



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 14th December 2025.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gaudete and Bambinelli: Quiet Joy, Simple Preparation

Today is Gaudete Sunday — a day of quiet joy — and also Bambinelli Sunday, when we bless the little Baby Jesus figures for our cribs.

Both remind us of one thing: God is very near.

The Gospel asks us to prepare not by big actions but by simple goodness — sharing, honesty, kindness.

When we place the Bambinelli in the crib, we remember that God chooses to dwell in ordinary homes and ordinary hearts.

So today we rejoice — not because everything is perfect, but because Emmanuel is coming, and He is close to us already.

'Bambino Sunday'

The figures of the Infant Jesus will be blessed at the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

We have encouraged all the children participating in our First Holy Communion Programme to bring the Infant Jesus from their crib at home to Mass to be blessed.

St Vincent De Paul

The annual Christmas Collection for the Society of St. Vincent Paul will be taken up at all Masses at the Cathedral this weekend. We thank the members of the Society who reach out in the name of our community to those who are in need. Please support their good work, they reach to many in our local area.

Room at the Inn!

Cathedral Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 21st at 5pm. The theme of the service is Room at the Inn. The service is an opportunity for each of us to take some space and time to reflect on how the Lord may be calling us to follow, and to live the Gospel at this moment in our lives. The Cathedral Choir will be joined by Carlow Choral Society, Cor an Aifinn and Schola Cathedralis. Bishop Denis will preside at the Service. People will be invited to contribute to the Christmas Appeal of the St. Vincent De Paul Society as they exit the Cathedral.

Mass at the Cathedral

15th to 21st December

Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am

(Please note: Cathedral will be closed after 10am Mass on Friday 19th for cleaning)

Saturday: 10am Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass



We remember in our prayer

Brendan O’Brien,

Lower Staplestown Road, Carlow

May Brendan rest in peace

May his loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

The Three Tenors Live

Friday, 19th December, at 8.30pm, Holy Family Church, Askea.

Tickets €30, available in the Parish Office or the Day Care

Centre and also on www.eventbrite.ie

All welcome.

Survey on school patronage

The Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector closes on Tuesday next, 16th.

Please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a primary school student.

The survey can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Legion of Mary

Meeting every Tuesday, 7:30pm-8:30pm, in the Cathedral Parish Centre for prayer and talk about our Faith.

All Welcome!!

Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland have launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher. Please support family carers in your community

Christmas Liturgies at the Cathedral

Penitential Service: Monday Evening 22nd 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation; Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th following 10am Mass.

Christmas Eve: Children Mass 6.15pm,
Night Mass at 10pm

Christmas Day Masses: 8.30am, 10.30am and 12.30pm

Weekdays: Friday 26th and Saturday 27th 10am

Feast of the Holy Family; Saturday: 6.15pm Vigil, Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm

Bishop Denis will mark the closing of ***The Year of Hope***

Weekdays; - Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st—10am

New Year’s Day Thursday, 1st January, 12noon
Celebrant: Bishop Denis

Weekdays , Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd— 10am
(7.30am Mass returns on Monday 5th January,)

**The Christmas Collection for the Support
of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish**

This Collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses. Envelopes in your Envelope Box, they are also available at the entrances of the Cathedral. You are welcome to make a payment on-line or to use our Bank details,

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Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,104.94

Development € 2,062.29

Your kind generosity is much appreciated

2026 Envelopes

The Cathedral Parish Envelopes are now available at the entrances to the Cathedral and from the Parish Centre.

Thank you for your support of the Parish, the Clergy and the various annual collections, through your use of the Parish Envelope.

Your Envelope Number changes each year, we therefore request thank you write your name and address on the first four envelopes you use. This will enable us to ensure that the envelope number is registered to your name.

Pain Relief

A therapeutic, arts+health+music resource, to support people living with chronic pain to optimize mental and physical health and well-being.

No special musical ability required

DATES: JANUARY 10, 17, 24 & 31.

TIME: 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. VENUE: Cathedral Parish Centre, The Old School, College St, Carlow

COST: €5.00/session

REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY TO ATTEND.

Marian on 087 668 9943 marian_gaynor@outlook.com

Give Hope This Christmas with Double the Love:

Mary’s Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than 3 million children living in some of the world’s poorest communities. The promise of a good meal brings hungry children into the classroom, where they can gain an education and better opportunities for the future. It costs just €22 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Thanks to the Tom Cunningham Trust, donations will be doubled until 12th January 2026 or until the match funding limit has been reached. Together, through Double the Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary’s Meals. To donate, go to www.marysmeals.ie or phone 01 853 5163. Every donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 14th December

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

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10 Match 3 shared €500