

## ALTAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parishioners,

Warm greetings to you in this Lenten season.

I am writing to you about one of the central celebrations in a Diocese: the Chrism Mass. At this Mass the holy oils that we use in parishes throughout the diocese, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Chrism and the Oil of Catechumens, are blessed and the priests of the diocese renew their vows in the presence of the faithful.

This year's Chrism Mass will take place on Monday of Holy Week, April 14 in the Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. I want to take this opportunity, in my first year as your bishop, to invite you to come to Carlow for this celebration. It promises to be a very special occasion with beautiful music and ritual.

I am looking forward to meeting and saying hello to as many of you as possible after the Mass over a cuppa next door in Carlow College. So put the date in your calendar because your presence will make all the difference!

With every good wish,

Yours In Christ,  
Bishop Denis