



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 30th November 2025.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Advent: A Season of Hope in a Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Leo will formally close the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome on January 6th. But before he does, we undertake our Advent journey as a people of hope. This Jubilee year reminds us that our hope is a person, Jesus Christ. As we enter this last phase of the Jubilee year, Advent once more invites us into a time of conscious hope and expectation.

At the darkest time of the year, we wait, we hope for and we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time, while we remember his first coming at Christmas. BUT in this Advent season we are also called to look out for Christ who is continually coming to us. 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock!' (Revelations 3:20). This Advent let us ready ourselves, through prayer and deeds of love, to open the door of our hearts to Christ – our hope, our life, our peace. (Julie Kavanagh)





“Advent is a continuous call to hope.

It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the 'God-with-us', He walks beside us to support us.” (Pope Francis, 2020)

Let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ -- the Life of the world. [Daniel Berrigan SJ]



CATHEDRAL PARISH

YOUTH CENTRE

TODAY!!!!

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 3PM

BOOK LINE CHECKS €50 DOUBLE LINES €50 FULL HOUSE €200

JACKPOT LINE CHECKS €50 DOUBLE LINE €75 -FULL HOUSE €400

FLYER GAME LINE €50 DOUBLE LINE €75 -FULL HOUSE €400

RAFFLE LINE CHECK €50 DOUBLE LINE €75 -FULL HOUSE €400

PRIZES IN NUMBER ON MINI LOTTO TICKET

SWEETS LEFT AND RIGHT

COME—ENJOY—SUPPORT!

Mass at the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am

Saturday: 10am Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

6 PANEL BOOK €6
DOUBLE BOOK €12
ALL LOOSE SHEETS €2.50



Men's Rosary Carlow

Calling all Mento join us for Mens Rosary of Reparation and Conversion of Ireland and to Pray for World Peace on first Saturday 6th Dec. At 1:30p.m.at the Liberty Tree, Carlow. In Unison with 24 venues throughout Ireland and the World. Enquires 086 3742641.
Quote, St John Vianney. Private prayer is like a straw scattered here and there: But gather these Straws into a bundle and light them, and you get A mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; Public Prayer is like that. All Are Welcome.

The Department of Education survey on school patronage

Bishop Denis writes;

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parish of a primary school student. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>
The survey closes on 16th December 2025.

Goose Club

Goose Club on Sunday 7th December in St Fiacc's Hall Graiguecullen at 7pm sharp.

- a series of raffles for hampers, vouchers, and much more €1 per ticket for each raffle. Benefactors Graiguecullen Community Games and Graiguecullen LGFA

Thank you for your support, it's much appreciated!

50th Anniversary Mass for Boards of Management

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the CPS-MA.

To honour this milestone, a special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in

Portlaoise Parish Church on Monday, December 8th at 7:30pm.

All who are currently serving, and all who have served, on Boards of Management are warmly welcome

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings in Advent

Why not join with others in praying and reflecting on these readings in this special season of preparation in our Church?
Our parish reflection group will meet in the Cathedral Parish Centre after 10am Mass each Monday morning.

Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland have launched their Christmas Raffle Win €1,000 cash, €500 Select Hotels Voucher or a hotel voucher.

Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at www.familycarers.ie/christmas -
Thank you!

Medjugorje 2026—Carlow Group

Traveling 27th May. Spiritual Director: Fr .Spiritual Yanbo Chen.

Traveling 9th September Director: Fr. Theo Tomasik.

To avail of Discount €200 deposit. Before 1st February.

Enquires Noeleen :0862415986

Online Advent Retreat.

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a
FREE OF CHARGE Advent retreat

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,055.81

Development € 2,079.21

Your kind generosity is much appreciated

Pain Relief

A therapeutic, arts+health+music resource to support people living with a chronic pain to optimize mental and physical health and well-being. This self-care programme is particularly tailored to support persons with musculo-skeletal pain conditions, Connect and socialise with others with similar experiences to benefit your physical, mental and social wellbeing.

No special musical ability required

DATES: Saturdays: NOV. 29, DEC. 6, & JANUARY 10, 17, 24 & 31.

TIME: 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. VENUE: Cathedral Parish Centre,

The Old School, College St, Carlow

Facilitated by Marian Gaynor, specialist in singing for health musicking and sound experiences to optimise mental and physical health and wellbeing.

COST: €5.00/session (Funded by Carlow Arts Office &

Carlow County Council) REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY TO ATTEND.

Marian on 087 668 9943 marian_gaynor@outlook.com

TeamHope

Teamhope Christmas Shoebox appeal 2025 is celebrating 15 years, delivering shoeboxes filled with gifts, hope and love to less fortunate children.

Every shoebox makes a child's

Christmas brighter. If you would like to make a shoebox or get involved this year, please

contact www.teamhope.ie or Lily Kavanagh 0864014428.

Advent Retreat for Children

Camp Pio presents “The great ADVENTure”

Taking time out to prepare for Christmas, 6th and 13th December in Bloom HQ, Mountrath, R32D29F from 12pm – 2pm. For children aged 5-13 years.

To Book please email camppio2024@gmail.com

or contact Laura 087-6313370 or Caroline 085-2430529

Stand for Peace – March for Palestine – Saturday December 6th

As we enter the first week of Advent, we remember that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the land we now call Palestine. Though some relief has come with the ceasefire in Gaza, the humanitarian crisis

continues, and the occupation of the West Bank persists. One way we can respond, even when we feel helpless, is to come together in peaceful solidarity.

Please join the Kilkenny, Carlow, Kildare and Laois Palestine solidarity groups for a peaceful “March for Palestine” on **Saturday, December 6th at 1 pm** from the **Kilkenny Castle Main Gates**.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 30th November

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

24-25-26-29

2 Match 3 shared €500