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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week 2012 begins on Sunday, 29th. Jan - 4th. Feb, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Over the past three years, parishes throughout the country have responded with great generosity and creativity to the invitation to take time during this week to celebrate the contribution made by Catholic Schools to their communities. This can be done in a variety of ways: during the Sunday Liturgy, by joining in the activities in the parish schools and by creating opportunities for the parish community to connect with the school community. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "Catholic Schools: Christ's living body active in our world." The theme is taken from the anthem of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress, Though We Are Many - (Bernard Sexton), and reflects the overall theme of the Eucharistic Congress.

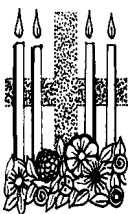
ENVELOPE FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND

In order to better help us to have transparency in relation to the envelope collection it would be a huge help if at least once in the year contributors could put their name and address on the envelope. We accept that some parishioners may wish to remain anonymous and we respect that wish. Thank you sincerely for your continued support.

TAX REBATES

It is that time of year again and in the next couple of weeks we will be sending out the forms to enable us to get a rebate from the Revenue Commissioners of the tax paid on your contribution to our Parish. Please return them to the Parish office as soon as you can. If it goes too long you can easily forget. Thank you in advance.

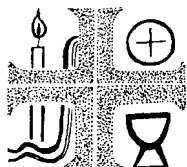
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY



Rachel Branagan (nee Offer), 7 The Weir, Poachers Gate,  
Burrin Road, Carlow.  
Eamonn Dooley, 24 Springfield Drive, Rathnapish, Carlow.  
Pauline Kenny, (nee Waters), 10 Lower Pollerton Road, 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'



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

ROSARY, EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION  
FRIDAY 3RD. FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM

WE INVITE PEOPLE TO JOIN TOGETHER IN THIS TIME OF PRAYER



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

NEWSLETTER

4TH. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Vol. 21. No. 8

29th. January 2012

LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE

Wednesday, we honour Brigid, patron of our diocese. We are all familiar with the story of Brigid, her endless work with the poor, her gift of hospitality to anyone who came her way. We recall the legend of Brigid nursing a dying chieftain gathering rushes and making what we now call St. Brigid's Cross, or of how she gave away her father's sword to a poor man. Her way of living Christ's message through serving the poor became famous not only in Ireland but throughout Europe.

ST. BRIGID'S PRAYER

May Brigid bless the house  
where in you dwell. Bless every fireside,  
every wall and door. Bless every heart that  
beats beneath it's roof. Bless every hand that  
toils to bring it joy. Bless every foot that  
walks portals through.  
May Brigid bless the  
house that shelters you.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 2ND FEBRUARY

The feast recalls the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the Temple. The Lord meets his people. It celebrates Christ as "the light to enlighten the nations" and so candles are blessed. If you would like to have a blessed candle in your home please bring one for blessing at Masses on Thursday.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE 3RD FEBRUARY

The Blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick Blessing of throats after 7.30am & 10am  
Masses on Friday 3rd. February  
(Priests will be assisted by Eucharistic Ministers).

## CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday 22nd. Jan. 2012  
Dev. Fund € 1862  
Offertory € 1372  
Thanks for your support.

## MASS TIMES & MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 4th. February  
6.15pm Art Ó Griffin

Sunday 5th. February  
8.30am Joe Mc Donald  
11.00am John McDermott  
12.30pm Mary Lyons  
7.00pm Noelline Connell

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

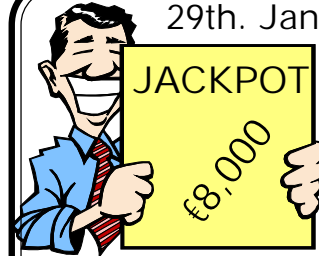
MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2012 - 26th.  
May Spiritual Director Fr. Michael Duffy. 22nd.  
September Spiritual Director Fr. P.J. Madden.  
For bookings & enquiries contact Noeleen  
059 - 9142670.

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER - in Carlow  
Cathedral for the Lords plan for Medjugorje  
and the success of the Eucharist Congress.  
Sun. 5th Feb at 5.15pm. Rosary, Holy Hour.  
Led by Fr. P.J. Madden. Organised by  
Medjugorje Council of Ireland.

THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS - are holding  
a weekend for vocations to the Priesthood in  
Dublin from 24th. - 26th. Feb. For information  
contact Br. Terence Harrington, Church St.,  
Dublin 7 - 01 8730599.

