



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 12th October 2025.

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A question that we can't avoid

but must be answered.



What is our individual and Parish response to Pope Leo's recent document called "Dilexi Te" (I have loved you)?

In this document Pope Leo XIV reminds us of the value of every Individual and the gift each person brings. He also reminds us that

looking after the poor is not an option but a command from Jesus Christ. It is part of the mission of the Church, to serve the poor. You and I are members of that same Church, the question is what are we doing in response to this call to serve the poor? As with the rich young man who kept all the commands of God, Jesus demands more of his followers to go further and love more.

Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us,

"The poor you will always have with you" (Mt 26:11), also promises the disciples: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these

brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.

What is our response to the mission to the poor. What do I do in response to the call to serve the poor? What do we do as a Parish to respond to the poor, who are our gift of opportunity to serve. In the same way as we cannot point to other's misbehaviour and say, oh! look at them and judge and condemn their action, neither can we look at those in our community who are doing good works and claim the good works of individuals/Church as ours.

When we meet Christ, we will be asked individually by him, what did you do in service of the poor, did you love me? Excuses of arrogance, ignorance, bias and prejudice will not be acceptable.

His response will be, if you did it to one of these you did it to me. Now that we have time, we need to explore what we can do so our response to Christ's question will be look at my actions Dilexi Te.

(I have loved you)

Feast Day of St. Carlo Acutis , October 12th

The anniversary of his death honours his profound faith and commitment, making him a role model for young people.

Masses at the Cathedral

Monday to Friday: 7.30am

Monday, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am

Saturday: 10am Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

Sunday Masses:

8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm

Liturgy of the Word

The clergy of the Diocese have been invited to attend in-service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. There is a 7.30am Mass each morning in the Cathedral and 10am Mass on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will have a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the Cathedral at 10am

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

Runners and Walkers wanted for annual Outrun hunger 5k and 10k

You can help St Clare’s Food Kitchen Carlow ‘Outrun Hunger’ Saturday, October 18th. 10:00am—Carlow Rugby Club, Oak Park, Carlow R93 RX25 (Registration opens @ 8:00am). Book your place by logging onto:
<https://www.popuraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger-2025>
For every €2 raised, we can provide a meal to those in need in need in St. Clare’s Food Kitchen, Graiguecullen, Carlow

Bethlehem Appeal

Louis Michel, a Catholic Pilgrims’ Guide in Bethlehem, known to many Irish Pilgrims over the years, has made a direct appeal for help to sell some of the olive wood cribs that are produced in Bethlehem. The Cathedral Parish Shop has a display of these cribs that can be ordered and we will have delivery at the end of November.

The cribs will be on display in the Cathedral at Masses this weekend.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Cathedral will celebrate harvest thanksgiving at our Masses on Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 19th October. Donations of fruits and vegetables will be accepted in the Parish Centre during the week of the 13th October.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend:

Date: November 7th-9th. Venue "Focolare" Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

For info. and booking www.marriageencounter.ie

Junior Infants in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál

The following dates are applicable for admissions to Junior Infants in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Carlow for the 2026/2027 academic year. For more information and an enrolment form, visit (www.smgscarlow.ie), email (smgscarlow@gmail.com), phone 059 9142705, write to Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Green Lane, Carlow (R93 FP57), or call to the school office to collect an enrolment form.

The school will commence applications for admission on Monday, 6th October, with the last forms to be received by Friday, 24th October. The date by which applicants will be notified of admissions is Friday, 14th November, with confirmation of acceptance of admission to be received by Friday, 21st November. The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in line with its Admissions Policy.

St Luke's Hospital- Annual Remembrance Mass

St. Luke’s General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday, 21st October, at 7:30pm in St. Canice’s Parish Church, Kilkenny R95 V440. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital to come together for prayer and remembrance. All are welcome to attend.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €879.35

Development € 1,983.49

Your kind generosity is much appreciated

Mission Sunday

October is a month dedicated to reflecting on the Lord’s command to preach the Good News to all. We are called to be a missionary people; through our prayer, action and financial support we advance the preaching of the Gospel. Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Mission will be the theme of our weekend liturgies. The annual Collection for the Mission will be taken up, envelope in your Envelope Boxes and at the entrances to the Cathedral. Your generous support is appreciate as we continue to proclaim the Kingdom of God to all!

TeamHope

Teamhope Christmas Shoebox appeal 2025 is celebrating 15 years , delivering shoeboxes filled with gifts , hope and love to less fortunate children. Every shoebox makes a child's Christmas brighter. If you would like to make a shoebox or get involved this year , please contact www.teamhope.ie or Lily Kavanagh 0864014428 .

Gaslight

Carlow Little Theatre Society are delighted to be returning to the stage of the George Bernard Shaw theatre between 16-19th October next, with Patrick Hamilton's 'Gaslight', the classic psychological thriller on manipulation that gave rise to the term ‘gaslighting’.

Our opening night of Gaslight on Thursday, October 16th, will also be a benefit night for Amber Women's Refuge, when some of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to this specialist service supporting women in Kilkenny and Carlow who are affected by domestic abuse. Admission €23/€21 concessions (including OAPs).

Bookings via visualcarlow.ie or 059-917200 boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

**Next Jackpot
Sunday 12th October**

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

8-14-27-30

6 Match 3 Winner - €500