



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 21st January 2024.

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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Newsletter



## Come to me! Follow me!

On this Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Word of God for today invites us once again to conversion.

Because conversion is not a one-off act, but a continuous

process of transformation of our human paths into the path to which our Creator calls us. As we ourselves know very well, we tend to fall into the same mistakes again and again, and sometimes it even seems to us impossible to really free ourselves from them. But let us remember that our weakness is not a problem for our Lord. He can turn the weakness that is in us into infinite strength. He can make us seemingly ordinary people into giants of faith, as happened to Peter and Andrew in today's Gospel. God can do anything, all He needs is your acceptance of what He wants to offer you. Today, once again, regardless of your weakness, He looks at you with longing and love and shouts: "Come to me! Follow me!"

What will be your answer?

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### Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

**Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am**

**Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass**

**Adoration: Monday to Friday—5pm to 6pm**

**Medjugorje Mass**

Mass on Thursday 25th of January in Carlow Cathedral starting at 7pm with Rosary and Divine Mercy for Vocations and World Peace. Followed by Mass.

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**St. Leo's College new bus fundraiser**

"Make a dent with your copper cents".

St. Leo's College is appealing to the community of Carlow for assistance in their fundraising for a New School Bus.

We call on all households to donate any copper coins to our appeal. Donations can be delivered directly to St. Leo's College administration office and all will be greatly appreciated. [www.stleoscarlow.ie](http://www.stleoscarlow.ie)

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**Brigid 1500**

On Thursday, 1st February 2024, churches across Kildare and beyond will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death.

The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

At the end of the service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the Cathedral at 12noon. Aligning with a broader initiative, whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February 2024. Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide.

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**Project Fashion**

Project Fashion is opening up in Carlow!

Taught by real Fashion Designers, your child will be trained in using the sewing machine, moving onto a project based certificate system and then onto making a collection to work towards Young Designer of the Year Awards 2024.

Suitable from ages 7yrs to teenager. Great fun while learning a skill of a lifetime. Starting 22 January.

Class time 3.30pm to 5pm OR 5pm to 6.30pm Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. [www.projectfashion.ie](http://www.projectfashion.ie)

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The society of the **St Vincent Paul** would like to thank all those who donated €2530 following the Christmas carol service. We would also express our thanks to musicians' and choristers for a wonderful Carol service.

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1468.48

Development € 1599.21

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

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**2024 Cathedral Parish Envelopes**

The **2024 Envelopes** are available at the entrances to the Cathedral. You are invited to take a box.

**The importance of your name and Envelope**

**Number.** You are requested to write your name on the first few envelopes used. This will enable the Parish to record your number. Each year, because of your generosity, the Parish benefits as a Charity from the Tax Back scheme from Revenue. Accurate Parish records are essential to make claims to Revenue.

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**Welcoming the relic of St Brigid**

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters, from their convent in Tullow, are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year.

The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled, and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday, 28th January, at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid

All are most welcome to attend.

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**St Brigid's Camino Walk,**

Monasterevin Parish

Takes place on Monday, 5th February, starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice, at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin, with a service of light at 12.30pm.

For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

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**Ministers of Holy Communion**

Diocesan Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre in February.

You are invited to consider this Ministry in your Parish. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the Parish Office, any of the Priests of the Parish or, Deacon David.

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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Sunday 14th January 2024**

**€20,000 Jackpot**

**7-13-17-21**

**No Jackpot Winner.**

**9 Match 3 Winner's share €500.**