

Cathedral Parish

Sunday 30th. December 2018

Dev. Fund €2233

Offertory €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 **12th. January**
K. Ni Mhaolanfaidh

Sunday 8.30am **13th. January**
11.00 am Paddy Behan
12.30pm Michael Carbery
7pm Rory Healy
Sean O'Sullivan

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

LOST - in Carlow Gold Cross & Chain of great sentimental value. Reward offered. If found please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087

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.

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

ST. VINCENT SHOP

Tulow Street, will have a great winter coat and bag sale on Tuesday 15th. January, lots of great brands and as always all at fantastic prices.

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.

6th. 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 30th. December 2018

8 - 10 - 18 - 24

Jackpot Winner

5 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 on 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 (on-line only) at practicalphilosophy.ie
Information: Jack 086-6066087, Jacks book "Peace of Mind, Moment by Moment" now available in the Parish Shop

DEAF / HEAR - on Wednesday 9th. January from 10am - 4pm.in the Cathedral Parish Centre and every second Wednesday of each Month thereafter.

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. Laserian'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

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 GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meet every Monday night at 8pm in Cathedral Parish Centre. New members always welcome. All meetings are strictly confidential.

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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NEWSLETTER

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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6th.. January 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR! THANKS FOR 2018

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 2018. We particularly thank all who volunteer in the Parish and all Parish Staff. We look forward to continuing working together throughout 2019 building up our Parish Community.

Beannachtaí na hAthbhliana

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Patrick Mc Carthy, Patrick Nolan, Ella Farrell - Moore,
M. J. Walker - Doran

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

Edward Domican, Clonbrock, Crettyard, Co Laois and formerly of Conroy Park, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare.

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

REFLECTION

The Epiphany is the end of Christmas in many houses, the tree and decorations are taken down, yet in the church year, the Epiphany marks the middle of the Christmas season. Wise men from the East come to Bethlehem to pay homage to the King of the Jews. Tradition depicts the Magi as three men, who follow a star, dressed in the robes of kings, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Other than the star and the gifts, little is told of them in the Gospel, yet hints are given. In Greek they are "*Magoi*" for they are connected to magic. In the ancient world, "magicians" read the stars to discover the truth about God, hence, the Magi follow the star to Bethlehem and their gifts tell of the baby they have come to worship.

Gold was the traditional gift presented to the new king of the Jews. The title "*King of the Jews*" in relation to Jesus is that also asked of him by Pilate and by which the soldiers mock him. It is the description which hangs above his Cross. Gold is a gift for a king, but this king's kingdom is not of this world.

Frankincense used in the worship of God indicates that the baby is God.

Frankincense represents the divine, it is the smell associated with sacredness in God's presence. The wise men acknowledge through this gift that the baby before them is God, his is **Christ the Lord**.

Myrrh was used in oil to anoint kings and corpses. It is a strange gift for a new baby, but it foreshadows that which awaits this new Infant in the years ahead - trial, torture and execution.

The Magi point us to the Passion of Christ, but they are not harbingers of bad news; they are filled with delight upon discovering the child. The wish men, rather than ending Christmas, herald great joy, that they, who were not of the chosen people rejoice in God's love.