



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 24th August 2025.

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

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By 4pm Wednesday

Message re Day of Prayer for Gaza – Sunday 24th August:

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth in a packed St Peter's Square, Pope Leo XIV said: "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" In the words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem: "Christ is not absent from Gaza.

He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering".

The images we are watching on nightly news bulletins and on social media feeds are appalling. Many ask what can we do? We can become numb in our sense of helplessness before scenes that speak of "man's inhumanity to man". We feel bewildered when we see and hear about people crushed by hunger or crushed in the stampede for airdropped food. Most upsetting of all is the horrible violence and death that children are experiencing and witnessing.

Archbishop Eamon Martin has called on parishes to set aside Sunday, 24 August, as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza. I echo his call and ask all our parishes in Kildare & Leighlin to observe this day of prayer.

We can light a candle in our family home or local parish church; attend Mass; spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people."

Denis

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026

We invite all parents and guardians who wish their child to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in the Cathedral Parish next year to email cathedralsacraments2026@gmail.com for a registration form.

We need you to register to enable us to prepare to support you in this important step of faith in the life of your child

Adoration: Monday night 7-9pm

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

Angela Hickey

*Eaton Road, Terenure, Dublin / Montgomery Street,
Carlow Town,*

Claire Carbery, (née Harvey)

37 Bullock Park, Carlow

Martha Nolan

36 Monacurragh, Carlow and The Upper East Side,
Manhattan, New York

May Angela, Claire and Martha rest in peace

May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference

Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference
(Ages 18-40) takes place on Saturday 30th August 2025, in
De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick
St., Dublin 7. Ticket Price: €20.00. Contact:
deusetpatria@gmail.com for more information.

Medjugorjie Pilgrimage (Carlow group)

Few seats remaining. 10th-17th September. 7 days sharing
€865. Spiritual Director: Fr Theo Tomasik S.V.D.
Enquiries Noeleen 0862415986.

**Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this August &
September**

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and
Reflection - places available on: August 19th, 23rd, 24th,
25th, 30th September: 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st
National Sacred Heart Crusade – a Sacred Heart Statue
blessed by Pope Francis will be present for the Day Retreats
on 23rd, 24th & 25th August.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sun, 7th September
– special devotions and blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic.
Admission €50. Group discounts available.

Advance Booking Essential

Thursday, 21st August, to mark National Heritage Week 2025

- Lough Derg offers a day to Immerse yourself in the story
and heritage of the ancient Sanctuary.

Guided Tour of Station Island and Boat Trip at 11am &
2:30pm.

Admission €15. Concessions for students, children &
families. Advance Booking Essential

Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage - In the footsteps of
pilgrims through the centuries

Sunday, 31st August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options
available. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential

Quiet Day Retreat – Come apart by yourself, and rest for
a while –

Friday, 12th September. Admission €40 includes
refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential.

CONTACT by email. info@loughderg.org / Tel. 0(0353)
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Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory € 1,044.37

Development € 1.847.85

Thank you for your generosity

**Kildare and Leighlin Liturgy Conference: It is Good for us to
be Here (Mark 9:5)**

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we
explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy
in our parishes - taking place in the Cathedral of the
Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday,
20th September. We start with registration in Carlow College
from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am
followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops,
concluding at 5pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in
the church or go to www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference for
more details. Booking will go live in the coming week.

**Eucharistic Adoration The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan
Adoration Committee**

invites you to join them with Most Reverend Bishop Denis
Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill and Guests for a day of Prayer
and Adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis
Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition - concluding
with concelebrated Holy Mass at 3pm.

Confessions available.

Location: St Anne's, Portarlinton, R32 WN59
Saturday, August 30th, from 9.30am - 4.00pm, Refreshments
and Lunch - €20.00

Booking essential - Please either text or call Barbara
0861637311

Stating name and number of companions. All welcome.

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock

Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites
people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on
Saturday, August 30, to highlight the plight of Christians who
suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world.
Mass is in the Basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info,
see www.acnireland.org

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto
Next Jackpot
Sunday 24th August

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

4-13-17-20

6 Match 3 Winner - €500