

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 23rd March 2025.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lent — An Opportunity to Dig!

The buds on the "Tree of Hope" in the sanctuary of the Cathedral are bursting open, new life, new hope, new spring!

God saw all that was created and found it very good.

Creation calling us back to the Creator God!

The God who blesses, sustains and sees goodness.

Our "Tree of Hope" is not a mere branch cut down, but a living tree.

We see the branches laden down with the ribbons,

signifying our "letting go" and "taking on" this Lent.

We notice the buds forming, maturing and opening.

In the light of this weekend's Gospel,

we are conscious that there is another part of the tree that is not visible,

but without them the tree would not survive, but would wilt and die, the roots.

Lent calls us to roots!

Invites us to notice that which gives us life,

enables us to survive, and to bear fruit.

Where are our roots? Where are we rooted?

How aware are we of our source of life?

Our gift of life?

The gift of who we are?

Yes, we are rooted in a reality that is much bigger than ourselves,

a mystery that is beyond us.

A mystery that calls us to dig deeper, and deeper,

to explore who we are, to explore the core meaning of our lives and our existence.

This Lenten Week, take time to explore, TAKE TIME TO DIG!

"Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

CELEBRATE!

Jubilee of Hope

24 Hours for the Lord takes place

at the Cathedral Assumption, Carlow -

Friday 28th—Opening Mass at 7pm Directed Prayer— Stations of the Cross 9pm

Saturday 29th—10am Morning Mass

12 noon Directed Prayer – Sorrowful Mysteries

3pm Directed Prayer – Divine Mercy

6.15pm Evening Mass/Closing Liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the 24 hours , except during Mass and times of Directed Prayer.

VOLUNTEER TO SPEND AN HOUR— *To ensure that someone's in the Cathedral for the 24 Hours, you are invited to volunteer to do a specific hour. **Sign-up Board** at the main entrance to the Cathedral.*

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Stations of the Cross—Monday after the 10am Mass

Holy Hour—Friday Evening 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass



We remember in our prayer

Maria O'Hara , *Granby Row and formerly of the Cloisters, Tullow Rd*

Mary Doogue, *72 Green Road, Carlow*

May Maria and Mary rest in peace

May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Living LENT in our Parish!

- ⇒ Visit the **TREE OF HOPE** in the Cathedral!
- ⇒ Take a Trócaire Pack from the Cathedral!
- ⇒ Join our Holy Hour on a Friday Evening 7pm in the Cathedral!
- ⇒ Pray the Stations of the Cross with us each Monday morning following the 10am Mass!
- ⇒ Join the Lenten Biblical Studies Group in the Parish Centre on a Friday morning after the 10am Mass!

⇒ **Pilgrims of Hope in Lent**

follow the Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope!

⇒ Join us for one of our daily Masses, 7.30am and 10am!

⇒ Spend reflective time in the quietness of the Cathedral!

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus

Every Tuesday evening in Carlow Cathedral (back entrance)

7pm to 8pm during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome.

Invitation to Meditation:

Carlow Meditation Group

Monday 7pm to 7:45pm - Cathedral Parish Centre

Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - just turn up !

Solemn Novena – Monasterevin

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Monasterevin, over 5 nights, commencing on Monday, 31st March, to Friday, 4th April 2025 at 7.30 p.m. Guest speakers include Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Paul Dempsey,

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Luxembourg

honouring Carlow Trained St Willibrord

Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg for the Annual Hopping Procession, In honour of Carlow trained St Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands from Sunday, June 8th, to Wednesday, June 11th 2025. St Willibrord spent twelve years in Co Carlow at Rath Melsigi, in the Parish of Tinryland, before leaving for the continent in 690AD. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.

**During Lent don't forget the Trócaire Campaign
Please Use the Box!!!**

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 2,516.37

Development € 2,275.81

Thank you for your generosity

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration -

Knock Pilgrimage Sunday, April 6th 2025.

Coach departing Athy (St Michael Carpark) 7.45am sharp

<https://eucharisticadoration.ie/kildare-leighlin-bus-times/>

Cost €25.00 Adults (children free)

St. Mary's Cemetery Clean up

Organised by: Carlow Tidy Towns Association, Saturday, 5th April, at 10am. Bags, litter pickers, gloves provided at the gate. All Welcome

Want to gain hands-on work experience while training?

Choose from various course's up to a QQI Level 6 qualification?

With Community Employment, you'll get the opportunity to learn while you earn, develop your skills, to assist in progressing into long-term employment.

We have a wide range of roles available

Contact the local Intreo office stating the reference number for role you are interested in. Email: cesupervisor@carlowareace.ie

Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club are hosting a garden talk by Mary Keenan on "Preparing your Garden now for Summer Colour". Tuesday, 25th March, at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Mary is the editor of "The Irish Garden Magazine" and the owner of Gash Gardens in Co. Laois. This is sure to be a most informative night for all those who garden.

Evangelium Ireland Conference 2025

Evangelium Ireland invites young Catholics to its annual Apologetics Conference at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Saturday, 26 April 2025. Talks and workshops. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, including lunch, refreshments, and evening social. www.evangelium.ie

Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Brigidine Convents Annual Past Pupils Dinner which takes place on Sunday, 27th April, in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, at 12.45pm.

Cost €50 and booking to be made before

Thursday, 17th April.

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Next Jackpot

Sunday 23rd March

€20,000

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