



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 10th December 2023.

Second Sunday of Advent

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Newsletter



Finding Harmony Amidst the Noise

In the Advent journey, the voice of John the Baptist cries out in the wilderness, urging us to prepare a way for the Lord. In a world filled with too many negative voices, his call to repentance stands as a beacon of simplicity and humility.

Amidst the clamour of our lives, John's camel-skin garment and austere diet remind us of the need to strip away excess and focus on what truly matters.

As we navigate a noisy world, his message encourages us to repent, seeking forgiveness and renewal. In acknowledging the One more powerful, John points us beyond ourselves to the source of true transformation. This Advent, let us open our hearts to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, a cleansing and renewing force that brings harmony amidst the negativity.

May our lives echo the harmony found by the river Jordan, confessing sins and embracing the promise of redemption. As we await the Savior's birth, let us be messengers of hope, preparing the way with hearts attuned to the transformative power of divine grace. In the midst of the noise, may our repentance and openness to the Holy Spirit be a testament to the enduring harmony found in the anticipation of Christ's coming.

Penitential Service

Christmas penitential service will take place in the Carlow Cathedral on Thursday the 21st of December at 7.30 pm

A Blessing for Bambellini Sunday

A tradition on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, it is tradition for children (and adults) to bring their baby Jesus figures from their nativity crib at home to St. Peter Square where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus before baby Jesus is placed in their home nativity. The Catholic Grandparents Association suggests that our faith families make their own similar tradition. After the blessing, at Church or at home, place the Bambinelli in a gift box and have it be the first gift your family opens on Christmas when together you place your baby Jesus figure in the crib.

We invite you to bring the infant figure from your crib to Mass on the weekend of the 16th & 17th December. The figures will be blessed during the Mass.

Harmony of Hearts - Voices of Hope

Cathedral of the Assumption Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 17 Dec at 8:30pm

Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow

Donation on the night in aid of ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CARLOW

Celebrate the festive season with us at our highly anticipated Christmas Carol Service, celebrating the true spirit of the season, a spirit of hope, peace, joy, and love. The Carol Service will be a spiritual journey of music, song, scripture, reflection, and prayer in preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Save the date in your calendar – all are welcome. Invite your loved ones to join us. There is an opportunity on the evening to support the good work of St. Vincent de Paul.

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Monday to Friday 4pm to 6pm

We remember in our prayer

Frances Fenlon

Highfield, Dublin Road, Carlow

Tom Kelly

19 Cluain Riada, Link Rd, Brownhill, Carlow

May they rest in peace

May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Visitation of the sick

If you know of someone who is housebound and would like to have a visit from the Parish Team.

Please give the details to the Parish Office:

Name, address, Eircode!! and phone number.

Carlow Older Persons Forum

Host a free Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 12th December, 11am-1pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Festive refreshments, music, dancing & free Christmas raffle for older people. For more info phone Val on (086)0117761.

Rainbows Spring Programmes

Twice yearly, Carlow Rainbows offers a nine- week programme for young people aged 7 to 16 who have suffered the loss of someone close to them, or, the separation of their parents.

A NEW PROGRAMME is now being offered for those aged 13-16. Held in Askea Parish Community Centre, the programmes are free to participants and will commence on February 5 2024. For further information contact Anne on 0876636499 or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com.

Mary's Meals Christmas Gifts Campaign

With the cost of living crisis, times are that bit harder for us all. The Global School Feeding Movement Mary's Meals has launched our Christmas Gifts Campaign - giving gifts that has a real and tangible impact on those in need. From as little as €5.50, which will provide 50 meals for children in their place of education, we can play our part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit www.marysmeals.ie to download a gift today or call 01-8535163/089-4339592.

2024 Pioneer Calendar

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer Centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226).

The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families who are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5.

www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar

Carlow County Museum

Visit Carlow County Museum and see our recently unveiled Carlow GAA trophy display featuring the famed Haughney Cup and the Conlon Cup. Also see objects of national and international importance. Open Monday to Saturday, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, www.carlowmuseum.ie.

Keeping Advent

You are invited to pray the Diocesan Advent Prayer for 2023 as we pray that nations and people will find a pathway back to the peace, hope, and love of God. Advent resources can be found on www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/



Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1302.63

Development € 1705.05

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

* Niamh Olive McDonnell

- Teidi Mark Roche

Who were Baptized into Christian Community in Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

Carlow Active Retired

Carlow Active Retired members meeting on Wednesday, Dec 13th @ 2.30pm in the Cathedral Parish centre. €2 per member. New members welcome.

My Life is in Your Hands

The second volume of the homilies of Fr. John Cummins, which will help us pray with the Word of God each weekend. "My Life in Your Hands" is on sale in the Parish Centre

Catholics in the South East of Ireland

Facebook Group invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Saturday, 16th December, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Club House Hotel, Kilkenny R95 DX76. Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. Contact Gissell at 087-761-7792.

CÓR AN AIFRINN:

The Irish choir Cór an Aifrinn is seeking new members and will welcome anyone interested in singing 'as Gaeilge' to join them. Cór an Aifrinn will sing the Irish carol 'An Páistín Soilseach Séimh' at the Christmas Carol Service in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday, 17 December at 8.30pm.

The choir sings at the Irish Mass in the Cathedral on the first and second Saturdays of each month at 6.15pm. Singers and musicians of all ages welcome. Enquiries to 087 2857048 or 086 6022988

Black Santa comes to Carlow this Christmas

A collection for the Black Santa appeal will take place from Wednesday to Friday 13-15 December from 2pm to 5pm at Potato Market, Carlow. All funds raised will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society in Carlow.

Forty-six years ago, this Christmas, the then Dean of Belfast, the Very Reverend Sammy Crooks held a sit-out for charity outside his cathedral. To keep out the cold, he wore an Anglican black cloak. The local newspaper nicknamed him 'Black Santa' because of his distinctive cloak.

This Christmas in Carlow, local clergy of all denominations will contribute and participate in the appeal.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Sunday 3rd December 2023

€20,000 Jackpot

1-12-16-19

No Jackpot Winner.

5 Match 3 winners share €500.

Jackpot this Sunday - €20,000