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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 until Friday 22nd December. Enjoy a huge range of traditional gifts. Light lunches, tea/ coffee and cakes served each day, **Opening Hours:** Monday – Friday 9am to 7pm Week-ends 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

Second Sunday of Advent

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REFLECTION

John's was a voice crying in the wilderness,

A lonely voice that many of his contemporaries ignored.

The voice of the prophet

Is not the only voice that is ignored.

There are many lonely voices in our world

That go unheeded.

Somewhere at this moment a child is crying -

Crying for love or maybe simply for bread.

Somewhere a young person is crying -

Crying for a listening ear

Or an understanding heart.

Somewhere a deserted wife and mother is crying -

Crying for the support of a husband

Somewhere old people are crying - crying for a word from their children.

There are a thousand lonely voices.

Above all, help us to listen to your voice

whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts,

we are to love one another.



Cathedral Parish
Sunday 3rd. December 2017

Dev. Fund €1976
Offertory €1278

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.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - is on Thursday 14th. December (N.B. change of date) All members are requested to attend. The Christmas Mass Bouquets will be distributed on the night. All are welcome..

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS - Reflection on the Scripture Readings for the Sundays of Advent on Tuesday 12th. December after 10am Mass in the Cathedral Sacristy. Light refreshments served. All are welcome.

"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.

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY - N.B. change of date is Sunday 17th. December and not the 24th.

BAMBINELLI CHRISTMAS BLESSING - People are invited to bring the Christ Child from their crib to all Masses next weekend December 17th. for a blessing before being placed in their crib for Christmas

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 16th. December
6.15pm Annie Neville

Sunday 17th. December
8.30am Maeve McDermott
11.00 am Marie O'Rourke
12.30pm Regina Doheny
7pm Séan O'Sullivan

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

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.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIVE RETREAT - Saturday 16th 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 .

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF SAINT IGNATIUS - Silent Retreat will take place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo, for women aged 18 years and up. From December 28th 2017 to January 1st 2018. Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525

Cathedral Carol Service
on Sunday 17th. December at 8.30pm

10th. 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 3rd. December 2017
1 - 4 - 7 - 10
Jackpot Winner: "24"
c/o Promoter: B. Boyd
5 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

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

GRANDPARENTS - monthly meeting on Thursday 14th. December in the Cathedral Parish Centre after 10am Mass.

LIONS CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2017 Please give generously to our Food Appeal. Collections outside Dunnes, Raths, Super Valu and Tesco 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. For further information please contact Mary 059 - 9138738.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

are holding their annual Christmas appeal at all Masses this weekend. This is their busiest time of the year and the demands on their resources are quite substantial this year. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you for your continued support.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS - meet every Monday evening in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street at 8pm. For more information contact the Parish Office 059 - 9164087. All welcome.

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 until 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 Wear, 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 4th December until Friday 8th December from 10am till 3pm in our Resource and Outreach Centre on the Kilkenny Road, Carlow. Your support would be appreciated.