



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 4th February 2024.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Newsletter

Healing, Prayer, and Mission

This Sunday, we witness a day in the life of Jesus that encapsulates the essence of his ministry – healing, prayer, and purposeful mission. The story begins with an intimate scene at Simon's home, where Jesus not only heals Simon's mother-in-law but also restores her to a state of service and well-being. This immediate and transformative act reflects the profound healing power that emanates from Jesus.

As the evening unfolds, the entire town gathers at the door, bringing forth their ailments and possessions by demons. Jesus, moved by compassion, heals and delivers many. Yet, there is an intriguing aspect as he silences the demons, restraining them from revealing his identity. This deliberate silence points to a deeper mystery and a strategic unfolding of Jesus' divine purpose.

The narrative then takes an unexpected turn in the pre-dawn hours. While the town still slumbers, Jesus seeks a solitary place for communion with the Father. In the quietude of prayer, away from the clamor of crowds and the demands of ministry, Jesus reaffirms the crucial role of spiritual connection. His intentional retreat underscores the necessity for personal reflection and communion with God, even for the Son of God.

Simon and his companions, recognizing the absence of Jesus, pursue him, expressing the urgency of the people's demands. However, Jesus, with clarity of purpose, redirects their focus. His response, "Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came," encapsulates the broader mission – to spread the transformative message beyond physical healing.

In our lives, this passage invites reflection on the multifaceted nature of our faith journey. It encourages us to seek healing and restoration through our encounters with Jesus, recognizing that our well-being is intimately tied to our ability to serve others. Simultaneously, it underscores the importance of carving out moments of solitude for prayer, fostering a deeper connection with the divine.

Moreover, Jesus' redirection towards neighboring towns prompts us to consider the expansiveness of our mission. Are we confined to the comfortable spaces of our lives, or are we actively seeking opportunities to share the profound message of hope, love, and transformation with those beyond our immediate circles? This passage challenges us to embrace both the personal and collective dimensions of our faith, echoing the call to heal, pray, and purposefully fulfil our mission in the broader world.



Lent in the Cathedral

Lent Holy hour each Friday evening; 7pm –8pm

Lent Parish Retreat Day in Cathedral Parish Centre 23rd of March 11am-4pm

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday 10am

Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Monday to Friday 4pm to 6pm

Nourishing our Communities

You are invited to an evening on Tuesday the 20th of February about growing food in our communities, for our communities. The event kicks off with a screening of "Together We Grow" (40 mins), the true story of a community enriched by growing food for their neighbours. A panel discussion, refreshments and chat will follow. Organised by the Co. Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN), please contact info@ccen.ie for information. Venue: Presentation de la Salle School, Bagenalstown, R21 X096 at 7:15pm – 9:30pm FREE admission, book a seat on the CCEN Eventbrite page through our website: www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/

Carlow Union of Parishes

Are holding a series of talks from 22nd February to 20th March in St Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow. All are welcome to attend.

Carlow Youth Orchestra

Best of luck to the young musicians of Carlow Youth Orchestra who will join forces with Kiltra School of Music YO, St Agnes' CCMA Chamber Orchestra and St Peter's NS Orchestra, Phibsboro, in the countdown to the 28th IAYO FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS at the National Concert Hall on Saturday, 10th February at 7:30 pm. Tickets available from nch.ie.

Active Retired

Active retired members meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14th, in the Cathedral Parish Centre @ 2.30pm. €2 per member. New members welcome.

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will take place from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, February 10th, in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Feb. 17th, in Newbridge Parish Centre and February, 24th in Emo National School.

Training will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O'Byrne. To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to take part in this training.

Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1331.40

Development € 1813.88

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy in RDS Dublin . Bus will travel from Carlow on Sat 24th Feb To reserve seat contact Noeleen 0862415986. €10 required to reserve same.

Peace Concert

Friday 23rd February 2024 at 8pm

With Carlow Cathedral Choir

Director Marian Gaynor

Admission €5, in support of UNICEF IRELAND

Enquiries Rev. Dr. Lester Scott- 087 2504322

All Saints', Aghade

R93 XD9

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

Coffee morning at the Cabin Cafe

Barrack Street on the 6th February from

10.00 - 12.00

for people with dementia and their carer.

Admission free.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Sunday 28th January 2024

1 Jackpot Winner!!

Congratulations!!

4-7-19-24

4 Match 3 Winner's share €500

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€5,000 Jackpot