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ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL AND ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY

Ecumenical prayer evenings on Weds

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.

LENTEN LUNCH

Why not come along on Friday  
the 1st. April between  
12noon and 2pm  
for soup and bread?  
in the Cathedral Parish Centre,  
College Street.  
The proceeds will go to local causes.



MONSTER BINGO

Carlow Youth Centre, this Sunday  
10th. April at 3pm  
€15,000 in Prizes  
6 Panel Book €15  
Double Book €20  
Plus Bumper Lotto Jackpot  
Enquiries: 059 - 9143181

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. Padraig 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.

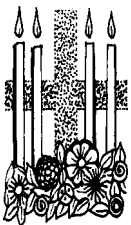
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE WEEK

Patrick Duggan, Late of Market Cross, Carlow, who  
died in England.

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'



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**

4TH. SUNDAY OF LENT

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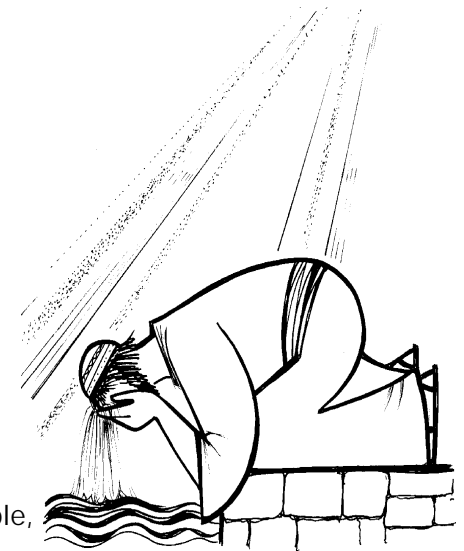
(Thoughts of Helen Keller who went blind and deaf when she was only nineteen months old.)

One day I asked a friend of mine  
who had just returned from a long walk in the woods  
what she had seen. She replied:  
"Nothing in particular",

How was this possible? I asked myself,  
when I, who cannot hear or see,  
find hundreds of things to interest me  
through mere touch.

I feel the delicate shape and  
design of a leaf.  
I pass my hands lovingly  
over the rough bark of a pine tree.  
Occasionally, if I'm lucky,  
I place my hand quietly on  
a small tree, and feel the  
happy quiver of a bird in full song.

All this has convinced me of one thing:  
the greatest calamity that can befall people,  
is not that they should be born blind,  
but rather that they should have eyes  
and yet fail to see.



On this fourth Sunday in Lent we think of vulnerable mothers overseas who are raising their children against the odds. The inequalities that women and girls face all over the developing world condemn them to a future of poverty. By supporting Trocaire's Lenten campaign you can help them look forward to a better future. For more information on the campaign visit [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent) or call 1850 408 408 (0800 912 1200 in NI)

## CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday 27th. March 2011  
Dev. Fund € 1449  
Offertory € 1329  
Thanks for your support.

**PARISH BOOK CLUB**  
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 DUES

for the support of the Clergy 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 have already contributed.

**MONTHLY COLLECTION** - for St. Vincent De Paul Society this weekend Sat. 2nd. & Sun. 3rd. April. Your support would be 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. Rehearsal in the sacristy prior to the Mass from 5.30pm on 2nd. & 9th April.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP** in St. Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown every Tues. at 7.30pm (9 weeks) on 5th. April with John Leahy (Former Tipperary All Star Hurler).

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS** - in St. Fiacc's House on Tues. 5th. April at 7.30pm. Rosary, Mass & Benediction. All welcome.

## MASS TIMES & MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 9th. April  
6.15pm Joe Brennan

Sunday 10th. April  
8.30am Michael Quinn  
11.00am Deirdre Rush  
12.30pm Debbie Robinson  
7.00pm Rosemary O'Hara

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

## EASTER CEREMONIES

The liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thurs. & 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, (N.B. 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.

## PASTORAL AREA MEETING

to report back on what emerged from our discussions at the gatherings last year including a re-drafted map of possible 'Pastoral Areas'.  
There will also be time to look again at how parishes could work together in their suggested 'Pastoral Area'.  
The meeting for Carlow, Askea, Bennekerry, Graiguecullen, Tinryland parishioners will take place on Monday April 4 at 8pm. in Carlow College.  
All are welcome.

3rd. April 2011

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto



Numbers drawn on the 27th. March '11  
8 - 10 - 15 - 24  
No Jackpot Winner  
10 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

**INTERCESSION GROUP** - Our Parish will launch a prayer centered initiative at a meeting in the Cathedral Centre on Thurs. 14th. April at 7.30pm. A Petition-Box is being permanently placed on the Sacred Heart Altar in which a problem, care, or plea can be placed at anytime. The group will then actively and daily bring this before the Lord on your behalf. All are welcome. Enquiries 086 - 3702863.

**BRIDGE COMPETITION** - on Thurs. 7th April in Seven Oaks Hotel at 7.30pm in aid of Co. Carlow Hospice. Raffle and refreshments. All welcome. Entry €10.

**SPRING CLEAN LAUNCH** - takes place on Wed. 6th April at the Burrin Road Carlow, where the Cathaoirígh, Councillors, Management and Staff will join with Model and National Spring Clean Ambassador Sarah McGovern, Tidy Towns groups and members of the community to clean the area and show litter louts that we "Love where we live" To assist you to "Love where you live" Carlow Local Authorities will refund the hire of one mini size skip for one day to approved groups during April 2011. Skips must be used for clean up of litter and communal green spaces only.

**ASCA GFC** - Juvenile Football training starts Thurs. 7th. April 6pm-7pm in Presentation College Askea. Boys and girls of all ages welcome.

**TABLE QUIZ** - in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow on Mon. 11th. April at 8pm. €30 per table - €20 for students in aid of World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Madrid in August 2011.

**DAFFODIL WEEK** - this Sun. 3rd April 2011. Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall, Carlow. Visit one of the most extensive collections of daffodils in the Country with 10,000 flowers and numerous varieties on show. Opening hours 11am - 5.30pm. Adm. €5 OAP/Students €4. Donations from this event to County Carlow Hospice Committee.

**CARLOW REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES** - are running a camp for young people in the Tullow Rd area over Easter on Mon. 18th to Thurs 21st April. Venue: Holy Family Boys N.S., Askea. Fees: €45 for waged and €35 unwaged For ages 5-12 years. For registration contact: 059 9168008, Ciara at 086 8054601 or Paul at 085 7897279

**MINI IRISH SUMMER COURSE FOR ADULTS** - Special offer on 6 week Course in Irish for adults if registered before Easter. Full details on [www.gaelchultur.com](http://www.gaelchultur.com) or phone Glór Cheatharlach on 085 1340047, 059 9158105.

**TINRYLAND I.C.A.** - Monthly Meeting on Wed. 6th. April at 8pm in Tinryland Parish Hall (beside Church) Easter arrangements of flowers at meeting. New members welcome.

**LINE DANCE CLASS** - every Mon at 8pm in the Workmans Club. Cost €5. All welcome.

**BIRDS, POULTRY & SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION** (Canaries, Finches, Parakeet's, Poultry etc.) at the Hacketstown Town Hall on 10th April 2011 and every second Sun. of the month thereafter. Please contact Tom on 086 8735092 for details.