

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 15th December 2024.

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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## Newsletter

[info@carlowcathedral.ie](mailto:info@carlowcathedral.ie)

By 4pm Wednesday

## ***The Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus)***

*God, our Father*

*you so loved us*

*that you sent us your only Son Jesus,*

*born of the Virgin Mary,*

*to save us and lead us back to you.*

*We pray that with your Blessing*

*these images of Jesus,*

*who is about to come among us,*

*may be a sign of your presence and*

*love in our homes.*

*Good Father,*

*give your Blessing to us too, to our parents, to our families and to our friends.*

*Open our hearts, so that we may be able to receive Jesus in joy,*

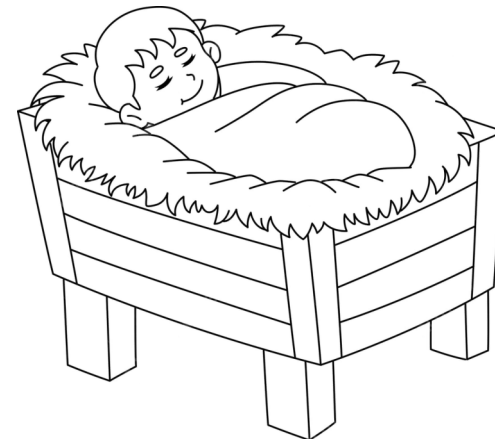
*always do what he asks and see him in all those who are in need of our love.*

*We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son who comes to give the world peace.*

*He lives and reigns forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

*Blessing by Pope Benedict XVI*



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## Christmas at the Cathedral

### Carol Service

Sunday, December 15th, at 5pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we prepare for Christmas

**Parish Reconciliation Service** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation in the Cathedral

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 10am Mass

Christmas Eve 10.30am to 12.30pm

### Christmas Masses at the Cathedral

**Christmas Eve,**

Children Mass 6.15pm, Midnight Mass at 10pm

**Christmas Day**

Masses 8.30am, 10.30am and 12.30pm

### Living Crib

A Living Crib will be on display in front of the Cathedral on Sunday,

22nd December from 10am to 12.45pm.

### Jubilee 2025

Bishop Denis will open the Jubilee Year at the 7pm Mass

in the Cathedral on Sunday 29th December.

All are welcome.

### 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

**Cathedral Parish Boxes of Envelope 2025**

Many thanks for your support of the Cathedral Parish. Our Boxes of Envelopes for 2025 are now available at the Cathedral and in the Parish Centre. Your continued support of the Parish is essential. We request that you write your name and address on the first few envelopes which you use, this allow us to keep a track of your donations during the year. If you donate more than €250 in any one year the parish can claim back the tax from revenue on this amount. For further information on participating in the tax back scheme, please contact into the Parish Office.

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**Christmas Collection**

The Clergy of the Parish and Bishop Denis appreciate your generous support and care.

The Christmas Collection for the of the Clergy of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Day.

Envelopes are available in your Envelope Box, at the entrance to the Cathedral and from the Parish Office. You are welcome to transfer directly into the Parish Clergy Account CARLOW PARISH CLERGY CURRENT ACCOUNT

IBAN: IE55 AIBK 9331 0405 6346 51

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**Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference**

**Digital Advent Calendar**

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year. Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of Hope, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025.

To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

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**SeniorLine**

Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small.

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**Invitation to Meditation: Carlow Meditation**

Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening!  
(Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 952.18

Development € 1,460.36

*We are very grateful for your generous support*

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**PARISH OFFICE, SHOP AND CENTRE:**

**Shop:**

22nd December Friday Closed 3:30pm

23rd December Monday Closed 4:30pm

24th December—1st January Closed

Reopening on Tuesday, January 2nd, at 10:00am

**Parish Offied:**

22nd December Friday Closed 4:00pm

23rd December Monday Closed 5:00pm

24th December—1st January Closed

Reopening on Tuesday, January 2nd at 10:00am

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**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 .

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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](http://blazingsky.ie) Tickets €8

available in person at VISUAL Box Office, online at [visualcarlow.ie](http://visualcarlow.ie) or 059 9172400.

Lyrics will be on screen. Proceeds from ticket sales to UNICEF and Carlow Day Care Centre, Askea.

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**Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert – Abbeyleix Co Laois**

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sunday, 2nd February 2025, in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24 (featuring local artists).

Ticket €25.00 (Book on [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie)).

For more information, contact Antoinette- 086 0803047.

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**Matt Talbot Monthly Mass**

Carlow, Cathedral of the Assumption

January 6th 2025, at 10:30am

Venerable Matt Talbot Relics

will be present for veneration.

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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Next Jackpot**

**Sunday 15th December 2024**

**€18,000**

**No Jackpot Winner**

**15-20-21-23**

**6 Match 3 Winners share €500.**

**XMAS BINGO**

**Friday 20th December 8:30pm**

