

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 31st May 2026.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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The Mystery of Love

On this Sunday of the Holy Trinity, we celebrate the mystery at the very heart of our faith: one God in three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Here in Ireland, this feast often evokes the image of the shamrock, which Saint Patrick used to illustrate the Trinity. Just as the shamrock has three leaves joined together, so the three Persons of the Trinity are united by one divine love.

This simple image helps us to understand that the Trinity is not something to be solved like a puzzle, but rather a relationship of perfect love. God is communion: the Father loving the Son, the Son loving the Father, and the Holy Spirit as the bond of that love.

Today's Gospel (Jn 3:16–18) takes us even deeper into this mystery. 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.' The Father does not remain distant from humanity; He reaches out to us in love. The Son did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. And through the Holy Spirit, this love continues to live and work within our hearts today.

The shamrock reminds us that unity does not mean sameness. Its three leaves are distinct yet connected. Similarly, our families, parishes and communities comprise different people, gifts and personalities, yet we are called to live in unity through love.

Each time we make the sign of the cross, we immerse ourselves in the life of the Trinity. We are reminded that we are loved by the Father, saved through the Son and guided by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the mystery of the Trinity is not far from our daily lives — it is the source of every act of faith, hope, forgiveness and love.

Fr Yanbo and Fr Teo recalled to their Order

Earlier this month Bishop Denis received word from the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries that Fr Yanbo and Fr Teo were to be recalled to ministry with their Order. It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to them at the end of the summer when Fr Yanbo will be moving to SVD Parish in Dublin while Fr Teo will minister in the SVD Mission Office in Maynooth. We are very sorry to lose them from our Cathedral Parish and we thank them most sincerely for their ministries amongst us. We wish them well in their new roles and assure them of our prayers and very best wishes as they begin a new chapter in their ministries. There will always be an open door and warm welcome for them here in Carlow.

MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

Colette Kelly (née Doyle)

Carlow Town/St.Mullins, Carlow

May Colette rest in peace

May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Monthly Men's Rosary Carlow.

Saturday, 6th June. Liberty Tree at 1.30pm. All are Welcome.
Our World needs Our Prayer.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the Diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday, 7th June 2026. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica Bus leaving from St. Leo's at 8:00am, subject to numbers. Booking essential at the Parish Centre.

Price €35 payable by card or cash in the Parish Centre

St Catherine's Community Services Centre – Seniors Alert Scheme

St Catherine's Community Services Centre is accepting applications for the Senior Alert Scheme, which provides socially monitored personal alarms and pendants for older people. The scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Pobal. Applicants must be aged 65 or over.

For further details or application forms, contact: Claire Murphy, Older Persons Services Coordinator Phone: 059 9138700 Email: opmanager@catherines.ie

Carlow Active Retirement Members Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday, 10 June, at 2.30 in the Cathedral Parish Centre.

Can you help St Vincent de Paul Carlow?

Saint Vincent de Paul, Carlow, is looking for new volunteers to help with its work in Carlow. If you have a few hours free per week please text your name to 087 3365886.

Vincent de Paul will phone you back with further information. Thank you all.

The Two Hearts Communion of Reparation vigil will take place on Friday 5th June in Carlow Cathedral starting with 8pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus including Anointing of the Sick. This is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 offices of the Sacred Heart, scriptural Rosaries, Confession and Benediction. Finishes with midnight Mass just after midnight in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All very welcome.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 31st May

€15,500

Numbers drawn on 24th May

4-5-18-27

7 Match 3 winners share €500

Glór Cheatharlach - summer events 'as Gaeilge' 2026

A full programme of events 'as Gaeilge' for young people from infants to teenagers will take place in Carlow in July.

Coláiste Samhraidh/Summer College suitable

for 5th Class - Junior Certs will run from 29th June – 3rd July. The fee is €125.

Campa na nÓg /Junior Camp for infants from 6th -9th July. Fee is €55.

Campa Samhraidh /Summer Fun Camp for children in 1st – 4th class from 13th -16th July. The fee is €75.

For full details and to reserve places contact Glór Cheatharlach on 087 2857048, 085 1340047 or email emma@glorcheatharlach.ie

The Irish Cancer Society, volunteers needed

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Carlow Tidy Towns needs help

Carlow Tidy Towns is looking for volunteers to help keep the streets clean this summer. If you have one hour to spare, please meet at The Fountain on Tuesday evenings at 7pm or at the Town Hall car park every second Saturday morning at 10am commencing 6th June. Details phone 087 2857048.

Vincent de Paul monthly collection.

The next Vincent de Paul collection will be held on Saturday, June 6th, and Sunday, June 7th, after each Mass. Thank you all for your support. SVP Carlow.

Finding God in Nature and Culture – Saturday 27th June 2026,

Kildare Town

A day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring the relationship between Christian faith, Irish culture, imagination, and the natural world. Featuring Paul Vander Klay, Fr. Conor McDonough OP, and Heather Pollington. Hosted at Solas Bhríde Centre with pilgrimage visits to St Brigid's Well and Kildare Cathedral.

Tickets and information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-god-in-nature-and-culture-tickets-1988447493982?aff=oddtcreator>

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €969.94

Development € 1,827.47

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.