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CARLOW BINGO REMINDER

At the Youth Centre, Green Lane,
Extra Cash Prizes on all line, Double Line and Full Houses in December
On Friday 22nd., and Sunday 17th.

Bingo starts at 8.30pm. Six Panel Book€4 Double Book€8
Enquiries 059 - 9164087 Don't Miss It !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DELTA CENTRE - hosts its very popular Christmas Fair and Outdoor Lights Display until Friday 22nd December. Enjoy a huge range of traditional gifts. Light lunches, tea/coffee and cakes served each day, **Opening Hours:** Monday – Friday 9am to 7pm Week-ends 11am to 7pm .

Admission: Adults €5 Concessions €4 Children free to visit the gardens Santa visit €10 (includes all other activities) family of 4 €30, family of 5 €40, family of 6 €50 (online booking essential) www.deltasensorygardens.com

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Give the gift of a chance to win the Parish Lotto ((Bob's your Uncle €2 per week with an opportunity to win the Jackpot of €20,000) Gift Vouchers now available or why not have your name or your Family name inscribed on our Organ Pipes. For further information please contact the Parish Centre 059 - 9164087 **Shop Local this Christmas to keep jobs in Carlow.**

ADVENT CALENDAR - As a unique Advent prayerful resource, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has provided its online Advent 2017 Calendar which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The calendar is available online, and on your smartphone, on www.catholicbishops.ie. This year's Advent Calendar focuses on the theme of family as we prepare together for next year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21 – 26 August. Each day during Advent you are invited to click open a virtual door where you will find faith content for family, school and parish. During Advent, families are invited to take special time together to pray, to talk, and to be together. Family members are encouraged to undertake a daily act of kindness or charity – as suggested by the calendar – and by so doing reaching out to help those around us. By using the online calendar, we hope that you will be part of our journey through Advent this year.



CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday of Advent

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION CARLOW 2017

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

This Sunday 17th. December at 8.30pm. All welcome

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION (Penitential Service)

Tuesday 19th. December at 7.30pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Friday 22nd. December 10.30 - 12.30pm

Saturday 23rd. December 10.30 - 12.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

8.30AM, 11AM, 12.30PM.

Liturgy for Children 7pm Vigil

12pm Midnight Mass

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 BEANNAICHTÁ NA FÉILE AR GACH ÉINNE AN NOLLAIG SEO

Cathedral Parish
Sunday 10th . December 2017
Dev. Fund €1813
Offertory € 922
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.

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS - Reflection on the Scripture Readings for the Sundays of Advent on Tuesday 19th. December after 10am Mass in the Cathedral Sacristy. Light refreshments served. All are welcome.

"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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 24th December 2017 Mass times for the Fourth Sunday of Advent in **ASKEA CHURCH** will take place at 9am and 10.30am. Please note there will be **NO 12 NOON Mass in ASKEA CHURCH on Sunday 24th December, 2017.**

BAMBINELLI CHRISTMAS BLESSING - People are invited to bring the Christ Child from their crib to all Masses this weekend December 17th. for a blessing before being placed in their crib for Christmas

MASS TIMES
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 23rd. December
6.15pm Walter Lacey

Sunday 24th. December
8.30am Joe McDonald
11.00 am Marie O'Rourke
12.30pm Michael Carbery
7pm Mary Clare Mullins

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

AMA DEUS - would like to invite any past members of the Cathedral Youth and Folk choirs to sing with us at 12.30 Mass on Christmas day. Contact Michael 085 - 1585085 for further information.

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

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
for the Polish Community on Monday 18th.
December from 6pm to 8pm.

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

Cathedral Carol Service
This Sunday 17th. December at 8.30pm this
Sunday

17th. 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 10th. December 2017
17 - 19 - 26 - 29
No Jackpot Winner
4 Match 3 match 3's share €1,000

PARISH SHOP - will open on Saturday morning from 10am to 1pm for the month of December. Please feel free to come and browse through our extensive selection of gifts

A CHRISTMAS WISH - Join students from the Music Department of Presentation College, Carlow as they celebrate Christmas with an evening of festive favourites guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit. Monday, 18th December at 7pm in Presentation College. Tickets, €7/€5 are available on the door.

FREE EVENTS IN CARLOW LIBRARY - Storytime for the Under 6's on Saturday mornings at 11 am. Exhibition of New Art by Damien Tallon from the 18th to 22nd December. Carlow Storytellers & Friends Festive Song & Stories on Wednesday, 20th December at 7.30pm There are Christmas Stories & Crafts with Mrs Claus on Thursday 21st December at 4pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - are now on sale in Bethany House Alzheimer Day Care Barrack Street Carlow Pack of 12 beautiful quality assorted cards with envelopes €10.00 per pack call in or phone Hilda/Caroline 0599134736. Thank you for your continued support. Also our monthly support Group meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 am in Bethany House .

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.

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**

AN ASPIRO CHRISTMAS - 20th Anniversary Christmas Retrospective, Saturday 23rd December 8pm, Carlow Cathedral. Experience the renowned sounds of Aspiro's ensembles and past members singing some of their all-time specially selected Christmas carols. Audience participation included. Tickets: €12/€10, Family (2+2) €35, available in Graiguecullen and Cathedral Parish Centres and from choir members.

LOTTO PROMOTERS - Please note that the Lotto Draw takes place on Friday 22nd. December and Friday 29th. December at the bingo. Please ensure that all tickets are returned before then.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS - by Lily O'Rourke in "The Tailor's" Formal Wear, Dublin St, Carlow . A large selection of paintings for you to choose that special Christmas gift.