

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 26th January 2025.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## Newsletter

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By 4pm Wednesday

## Sunday of the Word of God

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

Jesus, you have the message of eternal life,

you are the Word of God; speak for we listen!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life!

The document of the Second Vatican Council on Divine revelation is entitled Dei Verbum, translates, "Word of God". This document talks about the two Testaments of the bible, the old and the new. The scriptures are the revelation of God's love, St. John sums everything up, God is love! Dei Verbum teaches that the New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is made manifest in the New. The Word of God is a treasure with which we have been gifted and entrusted. The treasure, God's unconditional and eternal love for all, the God who sees goodness in all. Pope Francis suggests that each of us need to examine our own lives and look at how much room we make for the Word of God in our lives. With all that we read and consume, do we make space for the Bible? Do we have a Gospel nearby, "in our pockets and purses, on our telephones?" he asked. "If Christ is dearer to me than anything else, how can I leave Him at home and not bring His Word with me?"

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## St. Brigid's Day

St. Brigid is the primary Patron of our Diocese,

her feast day is on Saturday next 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 10am.

We pray St. Brigid's Blessing on our lives and our homes.

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.

Bless every fireside, every wall and door.

Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.

Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.

Bless every foot that walks portals through.

May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

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## Feast of the Presentation

Sunday next is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Feast takes precedence over the Sunday.

Candles for use in the Cathedral and use in homes will be blessed at all our weekend Masses.

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## Feast of St. Blaise.

Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Feast of St. Blaise.

Throats will be blessed at our 10am Mass.

Monday is a Bank Holiday, no 7.30am Mass.

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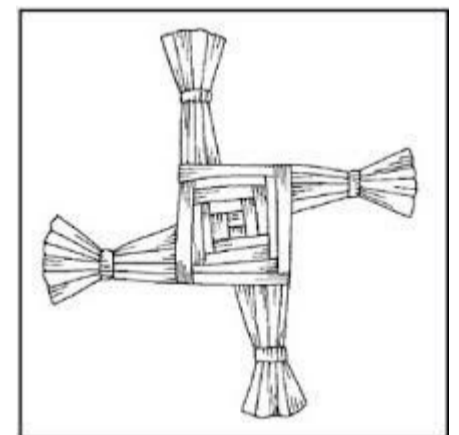
## Masses in the Cathedral

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am Mass and 6.15pm Vigil

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### St Brigid and Europe

Kildare man and Naas parishioner, Liam Kenny, has researched a presentation "St Brigid and Europe – the diocesan Patron at the heart of the Europe Dream". The result is an illustrated presentation and informative commentary which is scheduled for the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow R93 XV10, on Thursday, 13th February, at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome.

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### Men's Rosary Carlow.

Calling all men to join us for the Men's Rosary of reparation and Conversion of Ireland and to pray for World Peace on this first Saturday 1st February at 1.30 p.m. at the Liberty Tree, Carlow. In unison with 24 venues throughout Ireland and the World.

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### Important Synod Update – two strands of current work:

The Final Document of the Universal Synod can be viewed on [www.kandle.ie/synod](http://www.kandle.ie/synod). This document is now part of the ordinary Magisterium (teaching) of the Church and Pope Francis has asked members of the Church across the world to accept and implement its findings. The Diocesan Pastoral Council and Council of Priests will study and reflect on this document and they invite parishioners, especially members of parish pastoral councils, to take up and begin to reflect and act upon this document also.

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### 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.

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### St. Brigid's Camino Walk – Monasterevin Parish

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 12.30 pm.

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

### Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,456.49

Development € 1,811.48

*Thank you for your generosity*

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### Free Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders

Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home? Are you considering becoming a Childminder and wondering what steps to take next? If so, would you like to attend a FREE

Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders, taking place on Wednesday, 12th and 19th February, from 6.30pm-10pm, at Enterprise House, Carlow. This training has been organised by Carlow County Childcare Committee. Spaces are limited. Booking is essential.

Please contact Eilish/Jean on 059 9140244 or email [info@carlowccc.ie](mailto:info@carlowccc.ie) for further information or to book your place.

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### Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2025 (Carlow)

25th June-2nd July

Spiritual Director Fr Tommy Dillon ,Fr.Yanbo Chen, €805, 10th -17th Sept, €815 Fr. Theodore.

To avail of Discount €200 deposit before Jan 31st.

Enquires to Noeleen 0862415986.

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### 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 a 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](mailto:carlowrainbows@gmail.com)

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### **Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

#### **Next Jackpot**

**Sunday 26th January 2025**

**€20,000**

**No Jackpot winner**

**2-16-23-30**

**3 Match 3 Winners share €500**