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TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Trocaire are again making available a number of gifts for families and communities in developing countries which our donations can contribute towards. As a parish, together we can make a contribution towards some of the more expensive gifts, which might be difficult for individuals to fund. Among these gifts are Mobile Clinic in Uganda (€150) and a home for a homeless family in Honduras (€200). Fr Pdraig Shelley visited Honduras with Trocaire and saw the difference that these homes can make, while Fr. Bill Kemmy, Arles, will visit Uganda in the New Year to witness the work of Trocaire in that country. We hope to display photographs of both of these ventures in the Cathedral during Lent. If you would like to make a contribution, no matter how small, to a global gift for Trocaire from the Cathedral Parish, you can leave a donation at the Parish Centre or Sacristy, or place it in an envelope marked Trocaire and leave it one of the boxes for offerings for candles.



CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE -  
"Awake Child of Light"  
on Sun. 18th. Dec. at 8.30pm.  
Collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul.  
All welcome.

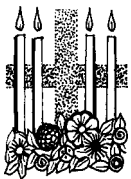
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Thomas (Tom) Brennan, of Sue Ryder Apartments,  
Dublin Road and Kennedy Street, Carlow.  
Maureen Carey, (nee Feeney), of 125  
J.K.L. Avenue, Carlow

May they rest in peace

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES AND TO ALL WHO MOURN

'THEY HAVE  
GONE NO  
FURTHER  
THAN TO  
GOD AND  
GOD IS  
VERY NEAR'



CARLOW BINGO

- Carlow Youth Centre -  
Bumper Bingo each Friday and Sunday night of December.  
Extra cash prizes on every game.  
6 Panel Book €4 - Double Book €8  
Dont' miss it !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Items for the Newsletter may be handed into the Parish Office or Presbytery not later than 5pm on Thursday and should include senders name and contact number.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION  
NEWSLETTER

3RD. SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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REFLECTION

A six year old child whose parents were non-believers one day asked his teacher to take him to visit a nearby church. During the visit he said to the teacher:

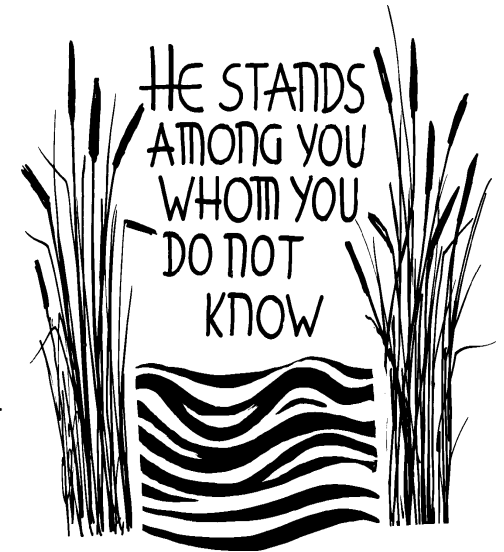
"This is God's house, so Grandma says. She says that God is love. She says she prays to him which means she talks to him.

I have never prayed. But I would like to talk to God. I would like to hear what he has to say.

There's a boy in my class at school who believes in God. He's a Catholic. But Papa and Mama are not God believing people and so I am not. It makes me feel lonely not knowing God".

The words of a six year old: "It makes me feel lonely not knowing God". But sadly his parents were no help to him in search for God.

If we do not possess the light, we cannot give it to others.



## CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday 4th. Dec. 2011  
Dev. Fund € 2083  
Offertory € 1524  
Thanks for your support.

## MASS TIMES & MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 17th. December  
6.15pm Sharon Cawley

Sunday 18th. December  
8.30am Maeve McDermott  
11.00am Rea Jordan  
12.30pm Rory Healy  
7.00pm Pauline Naughton

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

## YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT 16TH-18TH DEC. 2011


Youth 2000 Ireland will be holding their annual Christmas youth retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from Fri, 16th to Sun. 18th Dec. 2011. Bookings online. Free buses also available. For more info check out our website [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or call 01 6753690 / 0858289231 & see us on Facebook.

