



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 19th October 2025.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION SUNDAY

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Pray always and never lose heart.

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 18:1–8) gives us the parable of the persistent widow — a woman who refuses to give up until she receives justice. Her quiet courage and endurance mirror the faith that Jesus calls his followers to live: a faith that keeps trusting, keeps asking, and keeps hoping even when answers seem delayed.

Prayer, Jesus reminds us, is not about persuading God but about remaining in relationship with God. Persistent prayer doesn't simply change our circumstances — it changes us. Over time, as we return again and again to prayer, our hearts become more patient, more compassionate, and more attuned to God's rhythm of grace.

We often long for change: that something in life might shift or improve. But God's invitation goes deeper — toward transformation.

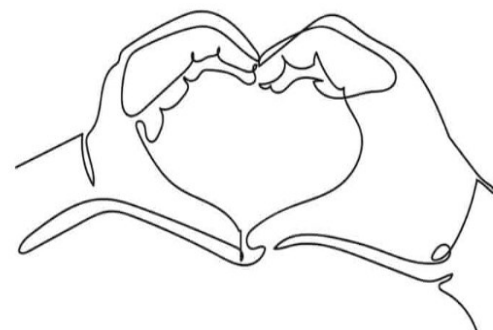
Change is doing things differently; transformation is the way of being.

True transformation happens when prayer moves from words to a way of life — when it shapes who we are and how we see. The widow's perseverance reminds us that faith is not a momentary feeling but a steady trust that God is present and working, even in silence. So when Jesus asks, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?", perhaps faith will be found wherever someone still prays, still believes, still hopes — and still lives from that transformed heart.

Prayer for the week:

Lord, teach us to pray without losing heart.

May our persistence in prayer lead us beyond change to true transformation — a way of being rooted in Your love.



CARLOW CATHEDRAL MUSIC

CALLING ALL SINGERS & MUSICIANS

NO AUDITIONS. ALL VOICES WELCOME.

SINGING OR PLAYING MUSIC IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS, MEET NEW PEOPLE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, RELAX AND DESTRESS, INTERACT AND SIMPLY HAVE FUN.

All Welcome!
All that's needed is enthusiasm, commitment, and the ability to hold a tune.

When?
CATHEDRAL CHOIR
REHEARSALS: Weds. 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.
MASS: Sun. 10.30 a.m.
CÓR AN AIFRINN
REHEARSALS: Sats. 5.30 p.m.
MASS: Sat. 6.15 p.m.
(First two Sats. of every month)

Where?
IN SITU,
CARLOW CATHEDRAL

Interested in joining any of our choir groups in the Cathedral as a singer or musician?
For more information on how to get involved:

marian.gaynor@outlook.com
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Masses 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

REMEMBER THE MISSIONS

"Your prayers, your support, will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programmes, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories"

Pope Leo XIV

We remember in our prayer

P.J (Patrick) Doogue

*29 Brownshill Rise, Brownshill Road, Carlow and
formerly Ballintubbert, Co Laois*

May Patrick rest in peace

May his loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

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

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.

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.smgsicarlow.ie), email (smgsicarlow@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. 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 it's 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

All invited to ICA meeting

Carlow Older Person Forum, Barracks Road R93 TD60, 21st October at 1pm. Bring your creativity , your laughter and maybe a friend. More details, Margot 087 616 2022

St. Joseph's National School

St. Joseph's Road, Carlow, is now taking enrolments for boys starting school in September 2026.

Application forms can be obtained from our website www.stjoescarlow.scoilnet.ie, by emailing stjosephs1960@gmail.com or phoning 059 91 42502.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,112.84

Development € 1,979.46

Your kind generosity is much appreciated

Carlow Lions Club – Annual Church Gate Collection

The Carlow Lions Club will hold its annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October at Carlow Cathedral, Askea Parish Church, and Graiguecullen Church during the weekend Masses.

The Lions Club is a registered charity that donates all funds raised directly to those in need within our Carlow–Graiguecullen community and beyond.

Your continued generosity and support are greatly appreciated and help us make a real difference locally.

Many thanks in advance. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 087 648 3990 if you have any queries.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend:

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

For info. and booking www.marriageencounter.ie

Mission Sunday

This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember, it is more than an appeal for financial help.

Missionaries also need spiritual support.

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 .

Carlow Flower Club

Our October/Halloween Demonstration is by Margaret Quinn AOIFA, Teacher and Demonstrator from North Dublin Flower Club, Tuesday, 28th October, at 8.00pm, Woodford Dolmen Hotel. All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Competition for

all classes will be "Spooky" an arrangement!
Visitors welcome, visitors fee €10. There will be a plant sale on the night.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 19th

October

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

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