



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 7th January 2024.

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**  
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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.***

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## 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

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*

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**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

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**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!

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**POP UP GAELTACHT 2024:**

A céad míle fáilte is on the mat in Teach Bar/Teach  
Dolmain, Tullow Street on Thursday, 11 January from  
8.30pm for the first Pop Up Gaeltacht of 2024.

These Irish conversation gatherings meet on the second  
Thursday of each month at 8.30pm before the trad  
session commences. Why not drop in on Thursday and  
share New Year Greetings 'as Gaeilge'

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**DIVINE WILL**

**Retreat Carlow**

Queen of the Divine Will

Speaker Daniel Shiels

Saturday 13th January 2024. 11am - 6 pm

WOODFORD DOLMEN HOTEL

Kilkenny Road, Carlow, R93 N207.

Registration fee €20, Pre-Booking essential

Please contact for registration Maria. 086 1020741

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**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, lkelly@carlowcoco.ie

Phone 087 1025640

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1020.59

Development € 1622.30

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

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**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 Brigantine 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 Brigantine  
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.

www.carlowinstitute.ie

Classes are starting on

Tuesday the 23rd January 2024.

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**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.**