

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 8th December 2024.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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By 4pm Wednesday

Preparing the Way for the Lord

In this Sunday's Gospel

(Luke 3:1-6), we hear John the Baptist proclaiming a baptism

of repentance, calling us to

prepare the way for the Lord. His voice cries out in the wilderness, urging us to straighten paths and remove obstacles, both within our hearts and in the world around us. Advent is a season of preparation, not just for the celebration of Christ's birth, but for His coming into our lives today.

What are the valleys in our lives that need filling?

What are the mountains of pride or indifference that need leveling? John's message reminds us that the work of repentance leads to transformation, smoothing the rough roads of sin and opening the way for the salvation of God to shine forth. As we journey through Advent, may we respond to this call with hope and readiness, confident that all humanity shall see God's saving power.



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

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/>

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.

Free Christmas Celebration for Elderly

Carlow County Development with Carlow Older Persons Forum extend a warm invitation to older people to attend our annual Free Christmas Celebration. On Tuesday, 10th December, 10am-1pm. in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow. Carol singing, entertainment, refreshments and information stands from local agencies. Raffle, goodie bags and KCLR will broadcast from the event.

Contact Cecilia on 0860679306.

Matt Talbot Monthly Mass

Carlow, Cathedral of the Assumption

January 6th 2025, at 10:30am

Venerable Matt Talbot Relics

will be present for veneration.

Invitation to Meditation: Carlow Meditation

Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45 pm 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 € 950.69

Development € 1,368.44

We are very grateful for your generous support

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

◇ **Poppy Maria Lacey**

◇ **Fey Ricky Hayden**

◇ **Sophia Anita Hayden**

who were baptized into The Christian Community in Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

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 .

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 8th December 2024

€17,500

No Jackpot Winner

4-7-16-18

5 Match 3 Winners share €500.