



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 20th July 2025.

16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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By 4pm Wednesday

St. Mary's Cemetery Mass Monday 14th July

Bishop Denis' Homily:

It's usually just a line that follows a death notice: "burial in St. Mary's".

St. Mary's Cemetery is a sacred place where we visit to commune with our loved one, tell them our bothers and our troubles and commune with God, in whose arms they now rest.

Matthew's Gospel offers the respite we need when we are bothered, preoccupied, troubled or distressed. Remember we can come to the Lord. His arms are always open.

St. Mary's Cemetery as well as being a sacred place must always be a safe place.

A safe place, a safe place, when a loved one can feel safe to visit at any time of day or night.



St. Mary's Cemetery in addition to being a sacred place, a safe place, it's also our place. It's the place where our loved ones rest. None of us have the right to intrude on another's grief with our behaviour.

We visit St. Mary's to pray, to unburden ourselves, sometimes just to be present. We don't visit to be upset by the antics of others. Every bit of this cemetery is sacred, every blade of grass, every piece of cut-stone, every morsel of clay, let none of us spoil it or soil it.

This is where our loved ones rest, our neighbours rest, our friends rest.

Some died too soon, others lived a long life, but leave behind a huge void. Some died tragically; some died in their mam's womb. Some died in a road accident, an industrial accident, a farm accident. Some died after a long illness, others barely got the few weeks. May they all rest in peace.

And may we who visit this sacred and safe place always remember that this is the only reason we visit, to pray for the dead, to remember the deceased that they may have a bed among the saints, a "leaba i measc na hAingeal". Amen.

XXVI Columbanus Day

Congratulations to all who were involved in the 10.30am Liturgy to mark the XXVI Columbanus Day on Sunday last and the Concert in the Cathedral on Saturday evening; the Cathedral Choir, Carlow Choral Society, Schola Cathedralis, the Ministers of Holy Communion, the Flower Arrangers, those who prepared the Cathedral and the Cathedral grounds, those who volunteered to show hospitality and steward, Marian Gaynor for the Concert programme and arranging the music for the liturgy, and Janet in the Sacristy. Thanks to all who were part of the planning and preparation, and those who participated at the Concert and the Liturgy.

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

We remember in our prayer

Claire McGRATH (née Black),

46 Monacurragh, Carlow Town,

Carlow / Kilnaleck, Cavan

*May her loved ones and all who mourn be
comforted*

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

An Gairdin Beo

An Gairdin Beo café and vegetable stall is open every
Wednesday from 10.30 am -12.30 pm
during the summer months of July and August.
We look forward to your visit.

Please note, there is no onsite parking.

Light The Fire – August 3rd 2025, Hill of Slane

Come and celebrate our Catholic faith on Slane - the hill
where St Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD.

This is a divine invitation to witness the Archbishop of
Armagh symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love,
first kindled by our patron saint. Eurovision's Dana will sing
her song for St Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering begins at
noon and includes mass, Eucharistic healing, praise and
worship and Rosary. More info at www.lightthefire.ie or
email info@lightthefire.ie

The Priory Institute

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.

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.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,294.65

Development € 2,549.35

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, 27th July 2025.

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

24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza

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.

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 **Friday, 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 20th July

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

13-15-24-27

2 Match 3 Winners share €500