



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 3rd December 2023.

First Sunday of Advent

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Newsletter



Harmony of Hearts

Harmony of Hearts is our theme in the Parish this Advent.

God is love. God's heart knows no boundaries.

God loves! God yearns for our love!

Through the Prophet Isaiah God calls to each of us, "Come back to me with all your hearts". Through John the Baptist God calls on us, "prepare the way of the Lord". Through the Angel Gabriel God spoke to the virgin of Nazareth, calling her by name, "Mary do not be afraid". God calls each of us by name. Calls us not to be afraid! Calls us to respond! Like Joseph we are called to faith and called to action.

Our theme, *Harmony of Hearts*, invites us to allow our hearts to pulsate with the hearts of the people we are going to meet in the scriptures as we travel through the Advent season. We are invited to have "heart to heart", with Isaiah, with John the Baptist, with Mary, with Joseph and with many others. With them we are invited to have a "heart to heart" with God. "Listen, if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts".

Harmony of Hearts calls on us to be open, to have a receptive stance, "speak Lord, your servant is listening". As we begin to travel the Advent journey, we are called to make an option to listen, to open our hearts, to listen with our hearts, to harmonize our hearts with the heart of God, the heart of love!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Friday next, 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day.

Vigil Mass 6.15pm Thursday, Masses on Friday 7.30am, 10.30am and 7pm.

Bambinelli Sunday

In Rome there is a tradition of families bringing the image of the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) to have it blessed by the Pope as he recites the Angelus on the third Sunday of Advent. 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 17th December 8.30pm

The Carol Service will be a spiritual journey, of music, song, scripture, reflection and prayer, in preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be an opportunity on the night to support the good work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am, 10am

Friday: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of BVM

Vigil Thur 6.15pm, Friday 7.30am, 10.30am, and 7pm

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

Tony Lang

May Tony rest in peace

May his 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas collection this year will be held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th December

The Society thanks everyone for their ongoing support over the year

Mass in Portuguese

Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese in St. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise on the 17th December 4 pm.

All are welcome.

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

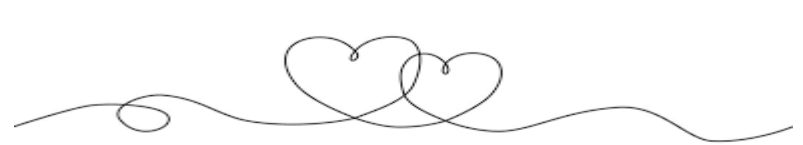
Carlow County Museum

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.

Carlow Choral Society

Christmas Celebration Concert

Carlow Choral Society presents a Christmas Celebration concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Saturday 9th December at 8pm. The programme includes Handel's Messiah part one, plus the rousing Hallelujah chorus, Monteverdi's Beatus Vir, as well as many favourite Christmas carols for the audience to sing along. The concert will feature the Marlborough Baroque Orchestra, soprano Eva Waters, organist Yvonne Collier and conductor Blanaid Murphy. Admission is €25.00 and the concert is free for under 16s accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie and from choir members.



Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1929.21

Development € 1327.73

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

CHRISTMAS SUPER BINGO!!!!

CARLOW YOUTH CENTRE

Today, Sunday 3rd December 3pm

€6000 IN PRIZE MONEY

Lines: €50. Double Lines €75. Full House €250

Jackpot Lines: €50. Double Lines €100. Full House €500.

Flyer Game Lines: €50. Double Lines €100. Full House €500.

Raffle Lines: €50. Double Lines €100. Full House €500.

Loose Sheets €2.50. 6 Panel Book €6. Double Book €12

BE A SPORT.... PLEASE SUPPORT!

Youth 2000 Ireland

Annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, on the 8th -10th of December for ages 16-35.

This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers,

Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat.

Donation only.

Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

Online Advent Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent' Visit our website prioryinstitute.com

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Sunday 26th November 2023

€20,000 Jackpot

3-7-16-31

No Jackpot Winner.

4 Match 3 winners share €500.

Jackpot this Sunday - €20,000