

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 15th December 2024.

## 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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### **Cathedral Parish Carol Service**

Sunday, December 15th, at 5pm

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### **Living Crib**

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

22nd December from 10am to 12.45pm.

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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 Mass and 6.15pm Vigil**

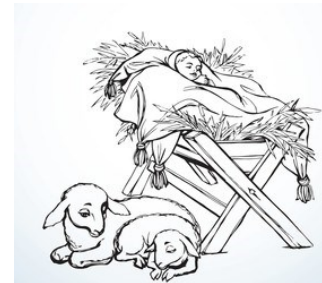
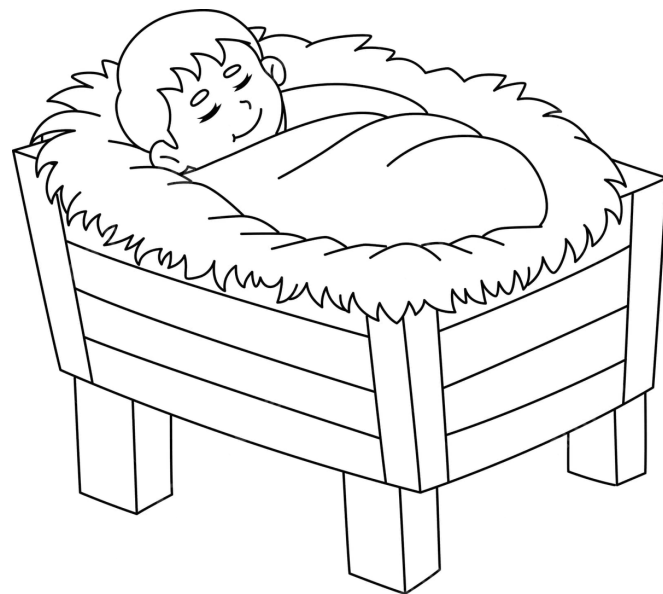
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### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Parish Reconciliation Service: Thursday December 19th at 7pm

December 19th, 20th, 21st and 23rd following the 10am mass

Christmas Eve 10.30am to 12.30pm



**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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**Jubilee Year of Hope**

Launch of the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin by Bishop Denis, Sunday, 29th of December, at 7pm in the Cathedral

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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).

For more information, contact Antoinette- 086 0803047.

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**New Year's Day 2025**

Mass for Peace and Justice at 12 noon, joined by representatives of the Services from our Community

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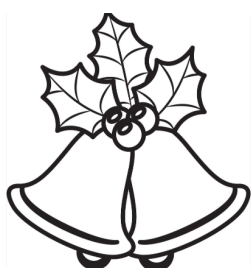
**Matt Talbot Monthly Mass**

Carlow, Cathedral of the Assumption  
January 6th 2025, at 10:30am  
Venerable Matt Talbot Relics  
will be present for veneration.

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**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:**

22nd December Friday Closed 4:00pm

23rd December Monday Closed 5:00pm

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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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**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**

**Starts @ 8:30pm**

