

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 23rd February 2025.

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Newsletter

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By 4pm Wednesday



Is Jesus really for real?

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly, turn the other cheek, give to all who ask”. “Be compassionate, do not judge, do not condemn, pardon!”

Yes, Jesus is for real, this is the reality he lived, the daily taking up of the cross, the reality of incarnation and living among us, living in a fractured and broken world. The reality that is ours today, the reality that Jesus desires his disciples engage and live, assuring us that the amount we measure out is the amount we will receive back.

Love and do good. Be compassionate!

Jesus embraced reality,

Jesus is really for real.

Jesus understands our reality!

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

JUBILEE OF DEACONS 22nd – 23rd February 2025

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: ‘Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope’, reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

The Second Vatican Council restored the diaconate as a permanent order and is open to both married and single men. Ordained to be Ministers of the Gospel, deacons are called to evangelise, to spread the good news of God’s saving love, to introduce the entire world to Christ, the Word of God.

Through baptism, all the faithful are called to be evangelists. All are anointed with Christ’s Spirit of true servanthood, supremely witnessed by Christ, the original and true deacon.

Commissioned by the Father, the Son of God humbled himself, becoming the greatest through the self-emptying gift of himself in service to the people beloved by God.

By virtue of their ordination, Pope Benedict wrote, deacons are called to give expression to the mystery of Christ’s loving gift of himself to the Father for the sake of the world.

The Church’s deepest nature, reflected in the integrated, threefold exercise of Word, Sacrament, and Charity.

Cardinal Walter Kasper has pointed out that one challenge for the Church after Vatican II has been to emphasise once again that the deacon is the bishop’s right-hand man, with a distinct ministry. Such a ministry is primarily directed toward diocesan-wide ministry and groups or special needs within a deanery or parish. His task is to animate the mission of the diocese in collaboration with the bishop.

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, we give thanks for the Diaconate Ministry in the Church, in our Diocese and in our Parish.

We pray for all who are preparing for this ministry and those engaged in their formation. Lord, continue to bless your people!

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

We remember in our prayer

***Teresa Hughes, Dolmen Gardens, formerly Monacurragh.
Nikki (Nicole) Coakley, 156 JKL Avenue
May Teresa and Nikki rest in peace
May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted***

Samaritans Information Night

Ever wondered about volunteering with the Samaritans, or exactly what is expected of a listening volunteer? Then why not come along to Lamberts Coffee House in Dublin Street on Wednesday, 26th February, between 6 and 8pm and meet some existing volunteers to find out what we do in Carlow to contribute to answering the 1500 calls for help received every day. We are actively looking for people who wish to help others and have 3 hours to spare per week, full training will be provided.

Lenten Biblical Studies Group

As we approach the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join our Parish Biblical Studies Group to explore the historical, cultural, and linguistic nuances of the Sunday readings of Lent. This Group is led by Dr Amelia Fleming, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Carlow College, St Patrick's. We welcome parishioners of all levels of familiarity with scripture—whether you're a newcomer to biblical studies, or someone seeking a deeper dive into the Word of God. Commencing on Friday 7th March, we will gather every Friday morning during Lent after 10 am Mass in the Parish Centre. Each informal session will last approximately 90 minutes, offering ample time for reflection and discussion. Amelia also welcomes any queries at afleming@carlowcollege.ie.

Office Administrator

Would you like to work with a nationwide organisation supporting Marriage and the Family?

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is an agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It provides Sacramental Marriage Preparation Courses, Couples and Relationship Counselling. We are seeking to employ an Office Administrator (30 hours per week) for our Carlow Centre. The role involves dealing with enquiries and administrative work. The successful candidate will have: Excellent interpersonal and communication skills and organisational skills. Ability to work on own initiative and be self-motivated. Ability to carry out tasks and duties as required by central office and the local centre executive committee. Computer and IT Skills. An understanding of the importance of confidentiality, empathy and respect for all clients. Please email C.V (including references) together with a covering letter to Susan Shorten, Regional Director, sshorten@accord.ie . Closing Date for applications is Thursday, 27th February 2025

24 Hours for the Lord in the Diocese

The Cathedral, Newbridge and Portlaoise parishes are kindly hosting 24 Hours for the Lord on Friday, March 28 – Saturday 29 March. More details to follow.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1415.06

Development € 2045.44

Thank you for your generosity

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March 2025

Restore, Renew, Rekindle.

Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend,

Friday, 28th- 30th March 2025. Venue: Knock,

Co Mayo www.marriageencounter.ie

Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club will be holding a Teaching Demonstration by Margaret Collins (AOIFA Demonstrator and Teacher) on Tuesday February 25th in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel at 8.00pm. Margaret will be doing three arrangements which she will do step by step for the audience. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, and Margaret is a gifted teacher. Non members welcome to attend, Fee for non-members €10. Competition on the night for all classes “An Asymmetrical Triangle to Include a figurine”

Grants available to Childminders

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available to registered and unregistered Childminders caring for children in the Childminder’s home, including those planning to open a childminding business in 2025.

For further information or to receive an application form, please contact Eilish/Jean at Carlow CCC on 059 9140244 or email eilish@carlowccc.ie.

Grant applications close on Friday, 4th April.

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 23rd February 2025

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

5-8-14-25

3 Match 3 Winners share €500

****** Monster Bingo ******

Sunday 2nd March 3pm