



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 29th March 2026.

## Palm Sunday

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### A thought as we personally journey through Holy Week

As we accompany Jesus through these highs and lows of Holy Week, we're meant to find ourselves in his life and to see Christ in our life too. Each year we read the exact same readings, and yet, we don't read them the same way. Why? Because although the stories from Scripture don't change, we ourselves are not the same people reading them. Since last year's Holy Week, we've had a whole year of growth and change and new joys and sorrows. There may be a piece of this familiar story that we hear in a different way, a new insight that we gain, a new way that this time in Jesus's life resonates with our own life.



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## Holy Week at the Cathedral

Monday to Wednesday, Masses 7.30am and 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation each morning after the 10am Mass

Stations of the Cross — Monday after 10am Mass

Chrism Mass — Monday 7.30pm

Penitential Service— Tuesday 7.30pm

### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Private Adoration until 11pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Celebration of the Passion at 3pm

Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

*Christian Churches gathering for prayer around the Cross  
Parishes will walk from their own church to the Cathedral*

Stations of the Cross led by Bishop Denis at 10pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Food at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11am to 1pm

Easter Vigil at 9.30pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

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



**Chrism Mass**

You are invited to join Bishop Denis and the clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow, on 30th March at 7:30pm. This is one of the most important diocesan Masses in the year when the Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year and when the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir while tea/coffee will be served in Carlow College, St Patrick's, afterwards. Come early to get a seat!

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**Easter collection**

The Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses at Easter. Envelopes for this Collection are in your envelope boxes and are also available at the doors of the Cathedral.

Bishop Denis, Fr's Tom, Yanbo, and Theo appreciate all your support and kindness.

Thank you.

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**Two Hearts**

There is no Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil in Carlow Cathedral next month due to Friday, 3rd April, being Good Friday. The Vigil will resume on Friday, 1st May, with 8pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by the usual programme of devotions finishing with Mass just after midnight in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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**Carlow Day Centre**

Carlow Day Care Centre is hosting a Road Run on Sunday, April 19th, in association with the Irish Vintage Society. All vehicles are welcome with €20 per entry. Registration will take place from 12:15pm at Carlow Day Care Centre (R93 HK53) until departure at 1 pm. Live music and refreshments served from 2pm and a generous raffle later in the afternoon. All are welcome to this fun family day. Thank you in advance for your support for this fundraiser.

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**Carlow Active Retirement**

Members' meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April at 2.30 in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome

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**Carlow Flower Club**

Carlow Flower Club are holding a garden talk by Paul Smyth on Tuesday, 31st March, at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel.

Paul is the head gardener in Bellefield Garden in Shinrone in Offaly, headquarters of the RHSI. Competition on the night for all categories is "Easter Parade". €10 entry fee for non members

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**ART EXHIBITION**, Barrow Valley Art Group are presenting a collection of paintings as part of the Pan Celtic Festival 2026 at Carlow Library, Wed 8th to Sat 11th April. All welcome.

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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Jackpot**

**Sunday 29th March**

**€11,000**

**Numbers drawn on 22nd March**

**16-18-19-31**

**5 Match 3 winners share €500**

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,095.08

Development € 2,008.18

*Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated*

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**LENT**

**PRAYER... FASTING... ALMSGIVING**

Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by:

- ♦ Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management
- ♦ Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cookstoves to reduce firewood use
- ♦ Planting over 320,000 trees across the country

***Please return your personal or family Trócaire Box to the Cathedral on Holy Thursday evening.***

*or*

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*or*

***You can also donate over the phone by calling 1800 408 408***

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

All are welcome to join the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at Cathedral on April 12th.

Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. .

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**Anam Cara**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its Midlands monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday, 8th April 2026, at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

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**HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY ANOTHER'S DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE?**

You don't have to face it alone.

The Carlow Peer Family Support Group 'You Are Not Alone' is here for you. We offer a safe, non-judgemental space of understanding and compassion where you can: Share your Experiences, meet with family members in similar situations and who 'get it'

Receive support that will support you to look at practical solutions and effective responses

Learning how caring for yourself and support the whole family.

Contract 085-7872730 or 086-6045805 for details

**SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF CAN HELP THE WHOLE FAMILY**

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**A Musical Pilgrimage for Liturgical Music Ministers in Rome with "The Priests"**

Monday, 29 June, to Saturday, 4 July 2026

Workshops, Liturgies, Cultural Site Visits, Accommodation, Meals and Final Night Concert

For more information

visit [www.irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026](http://www.irishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026) .

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