



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 8th June 2025.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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By 4pm Wednesday

Pentecost Waiting,

Pentecost Openness,

Pentecost Hearts!



Reflecting on Pentecost and the activity of the Holy Spirit, my attention and heart reverts to the recent Conclave. Catholics all around the world praying that the Holy Spirit would enlighten those tasked with discerning the person the Lord desired to lead God's people. Yes, wasn't the Conclave truly a testimony to the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus indicated that he would not leave us orphans, "I will send you a helpmate, I will send you the Spirit of truth, the Spirit will teach you everything!" The Holy Spirit is with us, with us in 2025, with us always!

We must open our hearts. "Let your hearts not be troubled or distressed". but open to the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit! The encouraging words of Pope Leo, addressed at the Audience on Wednesday last, speaking particularly to the young, he said;

"Respond with enthusiasm to the Lord who calls us to work in his vineyard. Do not put it off, roll up your sleeves, because the Lord is generous and will not disappoint you! Working in his vineyard, you will find an answer to that deep question within you: what is the meaning of my life? Let us not lose heart! Even in the dark moments of life, when time passes without giving us the answers we seek, let us ask the Lord to come again and reach us where we are waiting for him. He is generous and will come soon!"

Congratulations on your Confirmation

Congratulations to all our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Eighty-six young people were confirmed by Bishop Denis at two liturgies on Saturday. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire those who were confirmed, may they be witnesses to Jesus and the Good News in their lives everyday. We give thanks for parents, sponsors, families, teachers, school communities, and all involved in parish programmes, who have journeyed with these young people to this important moment in their lives. Thanks to all who prepared the Cathedral and helped make this day so special for our young people, their families and our Parish.

Mass at the Cathedral

Monday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am

Saturday: 10am Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday following the 10am Mass



Lent Synod Listening Report

From the themes that emerged in the Irish Synod Synthesis in our diocese, three themes emerged as priorities in the recent Lent Synod listening sessions. These were baptism, belonging and faith formation. To read more about what was said at the gatherings about these and other themes, you can view a report and a short video on www.kandle.ie/synod

Carlow Active Retirement

Members' meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th June, at 2.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome

Padre Pio's Glove

Coming to Fitzpatrick's House , Kilberry, Athy, Co.Kildare.

On Saturday, the 14th of June 2025, from 11am-5pm.

For any more information contact Anne on 085169189

Alzheimer Ireland

Marian and Jack Doyle would like to sincerely thank all those who attended and supported their recent—Alzheimer's Ireland Tea Day.

A total of €1865.60 was raised.

Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!"

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion, and intentional listening. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Fr Michael Conway, Professor of Faith & Culture at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. It takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025, in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4pm. Lunch is included. Booking essential by email to parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie, providing your name and parish, or by phoning 083-8305681.

The Carlow Stroke Support Group

Next Friday, June 13th, 11am - 12.30pm, at St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings are open to Stroke survivors and carers.

Guest speaker Ann Bray, Health Promotion HSE.

For information call/text Lynda 085-7331522

Date for the diary

Join Bishop Denis for a day of guest speakers, workshops and prayer on Saturday, 20th September, in the Cathedral and Carlow College. The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation is hosting this day for all those involved in liturgy in the parish – that includes members of the congregation, so you are all invited!

More details to follow next week.

Carlow ASD Foroige Youth Club

We are looking for adult volunteers to help run a specialised ASD Youth Club in Carlow

To ensure the best experience for the young people in the club, we are looking for adults who have a genuine interest in the young people in Carlow Town. The weekly commitment would be 90minutes per week. Full training provided; full Garda vetting undertaken. For more information, please contact Aidan Gleeson 0860674485, aidan.gleeson@foroige.ie

Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage

Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place

Sep 24th to Sept. 29th 2025.

Contact: Esther 087 6732848/Martin 087 2553582

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,025.91

Development € 1,977.17

Thank you for your generosity

Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage

Thurs, 19th June, 9.30 am, to Co. Kildare.

The Pilgrimage will start at the grave of Fr John Cummins in Newbridge. It will then proceed to the Cathedral and Round Tower in Kildare town for a short visit. At 12noon we will go to the Parish Church, where Fr Tom will celebrate Mass and we will have a chance to view the relic of St Brigid and have some time in quiet reflection. Fr Adrian Carbery has kindly offered us the use of the Parish Centre for our packed lunch. After lunch we will head to the Solas Bhríde Centre for a short talk about St Brigid and visit the Holy Well. On our return to Carlow (approx. 4.30) we will finish off with a visit to the grave of Sister Dolores. Fr John and Sister Dolores organised many Parish Pilgrimages over the years and it is only fitting that we acknowledge them on this, our first Pilgrimage since before Covid. More details and booking information next week.

Enquiries at Parish Centre.

Keep Hope Alive in 2025!

Saturday, 5th July, 1:30pm , Parnell Square, Dublin, Rally for Life 2025. Ireland's largest annual pro-life March.

Assemble from 1pm at Parnell Square, to march at 1:30pm.

Contact us to book a seat on a bus from your area: 018730465.

www.rallyforlife.net, info@rallyforlife.net,

018730465 (Rep of Ireland), (028) 90278484 (North of Ireland)

Columban Day Celebrations

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe', a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall', by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. There will be an evening of sacred music in the Cathedral of the Assumption at 8pm on Saturday, 12th July, featuring the Cathedral Choir, the Carlow Choral Society, Schola Cathedralis and Soloist, Eva Kavanagh.

The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption,

Carlow, on Sunday, 13th July, at 10.30am

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 8th June

€20,000

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