

Aspiro – Ireland’s leading choir for children now recruiting new members. Come join us as we prepare for our 20th Anniversary celebrations 2017-2018, contact us info@aspirochoir.ie, or ph 085-7451111. Classes resume Tuesday 17th January. Limited number of places available in all groups.

Pre-Marriage Courses

Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses

Jan 27th & 28th, Feb 10th & 11th, Mar 10th & 11th.

Couples getting married in the spring or early summer 2017 should book a place on one of the above courses.

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie or for further information phone Mary at 059 9138738

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lamb of God

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring ‘sin of the world’.

Not the Lamb, ‘meek and mild’ of Blake’s poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the ‘Lamb who was slain’, mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel’s sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace. Spread them widely.

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK