



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 11th February 2024.

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Newsletter

The Contrast

What a contrast,
the letter of the Law with the lure of love.
The Leper ostracised by the law, is lured to Jesus.
"if you want to... cure me."
"Of course I want to! Be cured!
Jesus loved... love overreached the law.
Love stretches!
Do this in memory.... calls to love!
Love stretches limitations.
Love sees beyond difference, history and hurt.
St Paul reminds us,
"Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God".
Mindful of the contrast and contradiction, love!
Take Christ for your model!



Lent at the Cathedral

Lent begins on Wednesday!

Ash Wednesday Masses 7.30am, 10am and 7pm.

Holy Hour each Friday evening of Lent 7pm –8pm

Meditation with Noel Keating and Marian Gaynor, Mondays 7-7.45pm Cathedral Centre

Parish Biblical Studies Group with Dr Amelia Fleming, each Friday 10.30am to 12 noon
Cathedral Centre

Parish Lenten Retreat Day - Parish Centre, Saturday 23rd March 11am-4pm

Trocaire

This year Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a **Trócaire box** today or going to: www.trocaire.org.

Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 7.30am, 10am

Ash Wednesday: 7.30am, 10am and 7pm

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

Adoration: Monday to Friday—5pm to 6pm

Lent Biblical Studies Group

As we approach the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join our Parish Biblical Studies Group to explore the historical, cultural, and linguistic nuances of the Sunday readings of Lent, unraveling the rich tapestry of God's Word. This Group is led by Dr Amelia Fleming, Lecturer in Biblical Studies in Carlow College, St Parick's. We welcome parishioners of all levels of familiarity with scripture—whether you're a newcomer to biblical studies, or someone seeking a deeper dive into the Word of God. Commencing on Friday, 16th February, we will convene every Friday morning during Lent after 10am Mass in the Cathedral Centre, beside Carlow College. Each informal session will last approximately 90 minutes, offering ample time for reflection and discussion. Simply join our Group as we gather after Friday Mass to share our understanding of each Sunday's readings. Amelia also welcomes any queries at afleming@carlowcollege.ie.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

Carlow Regional Dinner Dance, Seven Oaks Hotel, Sunday 25th February 2024. Dinner served at 1.30p.m. Music by Teresa and the Stars. Tickets €30.00 each. Please contact Anne on 087-7638695 (after 6.00p.m.)

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 "Living Faith", beginning on 22nd February at St Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow. All are welcome to attend.

Invitation to Meditation

Join Noel Keating and Marian Gaynor on Monday evenings over Lent to discover how meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. No need to book – just turn up!

When: Each Monday during Lent, from 7 to 7:45 pm beginning on Monday, 19 February 2024

Where: Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow

Divine Mercy Conference

The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 23rd, 24th and 25th February 2024. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am—5pm.

The theme of this year's Conference is: "Jesus I Trust In You.". Tickets: €40 weekend, Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available through PayPal on our website or from 22 Castle Grove, Clondalkin, Dublin D22Y2W9; or at the RDS door. Bus will travel from Carlow on Saturday, 24th February. To reserve seat, contact Noeleen 0862415986. €10 required

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1666.93

Development € 1475.04

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome Emily Murray

who was baptized last Sunday

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 Church, Aghade R93 XD9

World Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on 16th February, the first Friday of Lent.

The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017.

We will light the 'Candle of Atonement' at our Holy Hour on Friday evening 7-8pm in the Cathedral.

Please come to pray with us.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

€5,500

Sunday 4th February 2024

No Jackpot Winner

7-10-19-24

9 Match 3 Winner's share €500.

Annual Trócaire Lecture

You are invited to attend

The St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lecture, Renahan Hall, at **St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, the 5th of March 2024, at 7 p.m. GMT.** The Theme this year is Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: 'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone' (Laudate Deum, 19).

Please register; to attend **in person** at this link: <https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvtT1mtL8>; to attend **online** at this link:

<https://bit.ly/3Shyklv>

The event will feature **Rev. Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator SJ**, former President of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar and current Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California.

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