

Sunday, 27th July 2025.

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### Newsletter

info@carlowcathedral.ie By 4pm Wednesday

# WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

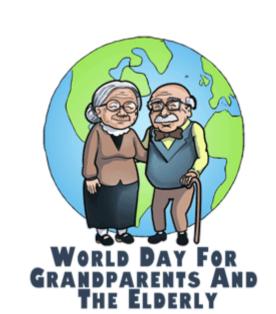
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"Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (Sir 14:2)

Dear friends,

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that hope is a gift for every stage of life, and the elderly—who have carried hope through trials and years—are powerful witnesses of that gift.

Sacred Scripture is filled with stories of people called by God in old age: Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Moses, who was eighty when sent to lead God's people. Their lives remind us that no one is ever too old to be part of God's saving plan. Old age, far from being a time of decline, is a season of grace, renewal, and quiet fruitfulness.



Pope Leo calls us to recognise the elderly as signs of hope. Grandparents and elders often teach us what it means to persevere in faith, to love deeply, and to remember God's

goodness. They help younger generations see that life is more than the present moment it's a journey filled with meaning, purpose, and blessing.

The Pope invites the Church to mark this day with action:

- Visit the elderly, especially those who are alone
- Create relationships of care and friendship

Include them in the life of the parish and community He reminds us that visiting the elderly is an act of love and even a form of pilgrimage: "Whoever visits an elderly person alone may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, encountering Christ in them" (cf. Mt 25:35).

To the elderly themselves, Pope Leo offers words of encouragement: Even as our bodies grow weaker, our freedom to love and to pray remains strong. That love—for our spouse, children, and grandchildren—is a sign of God's enduring presence in us. We are called not just to look back, but to look forward with faith, passing on what we have lived and believed.

Let us be renewed each day in prayer, and may our lives always point others toward hope, joy, and Christ himself.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025 Pope Leo XIV

# Mass at the Cathedral

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Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am Saturday: 10am Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

Sunday Masses: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

### We remember in our prayer

### Anne Curley,

6 St Joseph Rd., Carlow Town, May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

#### SETUStudentPad.ie

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South East Technological University (SETU) is promoting SETUStudentPad.ie to homeowners in the Carlow, Waterford and Wexford areas.

SETUStudentPad.ie is a website that helps homeowners rent out spare rooms in their homes to students attending SETU.

Homeowners who rent out a room can earn up to €14K per year tax free. Just log in to https://setustudentpad.ie/ Accommodation

#### **An Gairdin Beo**

An Gairdin Beo café and vegetable stall is open every Wednesday from 10.30 am -12.30pm during the summer months of July and August. We look forward to your visit. Please note, there is no onsite parking.

#### **Blood Clinic**

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Talbot Hotel, from 15:45pm - 20:00pm, Monday, 28th July, Tuesday, 29th July, Wednesday 30th July, Thursday 31st July Check your eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111

# **Carlow County Council in partnership with O Keeffe Social** Research

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We are asking everyone in Carlow Town and County to get involved by sharing information about any activities in your area that promotes:

Repair, reuse or upcycling.

Sharing or Swapping initiatives (clothing, construction, gardening or office equipment or materials, Tool/ machinery banks, Toy, or book libraries).

Community gardening, composting or food waste reduction. Sustainable living or Zero waste practices. (Including refill stations, bike libraries, community fridges or food sharing). Environmental education or awareness events. (Workshops,

In order to create a profile of community-based circular economy activities throughout the County, we ask you to identify your projects and send details of same via

film nights, community challenges).

email Brendan and Ann Marie

at oksocialresearch@gmail.com on or before Friday, 1st August. So whether you are hosting sewing classes, furniture repair courses, have a Mini Community Library or are teaching your community to grow their own food, we urge you to get involved and get news of your activity out to the wider community of Carlow.

For further information, please email Jannette at jobrien@carlowcoco.ie

#### **Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,178.44

Development € 1.657.07

Thank you for your generosity \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### Men's Monthly Rosary Carlow

Calling all Men to join us on First Saturday, July 2nd at 1.30 p.m at the Liberty tree (opposite Mc Donald's). Praying for Reparation and Conversion of Ireland, and Peace in Our World. In unison with 24 venues in Ireland and in the World. All are Welcome.

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#### **LOST PYX**

Silver communion pyx holder was lost after 10.30 Mass on 12th July either in the Cathedral or outside around the back door. It is of huge sentimental value.

Please contact the Parish Office: 059 91 64087 or info@carlowcathedral.ie

# Alliance of Two Hearts Novena – First Friday Devotions

Join us for the continuation of the Alliance of Two Hearts Novena on the next First Friday, 1st August, beginning at 8:00p.m. All are warmly welcome to join Fr. Yanbo for Mass, Blessing of the Sick, Adoration, Confession, Rosary, and Silent Prayer. We will also celebrate a Midnight Mass as part of this special evening of prayer and devotion.

Come and spend time in the healing and loving presence of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Stand for Peace - March for Palestine** 

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Saturday, August 2nd

We are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. But this is one action we can take, to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine. Please join the Kilkenny Community Palestine Solidarity Group (KCPSG) for a 'March for Palestine' on Saturday, August 2nd, at 1pm, beginning at the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates. In the words of Pope Leo XIV - "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever more insistently to the heavens, the cries of mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of their children..." KCPSG also holds a weekly vigil every Wednesday from 5.30pm to 6pm on the Kilkenny Parade.

**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto Next Jackpot Sunday 27th July** 

€20,000

No Jackpot winner 6-18-21-25

1 Match 3 Winner - €500