



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 25th February 2024.

Second Sunday of Lent

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Newsletter

Today's Gospel recounts the Transfiguration. What does that mean for us in 2024?

The Transfiguration is a preview of the future, when the Son of Man will come in glory to consummate his kingdom. But this future kingdom can only come through his death and resurrection, which is why Jesus warns the three disciples to "tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead". In our world today the idea of waiting for something is a strange concept. We find it difficult to wait for anything. We want "the new house", new furniture and the new kitchen now! The old idea of saving up for, or going to an auction and making do for a while is an alien idea. Even the idea of waiting for the next episode of our favourite programme is too much for us. We want the box set or Netflix so we can see the whole series over the weekend. Do you remember waiting all week for the next episode of Glenore, and then talking about the events with friends for days.

The Transfiguration is a preview of the future God has prepared for us. It is a taste of what's to come. It will come about after a life lived. To those who only deal with facts and absolutes this preview makes no sense as it's based in Faith. Without faith and hope it makes no sense. Yet for us Christians it's a preview, a taste of the future that keeps us going in our times of doubt and need. It's a gift from Jesus to us, a gift we need.

A big thank you to all who helped make Brigid's Crosses this year.

The sale of the crosses made 500 euro for local Charities.



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 12noon

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

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

SCHOLA CATHEDRALIS

Is an exciting new choral initiative debuting as part of the sacred music ministry in Carlow Cathedral. The group will sing every last Saturday of the month at the 6.15 Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings, beginning next Saturday 24th Feb.

The Schola will be an all-female, 12 – 16 voice ensembles focusing on the singing of sacred liturgical choral music, both accompanied and a cappella, across genres and styles and the rich heritage of church music including traditional, Gregorian, and Latin chant.

Membership of the group is open to all female voice parts. The working ethos of the group will entail a high degree of personal responsibility with members working on their own initiative to prepare and study repertoire.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian on 087 6689943

Alliance of Two Hearts Novena

continues the First Friday of March (1st) at 8pm

All are welcome to join Fr Yanbo for Mass, Blessing of the Sick, Adoration, Confession, Rosary, and Silent Prayer.

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

www.accord.ie

Carlow Flower Club

Our guest demonstrator for February will be Brenda Joyce from Doddervale Flower Club in South Dublin. Brenda is an AOIFA demonstrator, teacher, and judge, and she will be demonstrating some beautiful Spring arrangements all of which will be raffled on the night. The competition for all categories is "A Spring Cascade". Looking forward to seeing lots of members and visitors on Tuesday, 27th February at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel.

Non-members €10

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

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1563.42

Development € 1443.85

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome

- ◇ Luca Amicone
- ◇ Isla Rita Foley
- ◇ Fireann John

who were baptized into The Christian Community in Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

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

Rooms available for rent

Carlow Parish Centre offers rooms for meetings/ trainings/conference/counselling ect.

Please get in touch for more information–

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Carlow Older Persons Forum

Hosting an Information Roadshow for over 55's on Tuesday, 27th February, 10:30am-12:30pm, Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge. For more info phone (087)

2145262, Email: agefriendlycarlow@carlowcoco.ie

Lent Biblical Study

Every Friday after 10:00am Mass in the Parish Centre.

You are welcome to attend.

Day Of Healing

At the Emmanuel house of Province, Clonfert, Ballinasloe on Saturday 2nd of March.

Speaker: Eddie Stones, Fr. Michael Kennedy

Bus : Baltinglass, Tullow, Carlow, Stradbally

Contact: 085 1010861 or 0876266143

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

€6,500

Sunday 18th February 2024

No Jackpot Winner

9-25-26-27

3 Match 3 Winner's share €500.