

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 6th. January 2018

Dev. Fund €2233

Offeritory €1209

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

Sunday School

The Sunday School runs concurrently with the 11am Mass every Sunday in the Parish Centre except those Sunday's dedicated to the First Communion programme. Children ages 5-9 are most welcome to attend

YOUTH GROUP

A youth group for ages 15 - 18 is running in the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

- 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

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

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

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

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 6.15pm **19th. January**
 Annie Neville

Sunday 8.30am **20th. January**
 Anne Archbold
11.00 am Gemma Lawler
12.30pm Patricia Moloney
7pm Bob Holmes

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

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE - June 6th 2019 €645, Spiritual director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill. September 26th. 2019 €675 Spiritual director Fr. Michael Duffy OFM CAP. Early booking €50 off before 1st February. For more information contact Noeleen Dunne 0599142670.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - February 8th. & 9th., March 8th. & 9th. Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2019 should book their course now. Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie. For further information please contact Mary 059 - 9138738.

DAY OF PRAYER - in St. John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Shrine on Saturday 2nd. February 2019 from 10am - 5pm given by Fr. Killian Byrne, Holy Mass, Rosary, Adoration, and Talks. Contact Helen 086 - 1678027 / www.prayerofcharity.ie

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

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.

13th. January 2019



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 6th. January 2019

6 - 8 - 17 - 28

Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3's share €1000

PHILOSOPHY COURSE - Learn how to apply the wisdom of all the great Philosophers to our own daily lives to increase our Happiness and Peace of Mind. 10-week Course in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow, starting this Tuesday 15th January (for 10 Mondays) At 7.30pm Course suits all ages and no prior knowledge needed Course Fee only **€10.00** Pre-booking essential (online only) at practicalphilosophy.ie
Information: Jack 086-6066087, Jacks book "Peace of Mind, Moment by Moment" now available in the Parish Shop

TALK - by Paul Cutler of Altamount Gardens entitled "Sharing your Garden with Birds" this talk is suitable for people of all ages and will be beneficial for anyone who wants to encourage more garden birds and wildlife into their garden. More information about BirdWatch Ireland Carlow branch events can be obtained by emailing: birdwatchcarlow@gmail.com or by contacting the branch secretary Andrew Power on 087-7458436

ST PATRICK'S - will run short 8 week evening courses starting on the 24th of January where lecturers will help you broaden your perspectives, gain knowledge and help you develop exciting new skills. The courses include: Actually Reading Ulysses; The Medieval World; Irish Identity: Past, Present, Future and Songs of Love and Hate: The world as seen through the work of songwriters and poets Leonard Cohen and Paul Simon. The cost per course is €125. For further information visit www.CarlowCollege.ie or email admissionscc@carlowcollege.ie.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2019

FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday 12th. May at 10.30am
Sunday 19th. May at 10.30am
St. Lasherian's Thursday 17th. May
Confirmation at 11am

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Ceremonies on Saturday
25th May at 11am. and 2.30pm.

CEMETERY MASS

Monday 8th. July at 7.30pm

CARLOW ACTIVE RETIRED - Outing to see Brighton Beach Memoirs in the Opera house Wexford on Friday 1st February bus leaving 3.30, dinner in Whites Hotel ring Noreen on 0876522374 immediately for tickets

EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE - provides emotional support and practical help to people with a cancer diagnosis, their families and carers. The opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Friday 10am to 1pm. For further details please contact us on 059 9139684.

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.

PARISH TEAM

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WALKING TOWARDS UNITY

You are invited to join with the Church of Ireland, Methodist and Catholic communities in Carlow Town in a walk towards unity to celebrate Church Unity Week on Sunday 20th. January from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.
Beginning at the Methodist Church, walking to St. Mary's (Church of Ireland),
Finishing in the Cathedral of the Assumption.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service at Christmas 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 €2891.76

BOX OF ENVELOPES FOR OUR DEVELOPMENT FUND

are now available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take one. **Please place your name on at least the first envelope you use.** This will enable us to record your number. This is important because our parish can then claim 33% tax back on your total yearly donation, and so your contributions can be maximised.
Your donations will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.
Thank you for taking a box and for your continued support.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Padraig (Pop) Long, 5 Quinagh Green and formerly of 4 Pinewood Avenue, Carlow.

May he rest in peace.
Our sympathy to the family and to all who mourn.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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REFLECTION

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were "filled with expectation". It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for.

He uses all of this attention for one purpose, to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our own hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptist in our lives, pointing towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying "One who is more powerful than I is coming".

He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning "winnowing forks" seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative. Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs.

A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: "You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved: with you I am well pleased".