



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 6th April 2025.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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By 4pm Wednesday

Laying Down Our Stones: Embracing Divine Mercy

Today's Gospel shows us a powerful moment of mercy. A woman is brought before Jesus, accused of adultery. The scribes and Pharisees want to trap Jesus with a difficult question: should she be punished according to the Law of Moses? Instead of responding immediately, Jesus bends down and writes on the ground. Then he says something that silences them all: *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone."*

One by one, they walk away. Why? Because deep down, each person knows their own need for forgiveness.

Jesus doesn't excuse the sin, but he offers mercy. He says to the woman, *"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more."*

This Gospel is not just about her—it's about us. We all fall short. We all stand in need of God's mercy. Lent is a time to be honest about our failings, not to be crushed by them, but to bring them to Jesus who does not condemn, but forgives and invites us to begin again.

Let us lay down our stones—our harsh judgments—and open our hearts to the mercy that sets us free.



Chrism Mass

You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the Diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14 April, at 7:30 pm.

Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the Diocesan Choir.

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

Stations of the Cross—Monday after the 10am Mass

Holy Hour—Friday Evening 7pm

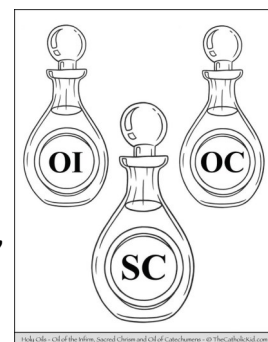
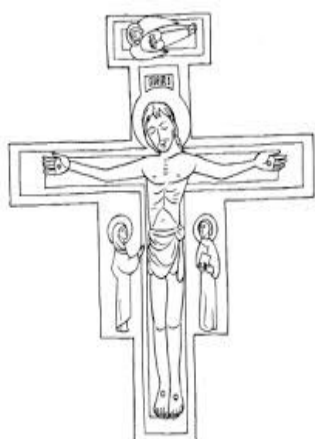
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass

Prayer Around the Cross Good Friday

This year's gathering of the Christian Churches on Good Friday will take place in St Mary Church of Ireland at 8pm .

We invite you to join us in the Cathedral at 7:30pm for prayer and for the procession carrying the cross to St Mary's.

All are welcome



24 Hours for the Lord

Thank you!

A heartfelt word of thanks to all who made this event a success last weekend. Mile buiochas!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Bunclody Parish Pastoral Centre, Tue to Sun, 8th—13th April.

For more information ring: 0872981506

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

The Carlow Stroke Support Group

Meeting next Friday, April 11th, 2.30-4pm, at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers. For further information call/text

Lynda 0857331522

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.

Carlow Town Macra Club

Macra information session on Thursday, April 10th at 8.30pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. If you are aged between 17 and 35 and would like to meet new people, learn a new skill or start a new hobby, then we would love you to join us. Contact Patrick at 087 672 2757, or Gráinne on 086 440 2233.

Carlow Active Retirement members

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, at 2.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome

Visit of the Relics of St. Pio

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information.

Honouring Carlow trained St Willibrord

Consider traveling 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.

Association of Catholics Ireland (ACI) Zoom meeting -

Irish Synodal Pathway

What should be the priorities? Join us on Thursday, April 10th, for a general meeting/conversation – so that the ACI Steering Committee 'hear you' – and you have the opportunity to contribute to our response document. Join Zoom Meeting – 10th April, 8.00pm, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540390463?pwd=3pJRR5OJlIOAvg3GJ4j3brZDvNOqyQ.1>

Meeting ID: 865 4039 0463/Passcode: 107280

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,165.28

Development € 1,658.69

Your generosity is most appreciated

Easter Collection

The annual Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and the Priests will be taken up on Easter weekend.

Fit to farm

Carlow County Council announce a new 'fit to farm' programme beginning on 23rd April for 7 weeks in St. Fiacc's Hall, Carlow Town every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm.

Fit to Farm has been created specifically for members of the farming community. To sign up contact Michael on 059 9136202 or email michaelmccarthy@carlowcoco.ie

Chess Club

If you are interested in playing chess on Monday mornings from 11-12:00 you are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre.



Evangelium Ireland Conference 2025

We invite young Catholics to our annual Apologetics Conference at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Saturday, 26 April. Talks and workshops. Mass will be celebrated. Cost: €45, including lunch, refreshments, and evening social. www.evangelium.ie

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

Giveblood.ie

Talbot Hotel, Sunday, 13th April, 12:00pm-3:30pm, Mon to Thurs, 14th -17th 3:45pm-8:00pm.

Check your eligibility and book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call on 1800 222 111

MONSTER EASTER BINGO

YOUTH CENTRE SUNDAY 6th April 3PM

€ 6,000 IN PRIZE MONEY—

PROCEEDS IN AID OF SAINT LASERIAN'S SCHOOL

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 6th April

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

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3 Match 3 Winners share €500