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New Years Resolution.

Volunteer for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June 2012. Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress & also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress.

The Congress is recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet & greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more!

If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website www.iec2012.ie/ volunteer & fill out an online application or request an application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will held on the 19th & 28th January in the RDS Dublin. For more info please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01)2349900 or volunteeradmin@iec2012.ie.

WELCOME

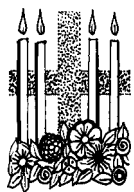
We are all welcome to the Celebration of the Eucharist. As part of the welcome some parishoners have been greeting people as they arrive for Mass over the last few weeks, handing them Missalettes, Hymn Sheet etc. this has been very favourably commented on. We would like to extend this practice to all the Masses and we are looking for volunteers to do this at whatever Mass they attend - being there 10 to 15 minutes before Mass to greet the person and hand them the Missalette. If you are prepared to help please put your details on the list in the Sacristy after Mass. Apologies list mislaid last week, more volunteers still needed.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY 'THEY HAVE

Frank Salter, 111 New Oak Estate, Carlow.

May he rest in peace

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES AND TO ALL WHO MOURN VERY NEAR'



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

NEWSLETTER

2ND. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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15th. January 2012

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Acts of the Apostles describes how, in the first century, the Church was faced with the challenge of responding to the needs of those who were at risk of being marginalised, either through culture or through material poverty. Keeping in mind the example of Jesus, the Apostles selected and ordained a number of men specifically for this service. For a number of centuries, deacons ministered in close co-operation with the bishops of the Church, assisting at the Eucharist, preaching the Gospel, and exercising a ministry of charity. St. Francis of Assisi is one of the best known permanent deacons. (Acts 6:1-7)

The Second Vatican Council envisaged a renewal of ministry, both lay and ordained, in the Church. The Council's Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium, explains that the lay faithful, by virtue of their Baptism, are commissioned to an active apostolate and insists that "every opportunity be given them so that, according to their abilities and the needs of the times, they may zealously participate in the saving work of the Church." The Second Vatican Council also proposed the restoration of the diaconate as a "distinct ministry of service" to be exercised "in communion with the bishop and his group of priests". Many of the functions which deacons perform can also be carried out by members of the lay faithful. The restoration of the diaconate is not intended in any sense to change that situation. The idea is that some of those who already exercise these functions would be "strengthened with the grace of diaconal ordination" and in that way would be designated to be a visible public sign of the Christ the Servant in the community of the Church.

The permanent deacons are ordained ministers within the Church; they do not normally take a vow of celibacy, and they are usually married men. However, should they be widowed, they do not remarry.

The Irish bishops applied to restore the permanent Diaconate in the Irish Church a number of years ago, and three years ago, a group of seven men from the diocese began their discernment and preparation for this ministry. They are Pat Roche, Joe O'Rourke, Jim Stowe, Fergal O'Neill, Gary Moore, John Dunleavy and David O'Flaherty.

At the 6.15 Mass this weekend, they are accepted formally as Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate by Mgr. Brendan Byrne, Diocesan Administrator. Over the next months, they will receive the permanent ministries of Lector and Acolyte.

We wish them well in their preparation, and ask you to remember them in prayer.

CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday 8th. Jan. 2012
Dev. Fund € 2006
Offertory € 1385
Thanks for your support.

MASS TIMES & MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 21st. January
6.15pm Walter Lacey

Sunday 22nd. January
8.30am Maeve McDermott
11.00am Sean Scanlon
12.30pm David O'Flaherty
7.00pm Jessica O'Hara

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

IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND - collection this Sat 14th. & Sun 15th. Jan. Your support would be appreciated.

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

GROVE BRIDGE CLUB - Charity Night in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care in Carlow Golf Club on Mon. 23rd. Jan.

SUM OF MONEY - found in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Car Park. Contact Anne 059 - 9164087.

VOLUNTEER MISSIONARY MOVEMENT (VMM) - Eugene Smith, regional officer from the Volunteer Missionary Movement, will speak at all Masses next weekend. VMM is an international lay Catholic movement founded in 1969, which recruits, trains and supports skilled volunteers with professional or technical expertise to work in areas of need in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
A Bereavement Support Group has been trained and is now available to offer support to those who have recently lost a loved one.
If you wish to avail of this support, please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087.

15th. January 2012

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto



Numbers drawn on the 8th. January '12
7 - 9 - 11 - 15
No Jackpot Winner
15 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

THE 3RD ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE CARLOW - in assoc. with the Irish Cancer Society will take place on 16/17th June 2012 at Ducketts Grove. Relay For Life is a 24 hour walking Relay made up of teams of 8-15 people. The committee will have an information stand at the Fairgreen Shopping Centre on Sat. 21st Jan. from 9am to 5pm. You can also check us out on Facebook & Twitter or email us at carlow@relayforlife.ie

AMEN - Amen Support Group Meetings have recommenced on a Monday Evening in Navan from 8pm - 10pm. The group meetings are a support for men who suffer domestic abuse or are going through separation. The meetings will cover issues of stress, anxiety, anger, grief and new beginnings. Please call 046-9023718 for further information.

COUNTY CARLOW DRUGS INITIATIVE - Would you like to talk to someone about a drug or alcohol problem? Whether it's your own or someone close to you, we are here to help. Call us on 91 40616, or 0857176423.

THE NORTH CORK MILITIA: 1798 & CARLOW. Diarmuid O'Donovan's lecture will help to clear up some of the mysteries of the 1798 Rebellion & dissect the reasons why it happened. He will address the conflict in & around Carlow & Castlecomer & the spread of the Insurrection from Wexford. Lecture on Wed. 18th Jan. at 8pm in Mount Wolseley Hotel. Admission Free. All Welcome.

JEWELLERY MAKING COURSE - for 6 weeks will start in Tinryland Parish Hall on Wed. 18th. Jan. 7 - 9pm. Funded by County Carlow VEC and hosted by Tinryland Womens Group, Cost €20. Contact Breda 085 1197307, email tinrylandwomensgroup@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS - Have you made your new years resolution? You've probably chosen the latest fad diet! And decided which gym to join! For 2012 why not make your mental health your priority. Look after your mental health from Carlow mental health association.
Supporting Positive Mental Health 085 7079993

6 WEEK STOP SMOKING GROUP - Starting Mon. 30th. Jan. 2012 in the Shamrock Plaza, Carlow. To join the group please contact, Bernie O'Brien Health Promotion Department Dean Street, Kilkenny. Phone 056-7761400 or 087-2514531

DANCE CLASS - 6 wk dance course starting on Thurs 26th. Jan. from 8pm - 9pm. at the Academy of Dance, Carlow. Quick Step, Old Time Waltz, Jive, etc. Registration and course payment on the night. No partner required. For information phone Fiona 087 - 2727315.

MARIE CASHIN SCHOOL OF DANCE - in the Eire Og Club House. Dance Styles Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Modern, Singing much more.
for Boys and Girls aged 3.-19yrs. For Info ring Marie Cashin 086 16 54 740 / 059 91 43687.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME - We welcome to our 11am Mass this Sun. 15th. Jan the boys & girls preparing for First Communion.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL - acknowledges receipt of € 1671, from the Carol Service in the Cathedral. We wish to thank the choirs and those who contributed so generously.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2012 - 26th. May Spiritual Director Fr. Michael Duffy. 22nd. September Spiritual Director Fr. P.J. Madden. For bookings & enquiries contact Noeleen 059 - 9142670.

50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Bookings to attend the 50th International Eucharistic Congress are live on www.iec2012.ie You can book for 7 days, for 3 days or for a single day. You can decide to come as an individual, as a family or as a group.