

Sunday, 19th January 2025.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Newsletter

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By 4pm Wednesday

Do whatever He tells you!

Reflecting on today's Word of God, we can clearly see the important role played by Mary, Jesus' mother. It could be said that it was through her intervention that Jesus decided to perform his first miracle. But let us ask ourselves, was her intervention necessary at all? Could the One who created everything, who knows everything, have failed to notice what was happening at the wedding? Of course He knew everything, even before Mary brought it to His attention. However, in His infinite wisdom and love, He wanted His Mother to participate in this first miracle by



bringing the problem to Him. In this way, He allowed her to share in the joy of helping the young couple and their family. This behaviour of Jesus is no exception. All his interactions, with Mary, with the apostles and also with us, are invitations to cooperate with him. To fulfil this most important mission of redeeming humanity. Of course, it is Jesus who alone could and did redeem humanity. But just as he wanted to share with Mary the glory of the Redeemer (hence Mary's title of Co-redemptrix), he also wants to involve us so that we too may share in His glory. Let us remember, however, that this glory does not come without a price. Like Jesus, Mary and others who responded to his invitation have experienced various hardships, misunderstanding from others and even death. But let us not fear too much, because by being with Jesus, these experiences, like the water from today's Gospel, will be transformed into the wonderful wine of God's graces. It is enough for us to turn to Him and trust Him... in everything He tells us.

Masses in the Cathedral

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am Mass and 6.15pm Vigil

Two Hearts Mass at 8pm on First Friday of every Month

We remember in our prayer

Thomas (Tom) Curran, Carlow Town, Carlow

May Thomas rest in peace

May his loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Medjugorjie Pilgrimage 2025 (Carlow)

25th June-2nd July Spiritual Director Fr Tommy Dillon ,Fr.Yanbo Chen, €805, 10th -17th Sept €815 Fr. Theodore. To avail of Discount €200 deposit before Jan 31st. Enquires to Noeleen 0862415986.

St. Brigid's Camino Walk – Monasterevin Parish

St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townsland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am on Monday, 3rd February 2025 (walk is approximately 6km/car parking provided at Mountrice Cross).

The walk will be led by the Bishop and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Saints Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church, Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. For those who wish to avail of this service, pay on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport.

St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day

For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office – 045 525346.

Directory of Irish Saints

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. Professor Padraig Ó'Riain's Dictionary of Irish Saints is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. Professor O Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of forty years, and the material for the over 1,000 entries in his Dictionary has come from a variety of sources, including martyrologies, genealogies of the saints, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents.

The book is due for publication on 24 January 2025 and will be available in bookshops but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from www.fourcourtspress.ie or alternatively, call 01 4534668.

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Free Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders

Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home? Are you considering becoming a Childminder and wondering what steps to take next? If so, would you like to attend a FREE

Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders, taking place on Wednesday, 12th and 19th February from 6.30pm-10pm at Enterprise House, Carlow. This training has been organised by Carlow County Childcare Committee. Spaces are limited. Booking is essential. Please contact Eilish/Jean on 059 9140244 or email info@carlowccc.ie for further information or to book your place.

Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club will hold a leaf manipulation worknight on Tuesday, January 28th, at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Club members Margaret Collins and Helen Lucas will share their knowledge of crafting flowers and shapes from leaves.

Visitors welcome. The competition for all classes on the night will be "A line arrangement with 5 or 7 Flowers". Visitors' entry fee €10

Rainbows Ireland

Supporting Children with Bereavement and Parental Separation

Rainbows offers 9 week group support listening for young people aged 7 -16.

Bereavement and Separation sessions are separate and age appropriate

Rainbows is not a counselling or professional therapy Carlow Rainbows invite enquiries for Spring 2025

Starting on February 10

For further local information contact Anne: 087 6636 499

or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto Next Jackpot Sunday 19th January 2025

€20,000

No Jackpot winner 2-16-28-19