



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 18th February 2024.

## First Sunday of Lent

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Newsletter

## Happy Time?



Although Lent doesn't necessarily seem like a 'happy' time, we can assume that God sees it as such.

He looks forward to it!

For Him, Lent is a fascinating and hopeful time when we, His children return to Him. God the Father wants each one of us to draw closer to Him and to experience His love. That is why he calls us to "turn to me with all your heart". This is the meaning of all our Lenten practices;

penance, fasting, almsgiving and finding extra time for prayer. Let us make these efforts not only out of obligation or in an attempt to separate ourselves from the world, but also in response to the call of a loving God. These practices will help us return to Him and reunite us with the One who loved us from the beginning. Every prayer, every sacrifice, every act of charity, is another step that brings us closer to the Father. The good news is that God has already come to meet us. He came close to us when He sent His Son, who came into the world as a man, and when He gave us the Holy Spirit. Our Heavenly Father is always there for us, but because of weakness and sin, we sometimes lose sight of His love and walk away. We need repentance to come back to Him, and there is no better opportunity to do this than Lent! Each of us has a choice. We can seize the opportunity of Lent and draw closer to our Lord, or we can withdraw and ignore God's generous invitation. Let us not lose what a loving God wants to give us.

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### Lent at the Cathedral

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

Lenten Adoration: Monday to Thursday—7pm to 9pm

Stations of the Cross— each Monday after 10am Mass

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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

**We remember in our prayer**

***Kathleen Murphy, 71 Fr. Murphy Terrace, Tullow***

***Logan Farrell Rice***

***10 Feltham Hall, Blackbog Road***

*May Kathleen and Logan rest in peace*

*May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted*

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**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.)

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**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/](http://www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/)

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**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.

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**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 7:45pm beginning on Monday, 19 February 2024

Where: Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow

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**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 € 1482.86

Development € 1443.96

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

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**Peace Concert**

Friday, 15th March 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 XD79

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**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG**

Seeking marriage preparation facilitators.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church;

if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for

the Sacrament of Marriage,

Accord wants to hear from you!

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

[www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Next Jackpot**

**€6,000**

**Sunday 11th February 2024**

**No Jackpot Winner**

**4-9-19-22**

**5 Match 3 Winner's share €500.**

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**Annual Trócaire Lecture**

You are invited to attend

The St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lecture, Renehan Hall, at **St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, the 5th of March 2024, at 7p.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.