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HAPPY NEW YEAR! THANKS FOR 2016

In wishing everyone God's Blessing for a happy New Year we take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed in any way to the life of our Parish in 2016. We particularly thank all who volunteer in the Parish and all Parish Staff. We look forward to continuing working together throughout 2017 building up our Parish Community.

Beannachtaí na hAthbhliana

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES

Couples getting married in 2017 should book one of the following courses at Accord Carlow January 27th & 28th, February 10th & 11th March 10th & 11th.

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie

For further information please phone Mary at 059 9138738

SPONSOR A PIPE

and make a contribution to the Restoration of the Cathedral Organ.

Individuals or Families can sponsor a pipe for €100 while a business can do so for €250. All the sponsors' names will be entered into a register which will be bound into book form. For further information please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Tom Naughton, 50 Monacurragh, Carlow / Athlone, Roscommon

May he rest in peace.

Our sympathy to the families and to all who mourn.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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REFLECTION

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. He knows where he has come from and where he is going: do we? John immediately tries to change his mind. Jesus, however, holds his course; we are too easily deflected from the right path?

John gave in but without having to lose face; can we resolve our differences in more positive and respectful ways?

The heavens opened and the spirit descended like a dove. Matthew is leaving us in no doubt about the dramatic significance of Jesus' baptism. It made a real difference. Everything has changed. Jesus has begun the journey to Jerusalem, Calvary and the empty tomb: what difference does our baptism make to the kind of people we are, to the kind of lives that we lead?

All ministry, ordained and non-ordained, is rooted in our baptisms: might we now consider offering ourselves for some form of ministry within our own parish communities?

Taken from Intercom

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 1st. January 2017
Dev. Fund € 1987
Offertory €1390
Thanks for your support

PILGRIMAGES
ECHTERNACH LUXEMBOURG

to take part in the historic hopping or dancing procession of St Willibrord at Echternach. St Willibrord trained and was ordained in Co. Carlow in 690AD. The Pilgrimage is from 4th. June 2017 for 4 days. Spiritual leaders: Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Michael Burrows. For more information contact Tully's Travel on 059 - 9136100

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

16th. - 21st. July 2017 from €719 booking details from Joe Walsh Tours 01 - 2410810.

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 have already contributed..

THE SAMUEL CIRCLE - is a group of young men who will meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon to explore and discern the vocation to priesthood. "God chose us before the world began to be holy." God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill on 059 - 9131227 or vocations@kandle.ie www.kandlepriest.com

LUMINA VOLUME 11

Exclusive signed copies of Orchestral Music of Fr. Liam Lawton now on sale in the Cathedral Parish Shop. All proceeds from sale go directly to Carlow Hospice.

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 14th. January
6.15pm Máire Mhic an Fhailí

Sunday 15th. January
8.30am. Catherine O'Hare
11am, Catherine Daly
12.30pm Clodagh Brophy
7pm Hazel O'Connor

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

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND - Any housebound person who would like a priest to visit on a regular basis please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087.

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

CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHOIR - We welcome members age 13+ to sing at the 12.30pm Mass from September to May. New members and musicians always welcome.

MASS 'AS GAELIGE': The Saturday evening Mass at 6.15pm in the Cathedral will be celebrated in Irish on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month from October to May. New readers and choir members always welcome. Contact: 087 2857048, 085 1340047

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.

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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 1st. January 2017
5 - 16 - 22 - 24
No Jackpot Winner
5 Match 3's share €1000

BRIDGE CLASSES - on Wednesday 18th. January 2017 at 7pm in St. Mary's Academy, C.B.S., Carlow. For more information contact Sheila 086 - 8381762

ADULT DANCING CLASSES - Jiving, Quick-step & Waltzing commencing on Thursday 26th January 2017. Course runs for 6 weeks 8pm - 9pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow. Phone 0872727315.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2017

First Communion:
Sunday 14th. May at 10.30am
Sunday 21st. May at 10.30am

CONFIRMATION
Ceremony of Light / Penitential Service
Thursday 18th. May
St. Laserian's Friday 24th. March at 11am
Confirmation Ceremonies on
27th May at 11a.m. and 2.30p.m.

CEMETERY MASS
Monday 10th. July at 7.30pm

CEART - Grow, Barrack Street, Kilkenny: Fridays 11am - 1pm. Is your life restricted and compromised by chronic illness? Join our support group to break the cycle and take control of your life. Contact Mary on 087 284 3424 or visit www.grow.ie

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP - are looking for volunteers. If you have a few hours free during the week contact Alex Stenson at 9173679.

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIREMENT - A.G.M. Will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre on Wednesday 11th. January 2017 at 2.30pm. All members are asked to attend new members also very welcome.

CARLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION will be in the Shaw Room of the Carlow Library each Thursday in January 2017 from 10am -12noon giving out information on building resilience and signposting people to the relevant mental health services that are available locally. There will be a relaxation type activity each Thursday at 11am for half an hour. No need to book just drop in. Also as part of our agenda of reducing stigma around mental health we are supporting the Visual with the campaign "First Fortnight" by showing a film in the Visual called "Infinitely PolarBear" on Tuesday Jan 17th at 8pm. Information stand and question and answer session will be held on that evening as well. Tickets €5 from the Visual.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - meeting in St. Catherine's, St. Joseph's Road on Mondays at 6.30pm for people with eating disorders Enquiries 01 - 2788106. www.overatersanonymous.ie for more

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

