

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 19th April 2026.

Third Sunday of Easter

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Emmaus and Eucharist (Luke 24:13-35)

There are ten meals in Luke's Gospel, each one with an important message. Today we shall ponder on the meal that the Risen Lord shared with two travellers on the road to Emmaus. It is very likely that Luke used this story to explain the four parts of the Mass: assembly of people; liturgy of the word; breaking the bread; sent on a mission.

Assembly of people

Two disciples were so disturbed by the death of Jesus that they were heading for Emmaus, a village renowned for the hot springs where people could relax. But on the road, they were still talking about what happened on Calvary.

The first requirement for Mass is the gathering of people in memory of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Liturgy of the word

The Risen Lord joined the two travellers on the road, but they did not recognise him. It is consoling to realise that Jesus walked with them even when they were going in the wrong direction. He asked them what they were talking about. *"All about Jesus of Nazareth who proved he was a great prophet,"* but he was handed over and crucified. Some women went to the tomb and had a vision of angels who declared that he was risen. Now, if it was men who had that news, no doubt it would have been taken seriously. But women! Has it changed?

Jesus said to them, *"You foolish men! So slow to believe all that the prophets said!"* In biblical language, a fool is someone who does not believe in God. *"Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer before entering into his glory?"* Then he quoted Moses and many prophets.

At Mass, our Readings are called the table of the world. Many years ago, a young seminarian said to me that a priest who breaks the bread but not the word is only half a priest!

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Later, his fellow travellers invited Jesus to share a meal with them. While he was with them, he repeated his actions at the Last Supper. *"He took the **bread** and said the **blessing**; then he **broke** it and **gave** it to them."* Their eyes were opened and they recognised him but he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, *"Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?"*

Mission after Mass

The two companions immediately returned to Jerusalem as missionaries witnessing to the Risen Lord. We too are sent on a mission at the end of Mass.

Having listened to the Word of God, and being nourished by the Blessed Eucharist, we are sent out to love and serve God in the people we meet.

"The Mass is ended. **Go** now to **love** and **serve** the Lord."

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

Maura BYRNE, Carlow Town, Carlow

John HAYDEN, Carlow Town, Carlow / Graiguecullen,

Joe O'NEILL, Rathnaphish, Carlow

May Maura, John and Joe rest in peace

May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Carlow Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance

The Carlow Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held in the **Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow** at **1:30pm Sharp on Sunday 26th April, 2026**. Music by **"Teresa and the Stars."** Tickets **€30** from Anne McDarby on 087 7638695 (evenings 6pm to 9pm) before Wednesday 22nd April.

Carlow Flower Club

Our April flower night will be a demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Judge Elizabeth Murray. Looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on Tuesday April 28th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant sale on the night, and the competition for all classes is "Down by the Sally Gardens". Deposit €20 for those travelling on our outing on May 28th will be collected on the night. Visitors welcome €10

Accord Carlow

Accord Carlow has availability for their May and June Marriage Preparation Courses at St Catherine's Community Centre. Accord's Marriage Preparation course builds on your individual and couple strengths, and offers you practical techniques and psychological insights to enhance your relationship and to integrate these practices into the Sacramental vision of your married life together. Book online at Accord.ie and select Carlow

AGM – Kildare Town CMWS

The AGM of Kildare Town CMWS will take places in the Hennessy Room of the Hall on Tuesday, 8th April at 8pm.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot

Sunday 19th April

€12,500

Numbers drawn on 12th April

9-16-17-29

7 Match 3 winners share €500

Save the Date: Parishes Alive – Becoming Synodal

The third annual Parishes Alive Day will take place on the 20th of June 2026 in Carlow College, St Patrick's from 10am to 4pm with lunch included. Full details of the speakers and content, as well as booking instructions, will be published around the middle of May.

Carlow Day Centre's Road Run

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, Carlow Day Care Centre's Road Run due to be held on Sunday April 19th has been postponed. We are very grateful to all who have supported us in the lead up to and preparation for this event. We will confirm the new date as soon as possible."

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Invite you to a talk "Suicide Bereavement, From Heartbreak to Hope" Thursday 30th April, 7.00pm in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny. Admission free, booking on www.eventbrite.ie recommended.

Speakers Christy Kenneally is a novelist, poet & broadcaster and Dr. Linda Finnegan a clinical psychologist & psychotherapist will address how a death by Suicide can devastate the lives of those left behind. From 'Heartbreak to Hope' will address the Shock, Pain, Anger and Sadness that are part of the life of those bereft.

Pentecost Retreat @ Slí an Chroí,

St Patricks Missionary Society, Kiltegan

We invite you to relive that first Pentecost invoking the Holy Spirit as the Church's life giving breath. In quiet prayer, shared reflection, and communal worship we open ourselves to transformation and to a renewed missionary courage for our time. Friday 22nd May to Sunday 24th May, €315.00 per person. Enquiries to Michele Sinnott slianchroi@spms.ie or 089 4690 508

Recovery College South East

Running Let's Talk Neurodiversity — a free 4-week online workshop offering a gentle, inclusive introduction to neurodivergent mental health. It's open to everyone across Kilkenny, Wexford, Carlow, South Tipperary and Waterford — whether they identify as neurodivergent, support someone who does, or simply want to learn more.

Thursdays: 16 & 23 & 30 April + 7 May, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Online only | FREE

To register or find out more:

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Last Weekend

Offertory €1,209.83

Development € 1,696.41

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.

All are welcome to this fun family day.