

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 10th March 2024.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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Newsletter

Here and Now



## Today, Here...

### NOW!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. The words we will hear in this Sunday's Gospel can and should bring us joy. This is the reason that motivates God to reach out to us, to pull us out of our "swamp", to heal us again and again, to draw us to Himself. Love, unconditional, undeserved, patient, faithful... But there is also the other side of the coin. "People have loved the darkness more than the light". What a terrible choice! Yet it is so often the one we make, turning away from a loving Creator by choosing what is "ours", something that can only temporarily satisfy the hunger that plagues our hearts. Yet there is hope, for as long as we are alive we can change everything. But we have to start now, in this moment! Let us choose a God who wants to give us true life, who wants to teach us to love as He loves. Let us not put off this decision until later! Let us live **HERE and NOW!** with the God who **IS** with us, Let us chose Him!!! May His Light penetrate us to the core so that we can live with Him forever. **NOW is the time** to decide! So what am I going to do?

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## **Mother's day**

On the occasion of Mother's Day, we would like to wish all mothers all the best. May the Lord bless all of you and may your children bring you nothing but joy!!!

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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 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

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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

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## Parish Lenten Retreat Day

Organised by the Parish Pastoral Council

Cathedral Parish Centre, Saturday 23rd March 11am to 4pm

Guided by Sr. Carmel McEvoy, Teach Bhríde, Tullow and Fr. Martin Smith SETU.

All are invited to this gentle day of reflection and prayer.

You are requested to book your place before Thursday 21st March.

Booking is essential to plan catering for the day.

**We remember in our prayer**

♦ **Clare Carroll,**  
9 Braganza, Carlow Town

♦ **John (Jack) Sheehan**  
32 Avondale Drive, Hanover, Carlow Town

**May Clare and Jack rest in peace**

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

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**Mass of St Brigid Open Workshop**

An open workshop with composer Liam Lawton will take place :  
Thursday 14th March 2024, Cathedral of the Assumption,  
Carlow @ 8.00 p.m.

Come and learn a new Mass setting suitable for all choirs.  
Admission is Free.

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**Carlow Union of Parishes Living Faith Series -**

‘Songs of Prayer, Faith and Praise’. St. Mary’s Church, Carlow  
Friday 15th March 7.30pm with Carlow Community Choir  
directed by Mary Amond O’Brien with special guests enCÓRe.  
Admission is free, donations welcome.

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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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**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

Where: Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow

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**Mental Health Peer-Support:**

Cycle Against Suicide is offering the opportunity to avail of online  
training in Mental Health Peer-Support.

Course: Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer  
Support (Buddy) Training

[www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/)  
Delivery: Online via Zoom

Time: 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Option 1: March: Tues 12th, Thurs 14th & Tues 19th, Thurs 21st

Option 2: April: Mon 8th, Wed 10th & Mon 15th, Wed 17th

Option 3: May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd

To Register: [training@cycleagainsuicide.com](mailto:training@cycleagainsuicide.com)

or online at [www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainsuicide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/)

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**Special Kildare Pilgrimage to Fatima**

**Pilgrimage 9th-14th August EX Dublin.**

Mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit  
visionaries’ homes, Hungarian Stations of the Cross.  
Lisbon with church of Saint Anthony where he was born and  
baptised, seaside excursion.

Payments can be made by instalments.

Contact James Treacy 061921470 or  
email [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com)

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1371.94

Development € 1560.66

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

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**Chrism Mass:**

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the  
Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the  
Assumption in Carlow on Monday, 25 March at 7:30pm. At  
this diocesan Mass, the holy oils are blessed and consecrated  
for use in parishes in the coming year and the priests of the  
diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will  
lead us in singing, for the first time, the newly composed  
Mass of St Brigid by Fr Liam Lawton.

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**Carlow Easter Camp**

26th - 28th March, 9:30am - 1:30pm, in Askea Boys' School.  
Activities include Arts & Crafts, Sport, LEGO, Baking, Easter  
Games and Egg Hunt. Open to students in all primary schools.  
€40 per child with family discounts available. Contact Fran on  
083 3037086 or [carloweastercamp@gmail.com](mailto:carloweastercamp@gmail.com) for more de-  
tails.

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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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**Féile na Beatha, Carlow’s Spring Festival of Living**

March 19th 2024

The Féile will include:

The Annual Famine Walk from SETU, Kilkenny Rd, to the Famine  
Graveyard on Green Road at 12pm. Learn about the local  
Workhouse, the impact of An Gorta Mór on the Carlow region  
and the continuing relevance of the Great Hunger for our world  
today, through spoken word and music. All welcome  
From Hurt to Healing to Solidarity. A Gathering to reflect on An  
Gorta Mór, causes of hunger today and the importance of  
global solidarity.

Talk by Dr Iain Atack and music by our very own  
Eric de Buitléir. 7pm – 9pm. Haughton Building, SETU,  
Kilkenny Rd. All welcome

More information from Fr Martin at 059 917 5612  
or [martin.smith@setu.ie](mailto:martin.smith@setu.ie)

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**Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto**

**Next Jackpot**

**€7,500**

**Sunday 3rd March 2024**

**No Jackpot Winner**

**12-14-18-26**

**3 Match 3 Winner’s share €500.**