



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 28th September 2025.

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## The Parish Team

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### Newsletter

**[info@carlowcathedral.ie](mailto:info@carlowcathedral.ie)**

**By 4pm Wednesday**

### Banking Details

**Carlow Parish Account**

**IBAN; IE66 AIBK 9331**

**0405 634065**

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## Seeing Lazarus at Our Gate

In today's Gospel (Luke 16:19–31), Jesus tells of the rich man who lived in comfort while Lazarus lay starving at his door. The rich man's sin was not his wealth, but his blindness—he failed to see and respond to the suffering so near to him. Abraham's words remind us that we already have all we need—Scripture, the teaching of the Church, and the cry of the poor—to live faithfully.

The challenge for us is simple but urgent: who is the "Lazarus" at our own gate? May we never be too busy, too comfortable, or too distracted to see Christ in the hungry, the lonely, or the forgotten. In opening our hearts to them, we prepare a place for ourselves in God's eternal embrace.

Takeaway for the Week: Heaven begins when we notice the Lazarus at our gate.



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### The Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil

Friday 3rd October in Carlow Cathedral starting with 8pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which includes Anointing of the Sick. This is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 offices of the Sacred Heart, Rosaries, Confession and Benediction. Finishes with midnight Mass at 12am in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All welcome.

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### Morning Mass at the Cathedral

Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am

Saturday: **8.30am** Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

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

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## CARLOW CATHEDRAL MUSIC

### **CALLING ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS**

NO AUDITIONS. ALL VOICES WELCOME.

SINGING OR PLAYING MUSIC IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS, MEET NEW PEOPLE,  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS, RELAX AND DESTRESS, INTERACT AND SIMPLY HAVE FUN.

#### *All Welcome!*

All that's needed is enthusiasm, commitment, and the ability to hold a tune.

#### *When?*

##### **CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

REHEARSALS: Weds. 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.  
MASS: Sun. 10.30 a.m.

##### **CÓR AN AIFRINN**

REHEARSALS: Sats. 5.30 p.m.

MASS: Sat. 6.15 p.m.

(First two Sats. of every month)

#### *Where?*

IN SITU,  
CARLOW CATHEDRAL

Interested in joining any of our choir groups in the Cathedral as a singer or musician?

For more information on how to get involved:

[marian\\_gaynor@outlook.com](mailto:marian_gaynor@outlook.com)  
[bridederoiste@gmail.com](mailto:bridederoiste@gmail.com)

We look forward to welcoming Br. Brian Johnson, OSF, who is visiting the Parish on the weekend of the 4/5th of Oct. We look forward to hearing about their missions in Kenya and Uganda. He will be speaking at all Masses over the weekend.

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**An Gairdín Beo Harvest Festival**

Saturday, 4th October 2025, Time:10.30 am - 3.00pm  
Theme: Autumn's Bounty  
Location: On site provision in place in hall if required  
We regret there is no parking on site  
All welcome

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**First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026**

We invite all parents and guardians who wish their child to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Cathedral Parish next year to email [cathedralsacraments2026@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralsacraments2026@gmail.com)

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**Thursday, 2nd October @ 7.30pm:  
“CHOIRS FOR GAZA – CEOL NA gCÓR”**

A choral concert of songs, hymns and psalms performed 'as Gaeilge' by several parish & community choirs.  
All proceeds to the relief of the families and children of Palestine. Please support  
Venue: St. Clare’s Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow R93 E048

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**AIFREANN GAEILGE:**

Mass in Irish will resume on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays at 6.15pm in Carlow Cathedral commencing Saturday 4th October. Missalettes in Irish & English will be available. New readers and choir members for Cór an Aifrinn always welcome. Ph 087 2857048.

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**Project Fashion  
Fashion Design & Sewing Classes**

After school workshops Monday 3:30pm-5:00pm and 5:00pm-6:30pm. Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10.  
[Info@projectfashion.ie](mailto:Info@projectfashion.ie), 015392674

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**Living Well Expo 2025 to Celebrate Positive Ageing Week**

The Expo takes place on Wednesday, 1st October 2025, from 10.30am to 1.00pm at the Woodford Dolmen Hotel.  
The Living Well Expo will feature a wide range of supports and activities designed to promote wellbeing for people aged 55 and over. Attendees can avail of free health checks and hearing checks, meet with local service providers, and enjoy complimentary refreshments.  
The morning will also showcase an engaging guest speaker programme, including:  
Niall Ronan – Positive Ageing and Purpose  
Dr Joseph Tierney – Rethinking and Reimagining Ageing  
Carlow Emergency Services – Be Winter Ready  
The Expo is free to attend and promises an inspiring morning of learning, connection, and community.  
The event is hosted by Age Friendly Carlow and the Carlow Older People’s Council, with support from Carlow County Development Partnership and Healthy Carlow.

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend  
Offertory € 1,316.67  
Development € 2,038.96  
*Thank you for your generosity*

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**FÉILE AN FHÓMHAIR 2025:**

The annual Autumn Bilingual festival is running from 26th Sept to 5th October. Full brochure of events available and also on [facebook.com/glor.cheatharlach](https://facebook.com/glor.cheatharlach)

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**Why Sunday Matters – An Invitation to Respond**

On 31st August 2025, the Irish Bishops issued a Pastoral Letter asking people to reflect on the Sunday Mass and its significance in our lives, in the life of the Church, and in Christian practice. (Copies available for viewing/download on <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/there-is-something-about-sunday-resources-page/>) This letter posed a number of suggested questions for reflection by individuals and parish groups. In order to explore and discuss some of these questions as a parish, you are invited to a meeting in the Cathedral Parish Centre on Thursday, 9th October, at 7.00pm. We would love to see as many people as possible attend this meeting.

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**Harvest Thanksgiving**

The Cathedral will celebrate harvest thanksgiving at our Masses on Saturday 18th and Sunday, 19th October. Donations of fruits and vegetables will be accepted in the Parish Centre during the week of the 13th October.

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**Askea Senior Citizens Autumn Holiday to Tralee**

Holiday to Tralee on October 6th, 5days/4 nights .  
Details from Marian 0599143010 Non-members welcome

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**Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto**

**Next Jackpot  
Sunday 28TH September**

**€20,000**

**No Jackpot winner  
7-13-15-29**

**3 Match 3 Winner - €500**

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**Halloween Bingo**

**€6,000 IN PRIZE MONEY**

**AT THE YOUTH CENTRE GREEN LANE, CARLOW  
SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
AT 3:00pm**

