



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 3rd March 2024.

Third Sunday of Lent

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Newsletter

Embracing Transformation in Lent

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are reminded of the transformative power of repentance and renewal. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus overturns the tables in the Temple, signalling a radical shift and calling for a renewed focus on true worship.

In our own lives, Lent provides an opportunity for us to examine the tables we may need to overturn; the habits, attitudes, and distractions that hinder our relationship with God. Just as Jesus cleansed the Temple, we are called to cleanse our hearts and minds, making room for God's presence to dwell within us.

Let us use this Lenten season to embrace transformation, allowing God to purify and renew us from within. May we approach this time with openness and humility, trusting in God's grace to guide us on the path of repentance and spiritual growth.

As we reflect on the Gospel message of this Sunday, may we be inspired to turn away from that which separates us from God and to embrace wholeheartedly the invitation to conversion and renewal.

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

Director of Parish Development

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese is inviting applications for the full-time position of Director of Parish Development. A job description and information on how to apply can be found on www.kandle.ie. Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024. This is a very important appointment for our diocese, and we ask your prayers that our search to fill this position will be successful.



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, 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

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

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

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED!

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH 3PM-5PM - Askea Church Car Park

Collection trolley will be placed in the parish over the weekend Help us to gather much-needed essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies around the country – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop!

Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Every donation you make will go directly to a family in need.

ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED (NEW ITEMS ONLY):

Nappies – size 1 to 6, Baby Wipes, Nappy Sacks
Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby Sponges,
Baby Cotton Wool

Packs of babygros and vests (newborn to 6 months)

Packs of baby hooded towels, baby blankets, packs of baby bibs, baby bottles

Hospital bag items - dark towels, maternity nightdresses, slippers, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, new packs of dark underwear

Unopened Gift Items for Mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, body wash, fluffy socks/slippers, etc. (no candles or glass items please)

Financial donations also accepted on the day.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1065.95

Development € 1410.52

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Evangelium Ireland Conference for Young Catholics

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Saturday, 16 March. Talks & workshops include:

The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments and evening social to view the full programme and to register visit www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn and pray with other young Catholics!

Tai Chi for health and vitality

Carlow Active Retirement Group.

At the Parish Centre – Wednesdays at 11am-1pm.

Come along and enjoy.

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge '24

Seachtain na Gaeilge will be marked in Carlow during the month of March with a bumper festival programme to enjoy.

The feast of Irish and bilingual events will run over two weeks and welcomes all participation regardless of one's command of the language. Bí Páirteach!

Programme from Glór Cheatharlach 087 2857048 on <https://www.facebook.com/glor.cheatharlach> or brochure from the Library and Carlow Tourism.

EASTER BINGO

AT THE YOUTH CENTRE , GREEN LANE.

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH AT 3PM

€6,000 IN PRIZE MONEY

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

€7,000

Sunday 25th February 2024

No Jackpot Winner

1-13-14-24

2 Match 3 Winner's share €500.