

PARISH TEAM

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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.

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**

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.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Marjorie Dempsey (née Hughes), St. Anthony's, Brownhill Road, Carlow.
John (Johnny) Timmons, 2 Bestfield, Athy Road, Carlow.

**May they rest in peace.
Our sympathy to the family and to all who mourn.**



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LIFE IS PRECIOUS

Amidst all the rich variety of life on earth, human life is cause for special wonder. We alone can contemplate the beauty around us. We alone can create art and music and literature to express this beauty. We alone can love one another. Each human being has the capacity to experience and express this beauty and love in a unique way and, in doing so, to enrich others. We know that we did not create the beauty and the love around us. We know that we did not create ourselves. When we say that human life is sacred we are recognising something that is sensed not only by religious people but by everyone who appreciates the wonder of human life. As human beings we depend on one another and so others have the right to expect something from us – it is the right to be recognised and respected and never to be treated as less than he or she is. That is true at every moment of our life – from its first beginnings to its natural end.

*The **Choose Life website** is an initiative of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.*

POPE FRANCIS ON ABORTION AND THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.

....Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question.... It is not "Progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life"

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 28th January 2018

Dev. Fund €1689
Offertory €1082

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 this Saturday 3rd. and Sunday 4th February. Many thanks for your continued support.

CUPÁN TAE - 'Pop Up cupán tae' in the Cathedral Parish Centre after Irish Mass this evening. All welcome for a quick chat and cuppa.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS takes place in St Fiacc's House, Graiguecullen on Tuesday 6th February. Rosary, Mass and Benediction. All welcome.

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

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 10th. February
6.15pm Aingeal Úi Dhálaigh

Sunday 11th. February
8.30am Anne Archbold
11.00 am Regina Doheny
12.30pm Debbie Robinson
7pm Rosemary O'Hara

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - Every Sunday at the Statue of our Lady Grotto, Rossmore, Killeslin at 3pm. 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

CONFIRMATION

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

CEMETERY MASS

Monday 9th. July 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 28th. January 2018
2 - 8 - 11 - 15
No Jackpot Winner
7 Match 3 match 3's share €1,000

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.

CARLOW/KILKENNY GROW MEETINGS - on Tuesday at 7.45pm, in St Catherine's Social Service Centre, Joseph's Road, Carlow if you struggling with anxiety or depression? finding life difficult? feeling isolated? in need of support?

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.

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

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

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT - next meeting on Tuesday 14th. February at 2.30pm. Coach trip to Wexford Arts Centre on Friday 23rd. February for comedy play. Dinner provided Cost €50. Bookings Seán at 087 - 6522374.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

February 24th & 25th: World Meeting of Families National Collection.

27th April - 5th May: Icon of the Holy Family will be visiting the Diocese between 27th April and 5th May - further details soon.

June 16th: Family Fun Day in Carlow College - further details soon.

July 16th - July 21st: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - Host a Pilgrim Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help? Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily. Email us at hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call us on 01 567 6800