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CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
NEWSLETTER

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“WELCOME HOME”

Welcome to all who have come home to spend Christmas
with family and friends in Carlow.

We are conscious of those whose loved ones are away from home at this time;
they are present in our thoughts and prayers. We are mindful also of loved ones
who have died, and pray that they may enjoy
the peace of God's home

We wish each of you a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May the Christ Child bring
hope and light to you and your loved ones now and throughout 2018.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE 1ST. FRIDAY

(5TH. JANUARY) FROM 8AM - 9.30AM.

AND 7PM - 8PM

**IF YOU WISH TO COMMIT TO SPENDING SOME TIME IN PRAYER,
PLEASE SIGN THE ROTA AT THE BACK OF THE CATHEDRAL**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service last Sunday was a very beautiful and spiritual occasion. Thank you to
the musicians, singers, readers & all who made the night so beautiful and meaningful.

Thank you to those who donated to the collection in aid of the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul which raised €2340.00

**CHRISTMAS AT THE
CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION CARLOW 2017**



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

8.30AM., 11AM., 12.30AM

N.B. NO EVENING MASS CHRISTMAS DAY



Tuesday 26th. December - Friday 5th. January

10am Mass (no Mass at 7.30am)

MONDAY 1ST. JANUARY 2018

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 7.30PM PEACE MASS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES

Friday 5th. January 6.15pm Vigil

Saturday 6th. January 8.30am, 11am., 6.15pm

Sunday 7th. January 8.30am, 11am., 12.30pm., 7pm.

Monday 8th. January (Normal Mass time resumes)

Monday - Friday 7.30am. 10am. Saturday 10am.

GUIMID BEANNACHTAÍ NA FÉILE AR GACH ÉINNE AN NOLLAIG SEO

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 17th . December 2017
 Dev. Fund €2305
 Offertory € 1459
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.

CARLOW CATHEDRAL CHOIR are looking for new members. They meet every Wednesday in the Cathedral Parish Centre from 7pm - 8.30pm. For more information please contact Marian on 087 6689943.

SAMARITANS - Support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 day a year, offering non-judgemental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free phone 116123 SMS text 087 2609090 Email jo@samaritans.org

"ALL WILL BE WELL" - In Fr Paddy Byrne's first book, he draws on his years of parish ministry and pastoral care to outline the challenges we face. His book is now available in the Parish Shop.

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

MONDAY 1ST. JANUARY 2017 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, World Day of Peace - The 7.30pm Mass is a Mass for Peace; we welcome the members of the Garda Síochána, past and present, guardians of the peace, and all who work and pray for peace. All are

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF SAINT IGNATIUS - Silent Retreat will take place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo, for women aged 18 years and up. From December 28th 2017 to January 1st 2018. Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 30th. December
6.15pm Michael Curran

Sunday 31st. December
 8.30am Maeve Mc Dermott
 11.00 am Mairead Crosby
 12.30pm Clodagh Brophy
 7pm Bob Holmes

FRIDAY 6TH. JANUARY
- FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY -
- A Holyday of Obligation -

Friday 5th. January
6.15pm Tommy Mac Diarmada

Saturday 6th. January
 8.30am Michael Quinn
 11.00 am Gemma Lawler
 6.15pm Mary Clare Mullins

Sunday 7th January
 8.30am Catherine O'Hare
 11.00 am Rody Kelly
 12.30pm Kay Slattery
 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

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - on January 12th. & 13th., February 2nd. & 3rd, March 2nd & 3rd. Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2018 should book their course now. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie. For further information please contact Mary 059 - 9138738.

22nd. December 2017



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 17th. December 2017
 5 - 19 - 24 - 27
 No Jackpot Winner
 11 Match 3 match 3's share €1,000

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 11a.m. and 2.30p.m.

CEMETERY MASS
 Monday 9th. July at 7.30pm

DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10am - 10pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Christmas can be a sad time for many people, and in the midst of apparent universal gaiety, some of us can feel very alone. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. **LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents.**

All calls completely confidential.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS - meet every Monday evening in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street at 8pm. For more information contact the Parish Office 059 - 9164087. All welcome.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Have the following vacancies available: -
Housekeeper, Admin Assistant/Promoter, Cleaner, Maintenance, Admin Assistant/Cleaner, Project Assistant, 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**

TROCAIRE'S - "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives - like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

LOTTO PROMOTERS - Please note that the Lotto Draw takes place Friday 29th. December at the bingo. Please ensure that all tickets are returned before then.

CARLOW YOUTH CENTRE HIRE

Now taking bookings for all indoor events, sporting and otherwise, at very competitive rates. Ample parking and accessibility. For enquiries contact Jimmy on 087 3261578