



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 21st June 2026.

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Day for Life 2026

#### Known Before We Are Seen

##### *The Humanity of the Unborn Child*

This Sunday, as we celebrate Father's Day, we give thanks for fathers and for the gift of family life; we also mark Day for Life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples:

*"Do not be afraid... even the hairs of your head are all counted"* (Matthew 10:26–33).

He speaks these words to people who are afraid of rejection, afraid of what others may say, and afraid of what faith may ask of them. Jesus does not tell them that life will be without difficulty. He tells them something deeper: that they live before the eyes of a Father who does not forget them.

This is a truth we need to hold onto when we think of the child in the womb. Before that child is seen by the world, before anyone knows what that child may become, before the child can speak, achieve or contribute anything, he or she is already known by God. As the Lord says through the prophet Jeremiah: *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you"* (Jeremiah 1:5).

That is why the loss of a baby before birth can bring such real and lasting grief. Parents do not mourn an idea or a possibility. They mourn someone already held in their love. The child may have been hidden from most people, but was never hidden from God, and never simply "something" to those who had begun to hope, pray and love.

Our world often speaks about unborn life as a problem, a choice, or a medical reality. These things may be part of the difficult circumstances people face. But they cannot be the whole truth. The deeper truth is that human dignity does not begin when a life becomes visible, wanted, healthy or useful. It begins in the love of God.

Jesus says, *"Do not be afraid."* Perhaps that is his word to us today: do not be afraid to see the smallest human life as God sees it — known, loved and entrusted to us.

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### 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



**Rainbows Ireland**

Rainbows Peer Support

Open to all children +7. Supporting Children and Young People with Bereavement and Parental Separation. Sept, at 4:30pm in Askea Parish Centre, Carlow. tel: 087 125 6199  
E: rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com, www.rainbowsireland.ie  
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**Alzheimer's Tea Day**

Marian and Jack Doyle would like to sincerely thank all those who attended and supported their recent Alzheimer's Tea Day, in aid of the unit in Bethany House.  
A total of €2591 euro was raised.  
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**Catholic Grandparents and Older Persons**

**Pilgrimage to Knock**

Sunday, 26th July 2026. Bus from St. Leo's at 8:00am . Cost €35 . Special Offer– parent or grandparent with young person €50 . Offer limited to first 10 people.  
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**Pilgrimage to Lodi Italy for the 27th International Columban Meeting**

Bishop Denis will lead a Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting.  
Taking place from Friday, July 3rd, to Monday, July 6th 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe. For further information or to book, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit www.kandle.ie  
or www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway  
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**St Bridget's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026**

Three day pilgrimages: Friday, 3rd July - Sunday, 5th July and Thursday, 13th August - Saturday, 15th August; Bus departs: Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, Mulhuddart. To book your place telephone: Joe 0873815887/ Deirdre 0872467594 email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie  
One day of prayer in honour of St Carlo Acutis: Sunday, 6th September; Bus departs: Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, M3 Parkway. To book your place Telephone / Text Deirdre 0872467594/ Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie  
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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Jackpot Sunday 21st June**

**€17,000**

**Numbers drawn on 14th June**

**14-26-29-30**

**4 Match 3 winners share €500**

**Part-time Cook required for St. Leo's Convent, Carlow.**

The role involves preparing simple home-style meals for a small community of elderly but independent religious Sisters, in a calm and respectful environment  
Requirements : Cooking experience, HACCP knowledge, reliable and organised. Experience in a care setting/school kitchen an advantage.  
Hours : 20-25 per week (typically 10am – 1pm and /or 4pm – 7pm)

St. Leo's will offer : daytime focussed hours (no late nights), stable environment, and meaningful work in a supportive community setting. Salary of €16 per hour, membership of the Occupational Pension Scheme and Life Assurance. The full Job Description can be found on ActiveLink.ie Please send a short CV outlining your experience and availability to : stleohousemgr@mercysouthcentral.ie, or by post or by hand to The Manager, St. Leo's Convent of Mercy, Dublin Road, Carlow R93CX81, to arrive not later than 20th July 2026.  
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**An Gairdin Beo**

An Gairdin Beo Café and vegetable stall is open every Wednesday from 10.30 am -12.30 pm starting June 24th and continuing during the summer months of July and August.  
We look forward to your visit.  
Please note , there is no onsite parking.  
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**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>  
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**ACCORD Carlow**

We offer counselling in Carlow at St Catherine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we have two upcoming Marriage Preparation courses in September and November in Carlow. Please contact carlow@accord.ie or phone 086 4149034 for more details.  
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**Man and Woman He Created Them**

The Priory Institute is running an online summer school in August again this year. The course will examine a selection of Pope John Paul's writings on the human body, man and woman, love and sexuality and marriage  
2026 Online Summer School  
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**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,095.23

Development €2,206.14

*Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.*