

# Sunday 13th July 2025

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15th Sunday In Ordinary Time
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By 4pm Wednesday

# Who Is My Neighbour?

The lawyer knew the right answer—love God and love your neighbour—but his follow-up question reveals his real struggle: "Who is my neighbour?"

How often do we ask this same question in our hearts?

When we see someone in need, do we wonder if they're really "our responsibility"?



Are they from our community, our parish, our background?

Jesus' response through the Good Samaritan parable is both challenging and beautiful. The priest and Levite—religious people who should have known better—pass by the wounded man. Perhaps they had their reasons: ritual purity, urgent appointments, or fear. But the Samaritan stops. He doesn't ask who this man is or where he's from. He simply sees someone in need and responds with thorough, costly compassion.

The Samaritan binds wounds, provides medicine, transportation, lodging, and ongoing care. This is love in action—inconvenient and complete.

When Jesus asks which man proved to be a neighbour, the lawyer can only answer: "The one who showed mercy." Jesus' final words cut to our hearts: "Go and do likewise."

Being a neighbour isn't about proximity or similarity—it's about seeing need and responding with love. In our daily lives, we encounter people wounded by loneliness, poverty, illness, or grief. The question isn't whether they deserve our help, but simply: will we stop?



# **Columbanus Weekend Celebrations**

We continue the celebration of the 26th International Columbanus Day. On Saturday evening at *8pm* enjoy an evening of sacred music in the Cathedral of the Assumption with the Cathedral Choir, the Carlow Choral Society, Schola Cathedralis and Soloist, Eva Kavanagh. The weekend will culminate with the celebration of the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption at 10.30am.

#### **Cemetery Mass**

The annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday evening at 7.30pm. Access to the Cemetery for blue badge holders before 7pm. Cars will not be permitted to move from the Cemetery until pedestrians have left the Cemetery after the Mass. Car Parking at Youth Centre, Carlow Hurling Club, Nua and

St. Lazarian's School.

May all our beloved dead rest in peace.

# Mass at the Cathedral

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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

## St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025

Friday, 4th July – Sunday, 6th July and Wed, 13th Aug – Fri, 15th Aug. Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride.

For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

#### **Come and See Day**

A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel, F12 R6Y5, Sunday, 13th July, 11.00am to 4.30pm.

Bookings only through Vocations.ie. For more information contact: carol.king@vocations.ie

#### **Carlow Day Care Centre**

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Carlow Day Care Centre extends a warm invitation to their open day on Friday, 18th of July, at their premises on Brownshill Road, R93 HK53. The event will consist of a coffee morning and sale of work from 10am to 12pm and an open afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. Staff and volunteers will be available to share details of the services available at Carlow Day Care Centre to older adults living in the Carlow area. We look forward to welcoming you.

#### **The Priory Institute**

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A Dominican Centre for Theological Studies. Online Summer School 2025. Hope – for our Pilgrim Journey
This course explores themes around the Theological virtue of Hope

Presented by Dr Mary McCaughey, 11th August – 22nd August 2025, cost €120, €100 for current students. More information and registration: prioryinstitute.com

#### Join Our Team: St. Conleth's Parish Manager

St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, is seeking a skilled and dedicated Parish Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of our Parish.

If you have excellent administrative and leadership skills, we'd love to hear from you.

Key Responsibilities:

- 1. Support the Parish Priest and Parish Community
- 2. Manage Parish Administration including Finances, Staffing and Payroll
- 3. Oversee the Maintenance of all Parish facilities
- 4. Management of the Parish Centre

Apply Now: If you are interested in this rewarding role, email: parishmanager@newbridgeparish.net for further details. We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza**

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From 12noon Saturday, 19th July to 12noon Sunday, 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza.

#### **Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,017.16 Development € 1,898.36

Thank you for your generosity

#### **Camp Pio Summer Faith Camp**

For boys and girls aged 5 -13years, takes place from Monday, 21st – Thursday, 24th July in Bloom HQ, Old Convent, Mountrath. There will be art and crafts, music and drama and team games and prayer. For more information and to book a place please contact camppio2024@gmail.com or phone Caroline 085 2430529 or Laura 087-6313370.

#### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025

Theme: Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14,2)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place in Knock on Sunday,  $27^{th}$  July 2025.

A Special offer for one Grandchild with a Grandparent or parent €40 limited to the first 10 places



#### YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK

### **Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick – 23rd August 2025**

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **Saturday, 23rd August**. Buses will depart

from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise.

This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics.

Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday, 14th August, at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto Next Jackpot Sunday 13th July

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