



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 15th February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Your heart matters!

What is going on in your heart?

You are the only one who can answer for your heart!

Don't complicate the commandments.

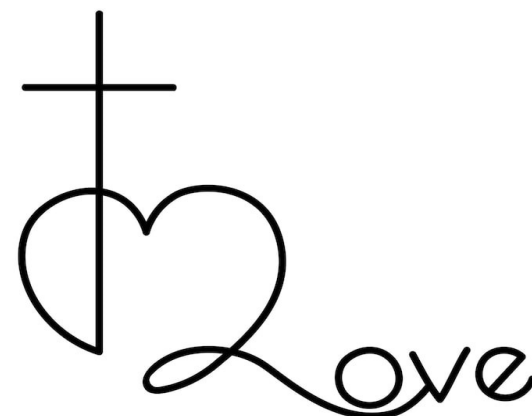
Jesus tells us the importance of truth,
the importance of love!

Say YES when you mean YES, NO when you mean NO.

Be truthful with yourself.

Be truthful with others.

Know what is going on in your heart!





Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent - a special and sacred time of renewal of our identity as baptised Christians.

Lent is a time to rediscover what it means to say, 'I am baptised'. What difference does this make to who I am and how I am? What changes do I need to make in my life to live my baptism more deeply?

With its disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity, the season gives us many opportunities for personal renewal. If we grasp these opportunities, we can arrive at Easter ready to truly commit to our baptism, to be renewed and ready to celebrate the joy at the centre of our faith – the life, death and resurrection of Christ. ***How will you choose to live Lent this year?***



LENTEN TROCAIRE PACKS FOR YOUR HOME ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEKEND.

PRAYER... FASTING... AND ALMSGIVING.... ARE OUR THREE DISCIPLINES IN LENT.

TROCAIRE IS OUR CATHOLIC OUTREACH TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD.... WE REACH OUT THROUGH OUR ALMSGIVING

This year our Trocaire Lenten journey accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother. Through their story, we are invited to reflect on the Gospel call to justice, resilience and care for our common home, and to connect faith with action in response to the climate crisis and its impact on vulnerable communities.

MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Weekend: Vigil Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm, and 7pm.

Ash Wednesday: 7.30am, 10am and 7pm

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 7.30am and 10am. Saturday 10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday following the 10am Mass

We remember in our prayer

Deirdre BYRNE (née Fitzpatrick), Carlow Town,

May Deirdre rest in peace

May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Prepare for Lent 2026!

Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday

Masses in the Cathedral : 7.30am, 10am and 7.00pm

Lenten Practices in the Parish

- ♦ Stations of the Cross every Monday after 10am Mass
- ♦ Learn to meditate on a Monday 7pm Parish Centre
- ♦ Lenten Scripture Group every Friday 10.30am Parish Centre
- ♦ Holy Hour every Friday evening in the Cathedral at 7pm.

BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT is a five session Gospel reflection series for Lent prepared by the National Synod Team. Each session offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from Baptised and Sent – the preparatory document for the pre-synodal assembly last October. The themes for each week, such as belonging, healing, renewal, and mission, come from that document - reflecting conversations held across the country in Spring 2025.

This Lent, why not gather a small group and use the resources on the home page of www.synod.ie

We remember... We pray.... We safeguard....

The Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors takes place on Friday next, 20th February. Bishop Denis will lead an hour of prayer in the Cathedral at 7pm on Friday evening.

Join Bishop Denis in person or on the Cathedral webcam.

Remember all whose trust was betrayed in your prayer.

Learn to Meditate during Lent

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing.

During each Monday of Lent there will be an introduction to meditation for beginners. All are welcome - no experience needed.

No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening!
(Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

Lenten Parish Scripture Group

The Lenten Scripture group reflection on the Scriptures of each Sunday of Lent commences on Friday morning in the Parish Centre following the 10am Mass and continue each Friday morning. The group will be led by Dr Amelia Fleming, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Carlow College, St Patrick's. Everyone is welcome.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot

Sunday 15th February

€8,000

Numbers drawn on 8th February

2-17-20-29

11 Match 3 winners share €500

Priest Visit

If you or a family member within the Cathedral Parish area is housebound and would like a visit from a Priest, please contact the Parish Centre with the name, contact details and address (incl. Eircode).

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,043.64

Development € 2,072.01

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Denis

Bishop Denis has issued a pastoral letter for February 2026 which is attached. Hard copies are available in the Cathedral. Also available on the Kandle website and the Cathedral Parish website

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme was launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the

Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people. For information and application visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/

Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 .

Temperance Sunday, 15 February 2026

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.

“Off the drink for Lent.” The short-term Pioneer pledge for Lent is a gesture of solidarity with people who are living “one day at a time” according to the 12 Step AA programme.

Medjugorje

Carlow Medjugorje Group.

May 27th-June 3rd (€895) Fr Yambo Chen S.V.D. Deacon Liam Dunne.

Sept 9th - 16th (€895) Fr Theodore Tomasik. S.V.D.

Enquires Noeleen (086)2415986

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy RDS Bus leaving Carlow, Saturday, 28th February.

To reserve seat Ph Noeleen 086 2415986.

Collectors Required

In order to assist with the weekly Development Fund and Offertory Collections at weekend Masses, we are seeking volunteers to take on this task on a regular basis. This will help to ease pressure on those who are currently carrying on this role without a break from week to week, and to whom we are most grateful.

If you can help at our Saturday evening or Sunday

Masses, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please give your name and contact details to a member of the Parish Clergy, the Sacristan, or the Parish Office. Alternatively, just speak to one of the regular collectors and offer your help. Thank you.

Sharing from the Table of the Lord: Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Would you like to be a Minister of Holy Communion, or are you already one and would like to refresh your training and formation for this ministry? If you would like to attend this training to serve as a minister in your parish, please contact the parish office or one of the Parish Team. Training will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre on 14th March.