



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 14th January 2024.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Newsletter

A Personal Invitation: Come and See

Imagine the curiosity and anticipation in their hearts as they ask, "Where do you live?" Jesus, in his simple yet profound response, says, "Come and see." These words are an open invitation to witness, experience, and dwell in the presence of the Messiah.



Andrew, one of the disciples, doesn't keep this discovery to himself. He shares it with his brother, Simon Peter. In this simple act of sharing, we see the natural response of a heart touched by Christ – a desire to bring others into the encounter. Our faith journey mirrors this narrative. Each of us has our "Come and see" moment, an invitation from Christ to explore the depths of his love and grace. It might be in prayer, Scripture, or unexpected moments of clarity. The question is, how do we respond?

Today, let's reflect on our own encounters with Christ. Have we asked the question, "Where do you live?" in our hearts? Are we open to the invitation, "Come and see," and willing to share this invitation with others?

Just as Andrew led Simon Peter to Jesus, let us be conduits of Christ's invitation to those around us. Our encounters with the Divine are meant to be shared, sparking curiosity and inviting others to experience the transformative love of Jesus.

May we, like those early disciples, be open to the ongoing invitation of Christ in our lives, and may our encounters become a source of inspiration for those journeying with us in faith.

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid

February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

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

Adoration: Monday to Friday—5pm to 6pm

We remember in our prayer

Vera LOWRY (née Burke)
Carlow Town, Carlow

May she rest in peace

May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Carlow Choral Society Rehearsals and Seeking New Members

Following an extremely successful 2023 season, Carlow Choral Society is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals on Monday, 08 January in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10 at 7:45pm. An open evening will be held in the same location on Monday 5th January, from 7:30pm. We are seeking new members for the coming season and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided.

St Brigid's Camino Walk,

Monasterevin Parish

Takes place on Monday, 5th February, starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice, at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin, with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

Project Fashion

Project Fashion is opening up in Carlow! Taught by real Fashion Designers, your child will be trained on using the sewing machine, moving onto a project based certificate system and then onto making a collection to work towards Young Designer of the Year Awards 2024. Suitable from ages 7yrs to teenager. Great fun while learning a skill of a lifetime. Starting 22nd January. Class time 3.30pm to 5pm OR 5pm to 6.30pm Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Starting 22nd Jan. www.projectfashion.ie

Cabin Café

A free monthly social coffee morning for those living with dementia and their carers.

Open information morning: Monday 15th January, 10-12 noon, Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow

RSVP Laura Kelly, lkelly@carlowcoco.ie
or phone 087 1025640

Learn to Jive/Waltz & more

Adult Beginner Social Dance 5 week course commencing Thursday, 25th January, 8-9pm at 'The Academy of Dance Carlow',

Carlow Youth Centre, Green Lane R93 V327.

No partner required, registration and payment in full on first night @ €50/person.

Booking/Info – 087 27 27 315.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1646.70

Development € 1733.85

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

◇ **Ava Susan Fitzpatrick**

◇ **Daithi Lee Delaney Harcourt**

who were Baptized into the Christian Community in Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

2024 Cathedral Parish Envelopes

The **2024 Envelopes** are available at the entrances to the Cathedral. You are invited to take a box.

The importance of your name and Envelope

Number. You are requested to write your name on the first few envelopes used. This will enable the Parish to record your number. Each year, because of your generosity, the Parish benefits as a Charity from the Tax Back scheme from Revenue. Accurate Parish records are essential to make claims to Revenue.

Welcoming the relic of St Brigid

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year.

The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid with the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday, 28th January, at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid

All are most welcome to attend.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Diocesan Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre in February. You are invited to consider this Ministry in our Parish. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the Parish Office, any of the Priests of the Parish or Deacon David.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Sunday 7th January 2024

€20,000 Jackpot

4-8-16-31

No Jackpot Winner.

6 Match 3 Winner's share €500.