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THE POPE JOHN PAUL
II AWARDS

At a special event in Carlow on 28th January, our diocese will present its first set of Pope John Paul II Awards to young people.

The Pope John Paul II Award started in the diocese just over a year ago and to participate in the award young people volunteered to get actively involved in their local Church and community.

Over 100 young people signed up to work in parishes, local clubs, charity shops, residential homes, fundraising projects and much more and the award ceremony will be an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate their great achievements.

Representatives from parishes, schools, charities and various organisations throughout Kildare and Leighlin will join the 100 awardees and their families to celebrate the great contribution these young people have and continue to make in their local community and Church.

GAA All-Star Kieran Mc Geeney, current Kildare Manager, will present the young people with their awards. There will be a presentation on the night featuring the work the young people have been involved in and two awardees will be interviewed about their experience of taking part in this new initiative.

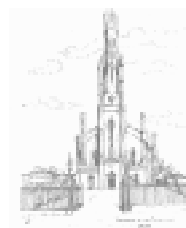
THE PRESENTATION SISTERS

First came to Carlow 200 years ago on 29th January 1811. To honour the bicentenary, a special Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sat. 29th Jan. at 12noon Sr. Cecelia Molloy has written music for the Mass which will be sung by a choir of past-pupils of Scoil Mhuire and Presentation College and friends of the Sisters. All are very welcome.

FÁILTE

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community recently through baptism.

Ella Jones, Clodagh Ryan, Sophia Rea, Daire Brady,
Zeta Harkin, Benjamin Frydlewicz, Allanah O'Brien,
Aoibheann McMillan, Zoe Kavanagh,
Daniel Condon, Padraig Barcoe.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
NEWSLETTER

2ND. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Pope Benedict XVI in his message for the World Day for migrants and refugees, on January 16th. 2011, has chosen the theme "one family of brothers and sisters in societies that are becoming ever more multiethnic and intercultural, where also people of various religions are urged to take part in dialogue, so that a serene and fruitful coexistence with respect for legitimate differences may be found".

"The World Day of Migrants and Refugees offers the whole Church an opportunity to reflect on a theme linked to the growing phenomenon of migration, to pray that hearts may open to Christian welcome and to the effort to increase in the world justice and charity, pillars on which to build an authentic and lasting peace," wrote the Pontiff. "All", he continued, "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded".

CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday 9th. January 2011
Dev. Fund € 2268
Offertory € 1454
Thanks for your support.

SPONSOR A PIPE

and make a contribution to the Restoration of the Cathedral Organ Individuals or Families can sponsor a pipe for €100 while a business can do so for €250. All the sponsors' names will be entered into a register which will be bound into book form. For further information please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Meeting on Monday the 17th of January, at 8pm in the Parish Centre. currently discussing 'The Shack' by William Paul Young. New book will be 'Where the hell is God?' by Richard Leonard. All welcome.

18th - 25th. JANUARY; WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The 2011 prayers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by Christians in Jerusalem, who chose as a theme Acts 2:42, 'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.' This theme is a call back to the origins of the first Church in Jerusalem; it is a call for inspiration and renewal, a return to the essentials of the faith.

MASS TIMES & MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 6.15pm	22nd. January Annie Neville
Sunday 8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm 7.00pm	23rd. January Michael Quinn First Holy Communion Rory Healy Noelline Connell

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

TAX FORMS

Just a gentle reminder that if you have not yet returned the CHY 2 form for Tax relief for Eligible Charities which you received by post recently please do so as soon as possible. To date we have sent out 114 forms and 18 have been returned. Of over 100 forms sent out for the tax year 2008 only 38 were returned and from this the Parish were able to claim a rebate of €7,900. Please help us by returning your form.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME - We welcome to our 11am Mass next Sun. 23rd. Jan. the boys & girls preparing for First Communion. Meeting for parent helpers on Tues. 18th Jan. at 8pm in the Cathedral. Entry through car park at the back of the Cathedral.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING - A day of prayer for healing, will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, on Sat. 29th. Jan. Bus departs Closh Stores at 8.30am via bus stop Barrack St. Carlow. Bring packed lunch. Reservations Lily 9151245.

16th. January 2011

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto



Numbers drawn on the 9th. January '11
4 - 6 - 8 - 11
€10000 Jackpot Winner
"The Hogan Boys" Promoter: M Fennelly
19 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

TABLE QUIZ - In aid of Co. Carlow Hospice on Thurs. 27th. Jan in the Talbot Hotel at 8.30pm. Table of 4 €40. All welcome enquiries to 087 - 9319749.

O'BRIEN CENTRE - Dublin Rd, will re-open on Mon. 17th. January.

TAI CHI - 5 Week Course for beginners & improvers at the Talbot Hotel, Portlaoise Rd., on Wed. 19th. Jan. from 7.30pm - 9pm. For more information contact Rosaleen 086 - 0789241.

SUM OF MONEY - found in Penney's carpark. Contact 086 - 3578698"

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING - in Cathedral Parish Centre at 7pm every Mon. Anyone with any eating disorders (overeating, bulimia, anorexia etc) are very welcome.

AWRITING RETREAT - On Sat. 29th. Jan. 2011 in the Church of Ireland Community House, Haymarket, from 10am - 5pm. Cost €40 including lunch, tea & bisc. To book contact Rev'd Olivia Williams phone 059 - 9132565. or e-mail williams.olivia2@gmail.com.

CARLOW HISTORICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - lecture on "The History of Business in Carlow" will be given by Ciaran and Margaret O'hOgartaigh on Wednesday 19th Jan. at Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 8pm.

NEWOAK COMMUNITY CENTRE - will run courses in Childcare: Module work experience level, Thursday nights. Advanced card making Weds nights. Beginners card making, Weds morning or Mon night. Sign language beginners/advance Wed nights. Basic sewing classes Mon/Tue/Wed night. Cooking on a budget, Tues mornings. Contact 0864002571 for further information.

CARLOW SPEECH & DRAMA STUDIO - Oral Communications, Public Speaking, Interview techniques & Presentation Skills. Classes recommence on Jan 17th Mon. Jan 18th Tues & Jan 20th Thurs. 3.15, 4.15 & 5.15pm. Adult tuition is available outside those days and hours. All enquiries to 9142338 or 0876821295.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR WOMEN OVER 30
Please answer these three simple Yes/No questions carefully.

1. Did you have a miscarriage or a baby in Ireland between 1st. May 1977 & 31st. July 1979 or 1st. March 1991 & 18th. February 1994?
2. Are you Rhesus negative?
3. Did you receive Anti-D to prevent "blue baby syndrome" during either of these periods? If your answers are "Yes" and you have not already tested for Hepatitis C, then you need to contact the Irish Blood Transfusion Service to arrange for a Hepatitis C blood test with your local GP.
Freephone 1800 222 111.
The IBTS will pay for your GP appointment.