

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 14th April 2024.

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

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### Embracing the Resurrected Presence

As we journey through the Easter season, we're invited to reflect on the profound encounter of the disciples with the resurrected Jesus, as recounted in Luke 24:35-48.

Imagine the scene: the disciples, still reeling from the events of the road to Emmaus, are gathered together, sharing their experiences when suddenly Jesus stands among them. His first words, "Peace be with you," echo through the room, instantly calming their fears. Yet, disbelief lingers. They mistake him for a ghost, unable to comprehend the reality before them.

In response, Jesus gently reassures them, inviting them to touch his hands and feet, to see and feel the tangible evidence of his resurrection. Their joy, though immense, is tinged with disbelief. So Jesus, in his humanity, asks for food, eating before them to demonstrate his physical presence.

But this encounter is more than just a reassurance of Jesus' bodily resurrection; it's a revelation of the fulfilment of prophecy and the continuity of God's plan. Jesus, the fulfilment of Scripture, opens their minds to understand the depths of what has transpired. He connects the dots between his suffering, death, and resurrection, and the promises foretold in the Law, Prophets, and Psalms.

In this reflection, we're called to embrace the resurrected presence of Jesus in our lives. Just as the disciples experienced moments of doubt and disbelief, we too may struggle to fully comprehend the reality of Christ's resurrection. Yet, in our doubts, Jesus invites us to draw near, to touch and see, to encounter his presence in the ordinary moments of life. As witnesses to the resurrection, we're called to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Our lives are a testament to the transformative power of Christ's resurrection, inviting others to encounter the living God in their midst.

This Easter season, may we embrace the resurrected presence of Jesus, allowing his peace to calm our fears, his word to open our minds, and his love to compel us to bear witness to the reality of his resurrection in our world today.



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### Prayer and Mass in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

**The Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice**

The JCFJ Annual Lecture “Enabling Death? Euthanasia from a disability perspective” takes place on 25th April 2024 in Gardiner Street Church, Dublin at 7pm.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite, please contact info@jcfj.ie for details

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**Burren Outdoor Retreat**

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora, and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. This retreat takes place Saturday, 4th May 2024 to Monday 6th May 2024.

Information: Mary 087 970 1130.

Booking: Noirin 087 447 911

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**Solas Bhríde Conference**

Following on from our very successful conference in 2023, we are delighted to announce that on April 20th the Solas Bhríde 2024 conference takes place. This year the keynote speaker is Dr. Edel Bhreathnach and the title of her talk is “Why did St. Brigid choose Kildare, the power of a religious landscape”. In the afternoon we are celebrating St. Brigid in Music, Song and Dance. There are options to attend the full day or either morning or afternoon sessions, booking through the Solas Bhríde website www.solasbhríde.ie or by emailing or phoning the centre directly 045 522890 info@solasbhríde.ie

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**A Day for Choirs, Musicians & Cantors**

A Day for Choirs, Musicians and Cantors at the Dominican College Newbridge, Saturday, 16th April 2024, 10.00am to 7.00pm.

The day is presented by a Dominican Friar from Ireland and Poland, an Australian soprano and liturgical music expert. Content: New liturgical music from Poland, good liturgical practice, filling gaps in your repertoire, launch of a new hymnal, record music for Irish Dominicans 800 years in Ireland.

Cost is €32.00 including a three-course lunch.

Book: DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com

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**Invitation to Meditation**

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow.

After a short reflection on an aspect of meditation, Marian Gaynor's singing bowls lead us into silence. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

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**Celtic Brothers**

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the “Celtic Brothers” in St. Patrick’s Church, Rathvilly, on the 28th April 2024 @ 7.00p.m. (doors open @ 5.30p.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.

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1701.38

Development € 1603.70

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

**We Welcome**

◇ **Ayesha Rose Rana**

◇ **Zoe-Annie Dooley**

◇ **Maggie Elizabeth O’Loughlin**

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

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**March For Life Ireland 2024**

Shining A Spotlight On Ireland’s Abortion Law And Calling For Positive Supports For Mothers  
Our Next March: Save The Date  
Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm,  
Marching In Dublin From St. Stephen’s Green To Leinster House.

Join Us In Advocating For Change, Unity, And Empowerment For Mothers And Their Babies.  
Be A Part Of Something Bigger  
– Let’s Make A Difference Together.

Takes place at 2pm on Monday, 6th May in Dublin, marching from St Stephen’s Green to Leinster House

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**Mass in Portuguese**

The Brazilian Catholic Community in Laois invites you and your family to join them for a Mass in Portuguese on Saturday ,20th April 2024 in St. Peter & St. Paul’s Church, Portlaoise at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.

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**Carlow College of Music Concert**

Enjoy an hour of lovely music on Sunday ,21 April for our Festival Prize Winners' Concert in St. Mary's Church, Castle Hill at 4.00pm with special guests 'No Strings Attached'. Tickets €10 and children go free are available from CCM or on the door.

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**Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto**

**Next Jackpot**

**Sunday 14th April 2024**

**€10,000**

**No Jackpot Winner**

**9-19-21-29**

**7 Match 3 Winners share €500.**