

# Sunday, 7th January 2024.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
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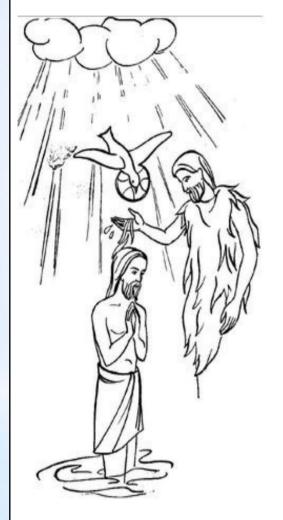
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By 4pm Wednesday



## Resolutions, Promises—Begin Again!

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It is the first weekend of 2024, a new year, new beginnings, resolutions, operation transformation!

Beginning again provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our discipleship, our following of the Lord. This is a good moment to reflect on our baptismal promises that are part of the rites of Baptism and Confirmation. These promises are made by the parents and godparents of a child being baptized. We all renew these promises at Confirmation. They reflect the creed that we pray at Mass on Sunday.

Our baptismal promises remind us that Baptism is a way of life that should colour every aspect of our journey through life. We must be careful not to fall into the trap and think of Baptism and Confirmation simply as one-time ceremonies. It is important to emphasize that these sacraments are much more than just beautiful moments.

Reflecting on our baptismal promises may help us to deepen our focus on their implication.

As we begin anew, we might take a few moments in prayer and reflection with our Baptismal Promises. Take out a jotter or piece of paper, make a few notes;

What are the implications of these promises on the way I live my life through out 2024? What are the personal implications of saying "I do"?

**Do** you reject Satan?

And all his works?

And all his empty promises?

**Do** you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**Do** you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was born of the Virgin Mary

was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead,

and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Do** you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ throughout 2024 and for ever. Amen.

#### **Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral**

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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

#### We remember in our prayer

Very Rev. Brendan Howard PE Ballon Rathoe James Murphy, Oak Park, Carlow Town

May they rest in peace
May their loved ones
and all who mourn be comforted

# 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,
the reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the
new canal Blueway and finish in
Ss Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a
service of light at 12.30pm.
For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish

Office 045-525346 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **COMHRÁ GAEILGE 2024:**

Following the Christmas break, the weekly Irish
Conversation gatherings resume in Lamberts Café,
Dublin Street Wednesday, 10 January 12.00-1pm.
Fluent speakers and learners welcome
every Wednesday at midday.
Bígí Linn!

#### **POP UP GAELTACHT 2024:**

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## **DIVINE WILL**Retreat Carlow

#### **Cabin Café**

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

Open information morning: Monday 15th January, 10-12, Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow RSVP Laura Kelly, Ikelly@carlowcoco.ie Phone 087 1025640

#### **Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend
Offertory € 1020.59
Development € 1622.30

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### 2024 Cathedral Parish Envelopes

Many thanks to all the members of the Parish who support the Parish through their generosity.

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.

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#### Welcoming the relic of St Brigid

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigandine 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 and marking the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28th January at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.

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#### Night Classes

We are running our Night Classes in Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training on the Kilkenny Road. Carlow.

#### **Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

Friday 22nd December 2023 €20,000 Jackpot 1-4-10-16

No Jackpot Winner. 4 Match 3 Winner's share €500.

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Friday 29th December 2023 €20,000 Jackpot 3-6-24-26 No Jackpot Winner.