

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 20th April 2025. **EASTER SUNDAY** Parish Facebook.... Carlow cathedral parish Parish Twitter @carlowcathedral

Easter belongs to Christ!

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Pope Francis tells us that Easter does not take place by our initiative and is not linked to any one calendar, (one date). "Easter occurred because God 'so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life'." Pope Francis encourages us; "Let us not forget the primacy of God, God has taken the first step." We must be careful not to close ourselves with

our own limited understandings, ideas, calendars, or "our Easter." Pope Francis proclaims that "Easter belongs to Christ!". "Moreover, it is good for us to ask for the grace to be ever more His disciples, allowing Him to be the one to show us the way we should follow." The Pope encourages Christians to reflect, plan, and walk together, so that they may bear witness to Christ and that the world may believe. "Let us also turn, today, to the Prince of Peace in order to pray that He give us His peace."

During this wonderful Easter season, let us deeply pray and tirelessly work to end the horrible sufferings of our dear brothers and sisters near and far. Let us pull out the nails that bind them to their crosses. Let us soothe their wounds, feed their hunger and embrace them with God-like love. Then with Gospel integrity we will be able to joyfully proclaim with St. Augustine of Hippo, "We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song!"

Easter Wishes

We wish all our Parishioners and all who worship at the Cathedral every blessing at this most sacred time. Thank you for all your support of the Cathedral, the

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By 4pm Wednesday

Parish and our programmes of catechises and formation. We thank all who minister at the Cathedral, all who are on Parish Committees, those who work with us on schemes and all who volunteer in the Parish. We thank all who work at the

Cathedral, the Parish Centre and the Youth Centre.

Fr Tom, Fr. Yanbo, Fr. Theo, Deacon David

EASTER WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mass in Cathedral: Monday to Saturday 10am

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 26th/27th

Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

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



We remember in our prayer

Paul WHITE

May Paul rest in peace

May Paul's family and all who mourn be comforted

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Easter Collection

The annual Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and the Priests will be taken up on this weekend. Envelopes for this collection in your Parish Envelope Box and are also available at the entrances to the Cathedral. Your generous support is very much appreciate.

Trocaire Boxes

Thank you for supporting Trocaire through your Lenten Fast. You may return your Trocaire Box or Envelope at any liturgy in the Cathedral. You may also return your Box or Envelope to the Parish Centre or send your contribution directly to Trocaire.

info@trocaire.org

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE, DUBLIN (Meeting Point: St. Stephens Green), 5th May 2025

To draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! Book Your Bus Seat travelling from CARLOW today! CONTACT Helena @ 087 2981506 Buses are running from: Dungarvan | Waterford | Roscommon | Westmeath | Offaly | Cork Donegal | Kilkenny | Carlow | Belfast | Cavan | Meath | Galway

For more info see www.marchforlife.ie

Divine Mercy Sunday.

Sunday next 27th April is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at all our Masses next weekend. "O Jesus, Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself upon us."

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus

Every Tuesday evening in Carlow Cathedral (back entrance) 7pm to 8pm during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Honouring Carlow-trained St Willibrord

Consider travelling to Luxembourg for the Annual Hopping Procession, in honour of Carlow trained St Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands, from Sunday, June 8th, to Wednesday, June 11th 2025. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,423.65 Development € 1,939.99 Your generosity is most appreciated

Do you think that God may be calling you to the priesthood?

Would you like to meet with others who are exploring a call? Would you like to discover how to discover God's will for your life? Then the Samuel Circle is for you! The Circle is a group of guys who meet regularly to try and discern God's plan for them in life. If you are interested contact Fr. Ruairi ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

Carlow Flower Club

Our April flower night will be a demonstration entitled "Here Comes Summer" by AOIFA Teacher and Judge Maeve Duke. Looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on

Tuesday April 29th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant sale on the night, and the competition for all classes is "A Tapestry". Deposit €10 for those travelling on our outing on May

13th will be collected on the night. Visitors welcome €10

Carlow Older Persons Council

Free Information Morning for the over 55's, Monday's 10a.m – 12noon. Information and advice on Social Welfare, Home Energy upgrades and funding, form filling etc. Private and confidential service. No appointment needed. The Old School House, Barrack Street, Carlow, R93 YW10 Phone: 089 260 6828 or email theoldschoolhouse25@gmail.com ******

Feast of St. Lazerian, Molaise Day

The Feast of St Lazerian, Molaise Day, Ecumenical Prayer Service and Procession, takes place in Old Leighlin on Thursday 24th April at 7pm.

The service begins at St Lazerian's Cathedral, Old Leighlin, where the homily will be given by Bishop Denis. After the service in the Cathedral there is the procession to St Lazerian's Holy

Well for the concluding part of the service where Bishop Adrian Wilkinson of the Church of Ireland will speak. There are refreshments for all afterwards in the Old Leighlin Community Centre. Everyone is very welcome to come and

celebrate one of the significant patron saints of our diocese.

Bóthar Easter Fundraising Campaign

The 2025 Easter Fundraising Campaign for Bóthar supports education for trafficked girls in Tanzania. Make this year a Spring of Hope at www.bothar.ie. Email: info@bothar.ie Tel: +35361414142

Carlow Library for the International Pan Celtic Festival

22nd to 26th April, The Barrow Valley Art Group are having an exhibition in Carlow Library daily from 11am, all welcome! There will be family storytelling in Carlow Library on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th & Saturday 26th at 11am, all welcome!

Join the Carlow Storytellers for a special evening of stories, recitations, yarns, poems and songs with a Celtic twist on Thursday 24th April at 7pm, all welcome! There will be a Creativity for Wellbeing Connect Café with Mental Health Ireland at Carlow Library on Thursday 1st May at 11am, Email library@carlowcoco.ie or phone 059 9129705 to book!



10 Match 3 Winners share €500