

Cathedral Parish

Sunday 2nd. December 2018

Dev. Fund €2154

Offertory €1124

Many thanks for your continued support

CHRISTMAS DUES

For the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish may be handed in today and during the next couple of weeks. Envelopes are provided for this purpose in your box & also at the back of the Cathedral. Thanks to all those who already contributed.

EVENTS ALPHA

The Alpha course continues in the Parish Centre Monday night at 7pm - 8.30pm. This 11 week course explores the basics of the Christian faith and is open to anyone aged 18+. There is no charge for Alpha. Each meeting will have food, a presentation and then group discussion and feedback. Newcomers are most welcome. For more information please see the flyers at the back of the Cathedral or contact Philip on 085 108 3582 / alphacarlow01@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

A youth group for ages 15 - 18 is running in the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It is that time of year again when the parish is launching its annual Christmas Raffle. If anyone has any unwanted or unopened gifts at home and would like to donate them, we would very much appreciate them to use as spot prizes. Please leave anything you wish to donate into the Parish Office, thank you. This years fundraiser is In aid of Alopecia for Children Carlow/Kildare Branch

MASS TIMES MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 15th. December
6.15pm Mary Clare Mullins

Sunday 16th. December
8.30am Joe Mc Donald
11.00am Kirsten Coleman
12.30pm Kay Slattery
7pm Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

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

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS - Reflection on the Scripture Readings for the Sundays of Advent on Tuesday 11th. December after 10am Mass in the Cathedral Sacristy. Light refreshments served. All are welcome.

BAMBINELLI CHRISTMAS BLESSING - People are invited to bring the Christ Child from their crib to all Masses next weekend 16th. December for a blessing before being placed in their crib for Christmas

Fr. Tom Fenlon SMA will celebrate his 50th. Golden Jubilee Mass at 8.30am on Sunday 16th. December here in Carlow Cathedral. All are welcome

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA - December, January '19, in the Sacristy for collection.

- SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS -
The Sunday School is looking for new volunteers. If you would like to join the team please leave your contact details into the Parish Centre

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING CERTIFICATES

All persons requesting Sacramental Certificate will have to fill out Form F001 - 1 and will be requested to produce photographic identification. This is in line with GDPR regulations.

9th. December 2018



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 2nd. December 2018

6 - 12 - 16 - 30

Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's share €1000

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION - Monthly meeting after morning tea/coffee on Thursday 13th. December in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME - We welcome to our 11am Mass next Sunday 16th. December the boys and girls who are preparing for First Communion.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS - every Tuesday at 8pm in Monacuragh.. For more information ring 059 - 9143138.

PUBLIC LECTURE - in Carlow College St. Patrick's on Monday 10th. December at 1.45pm in the Presidentaial Dining Room, Dr. Regina Donlon will speak on German and Irish Immigrants in the Midwestern United States 1850 - 1900. All are welcome to attend.

ANYONE FOR BRIDGE? If you like the game of Bridge and are free to play bridge on a Tuesday and or Wednesday night in Carlow Town, you would be very welcome to come and join these clubs. For more information please contact 087 9964839

CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBITION - The Barrow Valley Group of Painters will be exhibiting paintings suitable for Christmas gifts in Carlow County Library until Thursday 13th at 6.30 pm

'THE PRIESTS' IN CONCERT

on **Monday 17th December at 8pm in Carlow Cathedral**— performed at Croke Park for his Holiness the Pope during his recent visit. This will be an evening of Christmas songs, seasonal Hymns and a few traditional favourites, Tickets €25 each are on sale from the Parish Centre

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT - Members please note no monthly meeting in December Christmas Party in Seven Oaks Hotel on 13th. December at 2pm. AGM on January 9th at 2.30pm in Cathedral Parish Centre. For more information contact Noreen on 087 6522374

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - No meeting in December. The Holy Hour will be on Wednesday 12th. December members are asked to attend and the Christmas Mass Bouquets will be distributed on that night. All welcome.

BIRDWATCH IRELAND CARLOW BRANCH - will hold a Talk in Tinryland Parish Hall on Friday December 14th at 8pm about the latest research into the Life and Ecology of the European Badger.

CARLOW OLDER PERSONS CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tuesday 11th Dec, 11am-1pm Delta Centre, Carlow. Free festive morning of carols, entertainment and fun. All welcome. Contact 089-4062356"

BETHANY HOUSE A Beautiful Selection of quality Christmas Cards now on sale in Bethany House Alzheimer Day Care Centre, Barrack Street, Carlow. Pack of 12 assorted cards €8.50. Also a Beautiful Cook Book for sale €20. Call in to our office or phone Caroline/Moira/Laura 0599134736 or 0879126555

MEMORY TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE ROOMS now open every Thursday on the grounds of Sacred Heart Hospital, Carlow. The MTRRs are for people with dementia & memory difficulties, their families and carers. It is free to attend and provides individuals with the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology with an occupational therapist. Please feel free to contact Aoife on 087 7201 503 to arrange an appointment.

PARISH TEAM

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CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2018

Carlow Lions Club with The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) will be collecting non-perishable food at Dunnes, Raths, Super Value and Tesco on Thursday 13th., Friday 14th. And Saturday 15th. Followed by week 2 on Thursday 20th. Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd. Donations of cash are most welcome which helps us to purchase perishable goods such as chicken and bacon. The hampers are distributed through the SVP network to those who need it most. Please give generously and if you can volunteer to help please contact Lions or SVP members.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

Delta Christmas Fair and Outdoor Lights Display December 8th December to 21st 2018

Enjoy a huge range of traditional gifts, decorations, folk craft and much more. Light lunches, tea/coffee and cakes served each day, with full traditional Christmas Lunch on Sunday 9th December (booking essential 0599143527). . Santa's grotto, Elves workshops and festive face painting will be available from 12pm to 5.30pm on Saturdays 8th and 15th and Sundays 9th and 16th (online booking essential)
Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9.am to 7.pm Weekends 11am to 7pm **Admission:** Adults €5 Concessions €4 Children €2 to visit the gardens Santa visit €10 (includes all other activities) family of 4 €30, family of 5 €40, family of 6 €50 (online booking essential) www.deltasensorygardens.com



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION CARLOW 2018

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION (Penitential Service)
Tuesday 18th. December at 7.30pm

CONFESSION TIMES
Friday 21st. December 10.30 - 12.30pm
Saturday 22nd. December 10.30 - 12.30pm

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 23rd. December at 8.30pm. All welcome

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES
Liturgy for Children 7pm Vigil
12am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES
8.30AM., 11AM., 12.30AM
N.B. NO EVENING MASS CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY 26th. DECEMBER - FRIDAY 4th. JANUARY
10am Mass (no Mass at 7.30am)

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES
WORLD DAY OF PEACE 11AM PEACE MASS
(N. B No 10am Mass)

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES
Saturday 5th. January 6.15pm Vigil
Sunday 6th. January 8.30am, 11am., 12.30pm, 7pm.

NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday 7th. January (Normal Mass time resumes)
Monday - Friday 7.30am. 10am. Saturday 10am.

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