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ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY

Ecumenical prayer evenings on Weds

23rd. March: Speaker : Debra Snoddy All Hallows College
30th., March: Rev. Stephen Rea Presbyterian Church, Carlow.
6th. April: Bishop Michael Borrowes
Church of Ireland, Bishop of Cashel & Ossory
13th. April: Rev. Alec & Mrs. Gillian Purser
Church of Ireland, Deacon and his wife
Venue: The Community House, Haymarket, Carlow at 8pm.

TAX REBATES

We would like to thank all of you who returned your tax forms for 2009. As a result the Parish were able to claim a rebate of €11,571.00. Once again a big Thank You for your help. Within the next few weeks we will be sending out the forms for 2010 and look forward to once again getting your cooperation.

LENTEN LUNCH

Why not come along on Friday
the 25th. March between
12noon and 2pm
for soup and bread?
The proceeds will go to local causes.



CATHEDRAL ORGAN
RESTORATION PROJECT

Upcoming Concert on Thurs.
31st. March
Musical Meditation on the
Gospels of Lent
The evening of reflection will be led by
Fr. Columba McCann OSB, and will
include readings and
congregational singing.

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. Pdraig 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 XXIII.
For more information contact Louise in Tully's Travel 059 - 9136100.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
NEWSLETTER

2ND. 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.

TRÓCAIRE

On this second Sunday in Lent please remember little Digna, who appears on this year's Trócaire Box. Her family are living in poverty and in fear in northern Honduras. For almost 40 years the change from the Trócaire box has been transforming lives and giving the poor a voice. Please give Digna and her community a voice 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 13th. March 2011
Dev. Fund € 2207
Offertory € 1387
Thanks for your support.

PARISHBOOKCLUB
Meeting on Monday 11th. April
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.

EASTER CEREMONIES- The liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday & The Easter Vigil will be broadcast on RTE Radio, and Mass on Easter Sunday will be broadcast on KCLR. Mass time on Palm Sunday will be at 10am, (There will be no 11am Mass on Palm Sunday). Ceremonies on Holy Thursday will be at 7.30pm, Good Friday at 3pm, and Easter Vigil (Holy Sat) at 9pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP in St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown every Tues. at 7.30pm (9 weeks) on 22nd. March with Margaret Farrell (Testimony of Hope).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING - A day of prayer for healing, will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, on Sat. 26th. 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 26th. March
6.15pm Mary Clare Mullins

Sunday 27th. March
8.30am Patricia Peters
11.00am First Communion
12.30pm David O'Flaherty
7.00pm Noelline Connell

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

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.

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.

MOTHERS PRAYER- Mothers coming together to pray for their children, St Johns Rest, Knock Shrine, Co Mayo. Sat 26th March 10am and finishing with Mass at 5pm, and Sun the 27th of March 10am and finishing with Mass at 4pm. All Welcome, enquiries 091-771009, mothersprayerireland@gmail.com.

20th. March 2011

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto



Numbers drawn on the 13th. March '11
4 - 11 - 20 - 24
No Jackpot Winner
17 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

CARLOW FLOWER CLUB - are hosting a Gala Demonstration, titled 'Essence of Spring', with Rose Hickey on Tues. 29th March in the Dolmen Hotel at 8pm. All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Club members €7, visitors €10. A donation will be made to Cystic Fibrosis.

TABLE QUIZ - in aid of the Carlow - Kilkenny Home Care Team in Carpenters Lounge on Thurs. 31st. March at 8pm. Table of four €40. Your support would be appreciated.

MOUNTAIN RESCUE - members of the South Eastern Mountain Rescue Assoc. are holding their annual Flag Day next Sat. 26th. March in Carlow town. Volunteers provide search and rescue service 24hour/365 day to all upland areas in the South East of the country. Your support would be appreciated.

CARLOW HISTORICAL & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Lecture "Collins v Dev" by Tim Pat Coogan to take place at Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow on Wed. 23rd of March at 8 pm

BAPTISM TEAM MEETING - Tues the 22nd of March @ 8pm in the Cathedral Sacristy.

DO THIS IN MEMORY - Parents Meeting on Mon the 21st of March @ 8pm in the Cathedral Sacristy.

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 this 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 all 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

SUPPORT COUNTY CARLOW HOSPICE - By taking part in the Flora Mini Marathon on Mon 6th of June. This is your Hospice. For further info. Contact Anne on 087-7673240.