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CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

falls on **Sunday 11th of February**. There will be a ceremony in the cathedral that afternoon at 3pm to celebrate this event. This ceremony will provide an opportunity for all those who are sick in mind, body and spirit to come and pray for healing. During the prayer service there will be an opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick**. If parishioners know of someone who might like to attend but may need a lift perhaps they could offer to oblige. All are welcome.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2018

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday 6th. May at 10.30am
Sunday 13th. May at 10.30am
St. Laserian's Thursday 17th. May at 11am

CEMETERY MASS

Monday 9th. July at 7.30pm

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Ceremonies on
26th May at 10am. and 3.30pm.

BOX OF ENVELOPES FOR OUR DEVELOPMENT FUND

are now available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take one. Please place your name on at least the first envelope you use. This will enable us to record your number. This is important because our parish can then claim 33% tax back on your total yearly donation, and so your contributions can be maximised.

Your donations will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Thank you for taking a box and for your continued support.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY - operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

THE CATHEDRAL PARISH is inviting applicants for the position of **sacristan** in the Cathedral.

As well as the usual sacristan duties the position will include some office work.

**Applications should be addressed to
Fr. Ruairí Ó Domhnaill**

**and can be left in to the Parish centre
to arrive not later than 12pm on the 12th February 2018**

LA FHEILE BRIDE

Thursday 1st. February, we honour St. Brigid, Patron of our diocese.

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 FRIDAY 2ND. FEBRUARY (CANDLEMAS DAY)

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 or leave one in the Sacristy with your name marked on it for blessing at Masses on Thursday. Candles available in the Parish Shop.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE SATURDAY 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 Saturday 3rd. February. (Priests will be assisted by Eucharistic Ministers).

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 21st. January 2018
Dev. Fund €1857
Offertory € 1083
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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - We propose to commence Eucharistic Adoration in the new Chapel (in the Sacristy) from 7pm - 9pm each evening Monday - Friday shortly. We are looking for people in pairs, who would commit to spend an hour in adoration. Please leave your name and phone no. in the Sacristy or Parish Centre. A meeting will then be arranged to sort out a rota so that the Blessed Sacrament will not be left unattended.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - will take place on Saturday 3rd. and Sunday 4th February. Many thanks for your continued support.

ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES
We are looking for rushes. If anyone can provide some, please bring them to the Cathedral Parish Centre on any day between now and the 30th. January.
Volunteers needed this week to make St. Brigid's Crosses. Contact the Parish Office 059 - 9164087 or Sr. Dolores 085 - 1540815 / 9140408

GUIDED MEDITATION 2018 - Mornings at **11.30am** Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings at **8pm** Monday Tuesday Thursday **9pm** Wed.
Venue: 9 Old Burrin, Burrin Road, Carlow. **Enquiries** to Sr. Eileen 086 3194597

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Saturday 6.15pm 3rd. February
Cynthia Ní Mhurchú
Sunday 8.30am 4th. February
Michael Quinn
11.00 am Jacinta Lobo
12.30pm Rory Healy
7pm Bob Holmes
If you are unable to attend
PLEASE APPOINT A SUBSTITUTE
WEEKDAY MASSES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY
7.30AM AND 10AM / SATURDAY 10AM

UPCOMING EVENTS
Saturday January 27th: Training Day for World Meeting of Families Amoris Programme in Carlow College, details on www.kandle.ie
28th. - 31st. January - Catholic School Week
Thursday 1st. February - Feast of St. Brigid Patroness of our Diocese. Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses.
Friday 2nd. February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles.
Saturday 3rd. February - Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats.
Monday February 12th: Meeting of clergy and lay people in Mt. St. Anne's Killenard following up on the "Facing the Changes and Challenges Together" conversation. Beginning at 7.30pm

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE - June 27th spiritual director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill. September 12th. Fr. Eugen Dragos Tamas. For more information contact Noeleen Dunne 0599142670.

CLONFERT BUS - Saurday 3rd. February. Bus leaves Tullow Car Park 10am via Killerig Cross, Closh Stores & Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring packed lunch. Reservations Lily 059 9151245

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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 21st. January 2018
1 - 3 - 10 - 11
No Jackpot Winner
12 Match 3 match 3's share €1,000

ASKEA SENIOR CITIZENS - Monthly Social Nights out are back on Wednesday 31st. January in Askea Parish Centre from 7pm - 10pm. A bus is available to collect and bring people home. For more information contact Marian 059 - 9143010.

CARLOW TOWN COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS - An information evening will be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Tuesday 30th. January at 7.30pm. Further information call Will on 087 - 6787115 or see facebook page - Carlow Town CFR Group.

ASPIRO - is one of Ireland's leading choirs celebrating its 20th year in Carlow. New members are welcome in all age categories from age 4 - 18+ as well as Aspiro Inspired Adult Community choir. Limited number of places available in all groups, contact info@aspirochoir.ie Ph. 085-7451111.

LEARN IRISH IN 2018 - Irish Classes for adults will commence in February in Carlow County Buildings. Elementary level on Mondays with intermediate on Tuesdays. Classes from 7-9pm for 10 weeks. Information meeting tomorrow Monday, 29 January at 7.15pm in County Council. Details on www.gaelchultur.com and also from Glór Cheatharlach 085 1340047, 087 2857048.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

April 13th & 14th, May 11th & 12th, June 8th & 9th. Couples getting married in Summer or Autumn 2018 should book their courses now.

There are no courses in July or August
Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Have the following vacancies available: - **Job 1.** Housekeeper. **Job 2.** Admin Assistant/Promoter **Job 3.** Cleaner, / **Job 4.** Maintenance, **Job 5.** Admin Assistant/Cleaner, **Job 6.** Project Assistant, / **Job 7.** Day Care Assistant. All positions on Assumption Parish Services Employment Scheme are subject to eligibility for CE and garda vetting. **For further information please contact Jo on 085 8726367 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm**

CARLOW REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES - are currently recruiting for the following positions on their CE Scheme: **Youth (Teenage) Support Worker** in their after schools Programme and also a Cleaner. For further enquiries please ring Lisa/Marie on 085 2101494 or reception on 059 913 0476

BARNARDOS - Parents Plus Adolescent Programme on Wednesday 21st. February to Wednesday 18th. April from 10am - 12.30pm in Barnardos, 24 Askea Lawns. Cost - free. Duration 7 weeks. For more information or to book a place contact 059 - 9132868.

SCOIL MUIRE GAN SMAL - Would like to say thanks to everyone who donated to their Church gate collection last Sunday.

FAMILY & PARENTS SUPPORT SHOW CASE - on Wednesday 7th. February in Askea Boys School from 10am. - 12.30pm. All welcome

ST. JOSEPH'S NATIONAL SCHOOL - is now taking enrolments for boys starting school in September 2018. Application forms can be obtained from our website www.stjoescarlow.scoilnet.ie, by emailing stjosephs1960@gmail.com or phoning 059 91 42502. Closing date for application is 31st January 2018.