



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 24th March 2024.

## Palm Sunday

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### Finding Hope Amidst Uncertainty

As we approach Palm Sunday, a day commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, it's a fitting time to reflect on the significance of this event and its relevance to our lives today. Amid uncertainty and turmoil, Palm Sunday offers a message of hope and renewal. Just as the crowds welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and palm branches, we too are called to welcome hope into our lives. In a world filled with division and despair, it can be easy to lose sight of the goodness that surrounds us. As we celebrate the Paschal mysteries over the coming week, we are reminded that in the midst of darkness, light is to be found. Palm Sunday also serves as a reminder of the fleeting nature of earthly triumph. The same crowds that hailed Jesus as their king would soon turn against him, leading to his crucifixion. In a world that often values power and success above all else, Palm Sunday challenges us to re-evaluate our priorities and recognize the true source of lasting fulfilment.



As we reflect on the events of Palm Sunday, let us also consider the ways in which we can emulate Jesus' example of humility and compassion. In a society that often celebrates arrogance and self-interest, Palm Sunday reminds us of the importance of serving others and living lives of selflessness. In the days leading up to Easter, may we take time to reflect on the message of Palm Sunday and allow it to guide us in our journey of faith. May we open our hearts to the hope that is offered to us, and may we strive to live lives that reflect the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. As we enter into Holy Week, may we remember the significance of Palm Sunday and allow its message to inspire us to live with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

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## Holy Week at the Cathedral

Monday to Wednesday, Masses 7.30am and 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation each morning after the 10am Mass

Stations of the Cross — Monday after 10am Mass

Chrism Mass — Monday 7.30pm

Penitential Service— Tuesday 7.30pm

### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Private Adoration until 11pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Celebration of the Passion at 3pm

Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

*Christian Churches gathering for prayer around the Cross .*

*Parishes will walk from their own church to the Cathedral .*

Stations of the Cross led by Bishop Denis at 10pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of Food at 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11am to 1pm

Easter Vigil at 9.30pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

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

**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. 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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**Easter collection**

The Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses at Easter. Envelopes for this Collection are in your envelope boxes and are also available at the doors of the Cathedral. Bishop Denis, Frs' Tom, Yanbo, and Theo appreciate all your support and kindness.  
Thank you.

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**Cemetery Clean Up**

All are welcome for a clean-up of St Mary's Cemetery on March 30th 2:00pm - 4:30 pm, cleaning tools will be supplied.

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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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**Carlow Flower Club**

Flower Club for March will be a treat with a demonstration from entertaining and renowned horticulturalist and flower arranger Malcolm Kitt from Cobh. The competition for all categories on the night will be "An Easter Basket". Demonstration will take place in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel on Tuesday, 26th March, at 8.00pm Non-members fee €10.

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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)

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**Remembering the Christians in Gaza**

Bishop Denis is encouraging the taking up of a collection on Good Friday in support of the efforts of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre to provide assistance and aid to the many Christians who are affected by the conflict in Gaza. People will have an opportunity to contribute to this collection as they leave the Cathedral on Good Friday afternoon.

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1098.91

Development € 1439.66

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

We Welcome

**Riley-James Bernard Browne**

who was baptized into the Christian Community in Carlow Cathedral last Sunday

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

All are welcome to join the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration in the Cathedral on April 7th. Bishop Denis will celebrate Mass at 3p.m. . Confessions will be heard before Mass from 2p.m.

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**National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock:**

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday, 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

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**Celtic Brothers**

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the "Celtic Brothers" in St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly, on 28th April 2024 @ 7.00p.m. (doors open @ 5.30 p.m.). Tickets are €25.00 and are available online or at Brennan's Centra, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office, and members of the committee.

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**Infinite Tai Chi & Chi Kung**

For beginners & Improvers of all ages  
Thursday, 4th April 2024, 7:30pm-9pm for 6 weeks  
Carlow Parish Centre

For more info or to book contact: [btaichikung@gmail.com](mailto:btaichikung@gmail.com),  
website: [taichiandwellnessacademy.com](http://taichiandwellnessacademy.com)

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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Next Jackpot**

**€8,500**

**Sunday 17th March 2024**

**No Jackpot Winner**

**4-15-16-21**

**4 Match 3 Winner's share €500.**