

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 12th January 2025.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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By 4pm Wednesday

You Are My Beloved:

A Call to Live Our Baptism

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
this Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a moment of revelation and affirmation in Jesus' life. The Gospel of Luke presents a scene filled with profound meaning: the people are in a state of expectancy, and John the Baptist humbly points them towards the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.



Jesus, though sinless, comes forward to be baptized, entering fully into the human experience and showing solidarity with those he came to save.

In this moment of humility and obedience, heaven opens, and the Holy Spirit descends upon him like a dove. The voice of the Father proclaims, *"You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."*

This event reminds us of our own baptism, the moment we were claimed as beloved children of God. Just as Jesus began his public ministry with the Father's affirmation, we are also called to live out our baptismal promises in faith, hope, and love.

Let this Gospel inspire us to reflect on how we are living out our identity as God's children. Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us? Are we listening for the Father's voice affirming our worth and mission?

As we begin this new year, may we renew our commitment to follow Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the knowledge that we, too, are beloved by God.

Masses in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am Mass and 6.15pm Vigil

Two Hearts Mass at 8pm on First Friday of every Month

Invitation to Meditation:

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

Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing.

All are welcome - no experience needed.

No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

Dana’s Cross & Cloak Concert – Abbeyleix Co Laois

Dana’s Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sunday, 2nd February 2025, in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24 (featuring local artists). Ticket €25.00 (Book on Eventbrite.ie).

For more information, contact Antoinette- 086 0803047.

St. Brigid’s Camino Walk – Monasterevin Parish

St. Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townsland of Umeras, just outside Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

To commemorate St. Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St. Brigid’s Shrine at Mountrice (W34 X529) at 11am on Monday, 3rd February 2025 (walk is approximately 6km/car parking provided at Mountrice Cross).

The walk will be led by the Bishop and will journey via Umeras, then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Saints Peter & Paul Church Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

A bus will leave the Parish Church, Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice and return at 2pm.

For those who wish to avail of this service, pay on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport.

St. Brigid’s Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day.

For more information, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office – 045 525346.

Diocesan Pilgrimage for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Coinciding with the Jubilee for Teenagers, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is travelling for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis 25th - 29th April.

This pilgrimage includes a day trip to Assisi, trips to the pilgrims’ sites of Rome and of course the Mass on Sunday in St. Peter’s Square when Blessed Carlo will be declared the first 'Millennial Saint.' Bishop Denis will join us for the pilgrimage as well as Fr. David Vard. Places are limited and can be booked through Marian Pilgrimages or forms, and itinerary can be collected in Portlaoise Parish Centre.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,277.75

Development € 1,171.01

Thank you for your generosity

Cathedral Parish Boxes of Envelope 2025

Many thanks for your support of the Cathedral Parish. The 2025 Boxes of Envelopes are available in the Cathedral and in the Parish Centre.

Your continued support of the Parish is appreciate. You are requested to write your name and address on the first few envelopes you use. If you donate more than €250 in any year the Parish can claim back the tax from revenue on this amount.

For further information on participating in the tax back scheme, please contact the Parish Office.

Carlow Active Retired

Members meeting on Wed, 15th Jan @ 2.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre

The Cathedral of the Assumption Calendars available in the Parish Centre and the Cathedral

Rainbows Ireland

Supporting Children with Bereavement and Parental Separation

Rainbows offers 9 week group support listening for young people aged 7 -16.

Bereavement and Separation sessions are separate and age appropriate

Rainbows is not counselling or professional therapy Carlow Rainbows invite enquiries for Spring 2025

Starting on February 10

For further local information contact

Anne: 087 6636 499

or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com

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