



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 5th October 2025.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Increase our faith!

In the first reading this weekend, the prophet Habakkuk is surrounded by a people of violence, strife and greed. How is he to live in the world? He is counselled to have patient faith, to remain faithful despite the apparent hopelessness. Jesus tells his disciples that the gift of faith is given to them for perseverance

In the September issue of *Piazza San Pietro*, the magazine published by St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo replied to Veronica, a 21-year-old medical student from Rome, who asks similar questions to the Prophet Habakkuk, downcast about the future and doubtful of the difference she could make.

Veronica wrote, "My dream is to become a doctor and help

people heal from their illnesses," and adds that she is

concerned about conflict worldwide: "*It almost seems impossible to live in peace.*"

What future awaits us? Can we hope for a better world?

And what can we young people do to make that happen?"

Pope Leo responded to Veronica. "We are living in difficult times,

but this should not make us lose hope for a better world.."

Live well and the times will be good

Whilst recognising the pain throughout our world, Pope Leo emphasises a message of hope and resistance. "It is true that we live in difficult times. Evil seems to overwhelm our lives. Wars are taking more and more innocent victims, but we must never stop hoping."

Pope Leo quoted Saint Augustine: 'Live well and the times will be good.'

'We are the times.' Exactly so—**'the times will be good if we are good'!**

For this to happen, we must place our hope in the Lord Jesus. It is He who has awakened in your heart the desire to make something great out of your life. It is He who will give you the strength to improve yourself and the society around you, so that the times we live in will truly be good times.

Pope Leo's advice to Veronica is an expression of the parable of the mustard seed, each playing our own small part can make a difference, "live well and times will be good".

To live well is no more than our duty!

Morning 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

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



We remember in our prayer

***Catherine Curran (née Farrell) Oak Park Road,
Dan Carbery, Green Road,
May Catherine and Dan rest in peace
May their 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

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 St. Clare’s Food Kitchen, Graiguecullen, Carlow

Bethlehem Appeal

Louis Michel, a Catholic Pilgrim’s 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

Marriage Enrichment Weekend:

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

For info. and booking www.marriageencounter.ie

Unite in Prayer

for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future.

You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations in Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €958.17

Development € 2,167.91

Thank you for your generosity

ICA Meeting

First ICA meeting after the holiday break is happening at Elderflower Gardens, Carlow , 6th October, at 1:30pm.

For more details contact Margo: 0876162022

Why Sunday Matters – An Invitation to Respond

On 31st August 2025, the Irish Bishops issued a Pastoral Letter asking people to reflect on the Sunday Mass and its significance in our lives, in the life of the Church, and in Christian practice. (Copies available for viewing/download on <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/there-is-something-about-sunday-resources-page/>) This letter posed a number of suggested questions for reflection by individuals and parish groups. In order to explore and discuss some of these questions as a parish, you are invited to a meeting in the Cathedral Parish Centre on Thursday, 9th October, at 7.00pm. We would love to see as many people as possible attend this meeting.

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.

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.

Project Fashion

Fashion Design & Sewing Classes

After school workshops Monday 3:30pm-5:00pm and 5:00pm-6:30pm. Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10. Info@projectfashion.ie, 015392674

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 5th October

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

8-11-25-27

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