DOMINICAN NUNS MONASTIC  
CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE - Single young women  
attracted to this way of life are welcome to  
attend any of the following weekends in 2012  
10th - 12th. Feb, 9th. - 11th. March, 11th. - 13th.  
May, 14th - 16th. Sept., 26th. - 28th. Oct., 16th.  
- 18th. Nov. or at any times by arrangement.  
Contact Sr. Mairead OP, Monastery of St.  
Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda,  
Co. Louth. Tel: 041 - 9838524.

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



29th. January 2012

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Numbers drawn on the 22nd. January '12  
4 - 6 - 23 - 28  
No Jackpot Winner  
6 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

LUNCHTIME THEATRE SHOW - at 1pm on  
Thurs. 9th Feb. , 2012 in George Bernard  
Shaw Theatre, Carlow. Tickets are €7 and  
include tea/coffee. Carlow Storytellers plan  
Lunchtime Theatre shows for the first Thurs.  
of each month from March onwards. A special  
show will be staged during the Pan Celtic  
Festival.

TUBE- CARLOW - Learn to make a music  
video with Carlow Regional Youth Services,  
The Vault, Carlow, during the half- term break.  
Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb 10am -3pm. 13-16 yr  
olds. Cost €30. To register call Paul Almond  
085 789 7279

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION CORK TO  
CARLOW CYCLE 2012. - The 34th Annual Cork  
to Carlow Cycle in aid of the Irish Wheelchair  
Association will take place on the weekend of  
15th to 17th June, 2012. Further details later.

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT - monthly  
meeting will be held in the Workmans Club on  
Wed. 8th. Feb. at 2.30pm. Line Dancing every  
Mon. night at 7.30pm. Enquiries 9130832.  
New members welcome.

IRISH CLASSES - for adults closes this week.  
12 wk course starts on the 6th / 7th February.  
Special Carlow fee is €200. Details  
www.gaelchultur.com Ph 059 9158105 or  
085 1340047.

TINRYLAND I.C.A. - Monthly meeting on Wed.  
1st. Feb. at 8pm in the Parish Hall Tinryland.  
New members welcome.

6 WEEK STOP SMOKING GROUP - Starting Mon.  
30th. Jan. 2012 in the Shamrock Plaza, Carlow.  
To join the group please contact, Bernie O'Brien  
Health Promotion Department Dean Street,  
Kilkenny. Phone 056-7761400 or 087-2514531

IRISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS - Enrolment for the  
spring series of Gaelchultúr Irish language  
courses for adults now taking place. Basic and  
intermediate levels. Classes commence first  
week of Feb. Details on www.gaelchultur.com or  
from Glór Cheatharlach on 059 9158105, 085  
1340047.

CARLOW CO. COUNCIL - wishes to support  
Professional Artists - (including Writers,  
Composers, Visual Artists etc.) who are originally  
from Carlow or currently reside in Carlow - through  
the provision of bursaries designed to assist  
artists in their professional development, in the  
creation of art or in bringing their art to the public.  
Application details for both of the above schemes  
may be obtained from: Arts Office, Carlow County  
Council, Athy Rd, Carlow. Ph: (059) 9170301 /  
9136204.  
Closing date for receipt of completed applications  
is 4pm Wed. 22nd Feb. 2012

THE AGM OF THE CO. CARLOW BRANCH - of the  
Irish Wheelchair Assoc. will be held on Sun. 12th  
Feb. 2012 at 3pm in the Irish Wheelchair Assoc.  
Centre, "Teach Failte", Kilkenny Rd, Carlow. All  
are welcome to attend.

GAEILGE LE CHÉILE - in Reddy's on Thurs. 2nd  
Feb. from 9pm. Opportunity for speakers and  
learners of Irish to meet informally. No charge.  
Céad míle fáilte.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND - Fr. Rory  
will attend those on his list of the sick on Wed.  
1st. Feb.

ROTA - for Eucharist Ministers (Feb./ March)  
available in the Sacristy for collection.

50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC  
CONGRESS - Bookings to attend the 50th  
International Eucharistic Congress are live on  
www.iec2012.ie You can book for 7 days, for 3  
days or for a single day. You can decide to come  
as an individual, as a family or as a group.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - collection on  
Sat. 4th. & Sun. 5th. of Feb. Your continued  
support is greatly appreciated.

CÓR AN AIFRINN - Singers and musicians are  
welcome to the choir for the Irish Mass in the  
Cathedral at 6.15pm on the 1st & 2nd Sat. of  
each month. Please come to rehearsal in the  
Cathedral Parish Centre on Tues. 31st. Jan.  
Enquiries to 087 - 2857048.

VOLUNTEER MISSIONARY MOVEMENT (VMM)  
- Eugene Smith, regional officer from Volunteer  
Missionary Movement would like to sincerely  
thank all the parishioners for the generous  
donation of €2,379.75 in response to their appeal  
last weekend.