

PARISH TEAM

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Lecture: 'Re-discovering St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg and his County Carlow Connection' by Dermot Mulligan, Museum Curator, Carlow County Museum on Thursday 5th April at 7pm in the Bunclody Library, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. Free Admission.

Archaeology Ireland Magazine:

The Archaeology Ireland magazine Spring 2018 edition features an article on the wonderful celebrations in June 2017 in honour of County Carlow trained and ordained St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg. Archaeology Ireland is widely available in shops throughout the country.

Exhibition "St. Willibrord, Patron Saint of Luxembourg and his County Carlow Connection" is a special exhibition in Carlow County Museum (next door to the Cathedral). St. Willibrord was trained and ordained in county Carlow in the 7th century and he is one of Europe's most important saints. Carlow County Museum, College Street, Carlow Town, has free admission, opened Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm. (last admission half hour before closing).

EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE, The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, provides practical help and emotional support, free of charge, to people diagnosed with cancer, their families and carers. The service includes complementary therapies such as counselling, reflexology, art, yoga and drop-in meditation as well as a range of support groups for our clients. If you are interested in taking part in any of our events or activities, please visit our website at www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie, Facebook, or feel free to call into the Centre, Mon-Thurs 10am-4pm, Fri 10am-1pm. Alternatively please contact us at 0599139684.



THE PARISH TEAM WISHES ALL OUR PARISHONERS A VERY HAPPY AND JOYFUL EASTER

We thank God for the gifts of our community and ask his Continued blessings this Easter Day on our Families, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

Beannachtaí na Cásca ar gach éinne



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY

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REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter, The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection. "It was still dark...." when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the "first day of the week", a new beginning.

We might recall those situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel

Whatever our "death" experiences may be, we revisit them, going to the tomb as usual. And then we realise that something has changed, the stone has rolled away.

Let the stone and linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. However big that stone appears to be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tell us that this stone can be moved.

Think of all the situations in our world which need transformation, the homelessness crisis, the violence on our streets, our own sorrow. The Easter gospel show us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey. Once we experience the resurrection we are called to radical change and to share this transformative joy with others

"Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you."

N.B. NO 7.30AM MASS FOR EASTER WEEK

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 25th March 2018

Dev. Fund €1959

Offertory €1321

Many thanks for your continued support

EASTER 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. The collection on Easter Sunday is for the support of the Bishop and priests of the cathedral Parish. Thanks to those who have already contributed.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Eucharistic Adoration in the new Chapel (in the Sacristy) from 7pm - 9pm each evening Monday - Friday. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA - for April, May, June and July in the sacristy for collection.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - Extra volunteers are required to assist with collecting the bags for the Development Fund and Offertory Collections at all of the weekend Masses. If you feel you can assist, either on a regular or occasional basis, please call Richard on 087 - 2745875 or give your contact details to the Parish Office 059 - 9164087. Thank you.

PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN Why not offer up your prayer and fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn? Join with people all over Ireland in the Lenten Crusade for life, until the 1st April. For flyers on the crusade, please contact Human Life International (Ireland) on 094 - 9375993 or e-mail: mail@humanlife.ie

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

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD
SATURDAY 7th. APRIL

6.15pm T. Mac Diarmada &
Aingéal Uí Dhálaigh

Sunday	8th. April
8.30am	Anne Archbold
11.00am	Michael Carbery
12.30pm	Debbie Robinson
7.pm	Hazel O'Connor

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

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN
DIOCESAN
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
Most Reverend Denis Nulty
16th. July 2018 / 5 Nights
Cost €739 per person sharing
Contact: Joe Walsh Tours
PHONE: 01 - 2410802
EMAIL: info@joewalshstours.ie

CLONFERT DIVINE MERCY - **Sunday** will be held in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, on **Sunday 8th. April**. Bus departs Tullow Church car park at 8am. Closh Stores at 8.30am and bus stop Barrack Street, Carlow. Bring packed lunch. Reservations Lily 9151245 087 - 2245193.

SOLEMN NOVENA - Graiguecullen/Killeshin in St. Clare's Church Graiguecullen for 9 Monday nights from 9th. April - 4th. June 2018. Time 7.30pm, (Rosary at 7.10pm) Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the Poor Clare Community and the Parish Choirs. **Monday 9th. April** Dom Richard Purcell oco Abbot of Mount Mellera Abbey, Waterford.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS - takes place in St Fiaccs House Graiguecullen on Tuesday 3rd April at 7 30pm. Mass, Rosary and Benediction.

1st. April 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 25th. March 2018

2 - 10 - 14 - 27

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3's share €1000

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27th April – 7th 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 9th: Annual Cemetery Mass in St Mary's Cemetery.

REMINDER - TROCAIRE BOXES

May be handed in from Holy Thursday
Onwards to the Sacristy or to the
Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - "You Are Not Alone" Carlow Family Support Group will host a Memorial Service, for loved ones who lost their lives through substance misuse on Friday 6th. April 2018. Askea Church at 6pm. All are welcome for more information 085 - 7872730.

ASPIRO & CARLOW COLLEGE OF MUSIC and the Royal Irish Academy of Music present Benjamin Britten's Community Opera 'Noye's Fludde' in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday 29th April 4.30pm as part of the choir's 20th Anniversary concert celebrations. Tickets €12.50 / €7 and Family 2+2 €30 available www.eventbrite.ie.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - will take place next Saturday 31st. March and Sunday 1st. April. Many thanks for your continued support .

CARLOW LIONS CLUB - Book Sale beside Paul White's Chemist on Tullow Street .

RAMBLING ROVERS - walking group in the Youth Centre, Green Lane on Monday and Wednesday nights at 8pm. Please wear high visibility clothing. Suggested donation of €1 per night. All proceeds go to EIST. Walk safely in a group. All welcome and bring a friend.

SOCIAL DANCE FOR BARNARDOS - hosted by Carlow Lions Club on Tuesday 24th. April at 9pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel. Admission €8.

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT - next monthly meeting on Wednesday 11th April in the Cathedral Parish Centre at 2.30pm. Holiday in Co. Cork from 16th. - 20th. April. Outings each day and entertainment at night. €50 Deposit Required. Balance €200 to be paid at the hotel. Contact Seán 087 - 6522374.

SAVING THE 8th AMENDMENT - Dr. Jean Engela, (medical Doctor) will give a prolife presentation aimed at saving the 8th amendment and helping people understand the reality and impact of abortion on our society. Meeting takes place in the Cathedral Parish Centre on Wednesday 4th April at 7.30pm. We encourage people to attend.

THE CARMARTHEN SYMPHONIC WIND BAND from Wales will perform in Carlow College, St. Patrick's for a lunch time concert recital on Thursday, 12 April, 2018 from 1pm- 2pm. This ever popular band return to the College to raise funds for the Students' Union Student Hardship Fund. Find out more at: www.CarlowCollege.ie **The Carmarthen Wind Band** will perform a very special spring concert in aid of the **County Carlow Hospice CÚRAM on Friday, 13th April at 8.30pm in The Seven Oaks Hotel**. The concert will also feature the **Carlow Youth Orchestra**. Tickets: €15. Contact: 087 2857048. All are welcome.