlow. A large selection of paintings for you to choose that special Christmas gift.

**IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION** - are holding a Craft Fair from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10am till 3pm in our Resource and Outreach Centre on the Kilkenny Road, Carlow. Your support would be appreciated.