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PARISH NOTICES

Today is the First Sunday in Advent. A time to pray. Year B in the church calendar commences today.

Next Friday, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8.30 am & 12 noon in the Parish Church.

(vigil Thur. at 7pm in Crookstown Mass at 11 am in Moone)

First Preparation Mass of **Confirm our children** takes place Saturday, 9th December, at 6 pm

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Collection will take place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 2017 during all Masses. It will replace the Share collection. Your support is welcome.

Collections last weekend: Amounts raised as follows;
Parish Dev. - Envelopes- €741 (weekly) & €505 (annual)
1st Collection - *Common* - €1658
2nd Collection - *Share* - €1195
Thanks to all who contribute.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

stock now in Parish office/shop
Children's Advent calendars, Advent candles, Christmas cards & Mass Bouquets, Christmas candles, 2018 Church art calendars & diaries

SANTA'S VILLAGE Cuan Mhuire

Opening Sat 9th December to Friday 22nd December. See church notice board.

CARLOW FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP

Coffee morning every Thursday 10.30 - 12.30 Talbot Hotel Carlow

GOOSE CLUB RAFFLE

Annual Goose Club Raffle takes place, Sunday 10th Dec. at 2.30 pm in Castlemitchell Hall. All welcome.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 3rd December 2017

The season of advent reminds us that we have to make preparation for the deeper meaning of Christmas. It is a season of hope. A time to reach out as Christians to bring joy to others.

Voicing a thought on Sunday-D. Knowles

Youth 2000

CHRISTMAS RETREAT

Newbridge College,
8th-10th December
for those aged 16-35 years
See notice board

KNOCK VIGIL

Bus departing Ballylinan at 6 pm on Thursday 7th Dec. Contact Eileen 059 8625215 / 059 86 25902

ST. BRIGID'S HOSPICE

Curragh Camp Open Day

Saturday 9th December
11 am - 4 pm
All welcome

AN ASPIRO CHRISTMAS

20th Anniversary Christmas Retrospective, Saturday 23rd Dec. at 8 pm, Carlow Cathedral
Tickets available in Graiguecullen and Cathedral Parish Centres
€12/€10, family (2+2) €35

PRE MARRIAGE COURSES

Jan 12th & 13th, Feb 2nd & 3rd
Mar 2nd & 3rd
Couples getting married in spring or early summer 2018 should book their courses now.
www.accord.ie
For information contact Mary at 059 9138738

ATHY G.F.C. BINGO today at 3 pm

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Peg Perse, late of Forest Park, formerly Dominic's Park

Saturday 6 pm

Month's mind:

Jim Lochrin, Jim Conroy

Anniversaries:

Richard Flanagan, Brian Kelly, Paddy & Mona Kelly, Hugh McDonnell, Mary, Ned, Michael & Paul Perse, Steffan Clarke, Joe, Julia, Tom & Kathleen Walsh, Tom McKenna (Birthday Remb.) Edward & Mary Perse, John Dalton, James Dunphy, Chris Shaughnessy nee Dunphy, Joe McEvoy, Lil Kelly, Eileen Roche, Hughie Owens, Emmet Corcoran, George & Mary Robinson

9.30 am: Barrowhouse: Peggy & Tom Phelan

!0.30 am: Anniversaries:

Marion Moran, Winnie Doolan, Dora Waters, Nuala O'Brien, Deceased members of Maher family, Margaret McCann, Elizabeth & Barney Doyle, Patrick Cosgrave, Billy Wright, Ann Horgan, Cecilia Webster, Tommy Donnelly, Dick Walsh

12 Noon:

Month's mind: James Conroy

Anniversaries: Christy Nolan

Mon. 9.30 am: Christopher & Mary Cleary, Deceased members of Cleary & Troy families, Christopher & Margaret Nolan, Catherine O'Leary, Jack, Kathleen & Geraldine Kelly

Tues. 9.30 am: Bridget Doyle, deceased members of Doyle family, Lar Curtis

Wed. 9.30 am: Jimmy McDonnell

Thurs. 9.30 am: Golden Book

Fri. Holy Day-Feast of Immaculate Conception

8.30 am: George Aldridge

12 Noon: Christy Dalton, Mick Murphy, Lar Curtis, Joseph Bastable, Tom Heskins (Birthday Remembrance)

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A confidential support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. For more information Contact Anne 086 7810456

MASS TIMES Weekdays 9.30 am

Weekend Masses Sat 6 pm vigil, Sunday; 10.30 am, 12 noon. 9.30 am St. Mary's, Barrowhouse