

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 1st December 2024.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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By 4pm Wednesday

What is Advent?

Advent is a season that looks back and looks forward at the same time. We look back to the birth of Jesus, while at the same time we look forward with hope to the unfolding of the kingdom of God as Jesus comes in tenderness and love to meet us face to face.

Advent is a season of waiting. What is that waiting like? Is it calm and tranquil as each day flows in simplicity from one to another – as the season's customs become as comfortable as your favourite sweater – no pretension – just a good warm fit...others might want you to take it off and put on something more festive – 'not yet', you say – 'I'll wait a while'....

Advent is a season of patience. It is like the Advent Calendar with its daily thoughts and treats - one at a time – a surprise each day – no need to rush ahead – I can wait until tomorrow.

What does that patience feel like? Is it a struggle not to anticipate – to take a peak at what's ahead – to slip into the future without opening up the gift of the present - the now. What is that now like?is it comfortable....secure...calm... is it something I want to escape...to avoid...to run from...anywhere but here and now. Patience...stay with it...you are not alone...do not be afraid.

Advent is a time for gentle prayer. We begin to notice anew the presence of Jesus in so many different ways. We appreciate the many gifts that we have been given as we see Jesus in the people with whom we live and work - especially our families.

Prayer leads us to quiet thoughtfulness making us more aware of the needs of others. In the stillness of Advent we learn to be active in proclaiming the kingdom of God and in spreading the good news of the Gospel. We are mindful too of the words, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 'Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary also with words.' May this Advent be a time to notice and to celebrate the joy of love in our families. May this Advent be a time for paying attention to ways that might make the paths of our relationships more smooth. May this Advent be a time to become aware of the value of peace and moderation as we look forward with hope.

Alliance of Two Hearts Novena continues the First Friday of December (6th) at 8pm
**All welcome to join Fr Yanbo for Mass, Blessing of the Sick, Confession,
Rosary and Silent Prayer.**

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday : 7.30am, 10am

Saturday 10am Mass and 6.15pm Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass



Carlow College of Music at Christmas

'A Time of Wonder' with proceeds to County Carlow Hospice on Sunday, 8th December, in St. Mary's Church, Castle Hill R93YW77 at 4pm. Music featuring Carlo Youth Orchestra, The Staves, No Strings Attached, SingAloud and soloists. Tickets €15, concession €12 and U.16 free, available on eventbrite and on the door.

Anam Cara Parent Support Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday, 11th December, at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was.

You do not need to register in advance.

We offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.

For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.

The Tenors Live Concert – Leighlinbridge Church

Christmas O Holy Night live with The Three Tenors, Sunday, 8th December, 7.30p.m. in Leighlinbridge Church.

Tickets €30.00, now on sale from the Leighlinbridge Parish

Centre, 059 9722607 or online @ eventbrite.ie

Special Guests: Ballinabranna N.S Choir.

“Planet Soil”

Free Film Viewing in the Visual Carlow:

You are invited to see the “Planet Soil” film on Tues, 3rd of Dec, in the Visual, Carlow Town, at 7pm.

This film showcases the secret world beneath our feet.

Everyone is welcome. FREE admission, but booking is necessary: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

Come sing for peace with VISUAL’S SING SYNC choir and special guests enCÓRe

in Askea Church, Monday 16th December, at 7.30pm. EVERY voice will unite in song for ‘Silent Night’ and rehearse specially composed ‘Blazing Sky’ by Wexford composer Liam Bates, before being recorded. Checkout the song on blazingsky.ie

Tickets €8 available at VISUAL Box Office, online at visualcarlow.ie or 059 9172400. Lyrics will be on screen. Proceeds from ticket sales to UNICEF and Carlow Day Care Centre, Askea.

A blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath.

May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us and the world your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus



Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 770.44

Development € 1,468.99

We are very grateful for your generous support

Chess Club

If you are interested in playing chess on Monday mornings from 11-12:00 you are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre.



Preparing for Christmas

Advent Scripture. Sharing will take place in the Sacristy after 10:00am Mass, 10:45 approx. on Mondays.

Theme: The Advent Sunday Gospel.

All welcome .

Carlow Vincent de Paul

We wish to thank everybody for their generous support over the past year. With this support we have been able to help a large number of families in your Parish.

Our collection is on December 7th and December 8th 2024.

Concert with Liam Lawton & Friends

O Holy Night, Concert with Liam Lawton & Friends (including Perfect Harmony Choir) in St. Mary’s Church, Edenderry, on 8th December 2024.

Doors open: 6.30p.m., Concert: 7.00p.m.

Tickets: €15.00.

Tickets available: Anna-Marie Boutique, Mangan’s Centra and the Parish Centre 046 9733311.

Proceeds in aid

of St. Mary’s Church refurbishment.

Dominican Extended Advent Retreat

Finding an alternative to the commercialization and activism of the Christmas season. We enter silence and stillness and learn once again to hear the ‘tidings of great joy’: “A Child is born for us, a Son is given to us”.

The Retreat takes place – Thursday, 12th December to Sunday, 15th December 2024, in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, D24 KA40. For more information/ bookings, Telephone: 01 4048189/4048123 or

Email: dominicanretreats@gmail.com.

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 1st December 2024

€17,000

No Jackpot Winner

4-8-17-25

2 Match 3 Winners share €500.