SING, SING A SONG - Inviting persons from 50yrs upwards to come together with some teenagers for a joyful session of singing, conducted by Mary Amond-O'Brien and Marian Gaynor, held on Fridays from 2pm to 4pm in the Vocational School, beginning on Fri. 13th. Jan. 2012. Same happening in three other centers in the County. A public performance will be given in the GB Shaw Theatre. Further information from John O'Keefe.

PAINTINGS FOR SALE - suitable for Christmas presents, Carlow County Library, Tullow Street, Carlow from Wed. 14th Dec. - Tues. 20th Dec. Opening times are library opening times - Mon. Wed. & Fri. 10 am to 5.30 am, Tues. & Thurs. 10am to 7.30pm. Sat. 10am - 1 pm.

SCRIPTURE SHARING FOR ADVENT  
Tues. mornings immediately after 10am  
Mass in the Sacristy.

11th. December 2011 **Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**



Numbers drawn on the 4th. December '11  
5 - 7 - 13 - 14  
No Jackpot Winner  
7 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 ROTARY REMEMBRANCE - tree will be located in Potato Market from the 16th Dec. to the 24th Dec. Members of the public can write a "Ribbon of Remembrance" for loved ones and attach to the tree. All donations are for local charities.

CHILDLINE FUNDRAISING EVENT - poetry and music evening for all ages in Seven Oaks Hotel at 8:30pm this Sun. evening. Admission FREE. Donations welcome. Please support.

NUMBER ONE FOR CHRISTMAS - Write/rearrange and perform a Christmas song and claim your title as Carlow's number one for 2011. If you're a young person interested in performing call into The Vault on Burren Street.

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT - will hold their Christmas Party in the Workman's Club on Wed. 14th. Dec. starting with Mass at 2.30pm. followed by tea and entertainment. Finish at 6.30pm.

DUCKETT'S GROVE - annual Christmas Craft & Food Fair takes place this Sun. Dec. 11th from 12 - 6 p.m. Features a large craft and food fair, Santa Grotto, Christmas Songs and stories, kids entertainment and game show, face painting of Christmas characters, horse drawn carriage rides, live nativity scene, falconry display and demonstrations of traditional crafts incl. butter making, basket making, weaving and blacksmith. Car park €5 per car. All activities inside free of charge. 059-9130411 [www.carlowtourism.com](http://www.carlowtourism.com)

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS STORYTELLING - Would you like to join us for an evening with a difference? We are holding a Christmas Storytelling Session by Irish Wheelchair Association Members and Friends which will take place on Tues. 13th Dec. 2011 at the Resource & Outreach Centre, "Teach Fáilte", Kilkenny Road, Carlow from 4.00p.m. to 8.00p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BILINGUAL CHRISTMAS - Glór Cheatharlach extends a céad míle fáilte to a bilingual Christmas Celebration of poetry and music, chat and food in Teach Dolmain on Thurs. 15th Dec. at 7.30pm. Two collections of poetry "Hidden Places/ Scathán Eile" by Deirdre Brennan will be officially launched. All welcome. No charge.

DELTA CENTRE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - Sat. 10th & Sun. 11th Dec. from 10am. Order your Christmas cake and puddings. Light lunches, tea, coffee and refreshments available all day. Christmas lunch will be served from 12.30 - 3pm on Sun. Phone 059-9143527 to book. Sensory Gardens Lights Display Sat. 10th to Wed. 21st Dec. up to 7pm each evening.

CARLOW LIONS CLUB FOOD APPEAL - will be held the 9th, 10th & the 16th and 17th December 2011 at locations around Carlow such as Rath's, Supervalu, Superquinn, Dunnes & Tesco. Non perishable items are requested and will be collected outside the stores as people are leaving the shops. The food items will be distributed before Christmas to homes with the help of St. Vincent de Paul.