



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 16th November 2025.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When Will This Happen?

“When will this happen?”

It's the question the disciples ask when Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple. And perhaps it's the same question many of us ask, in our own ways, when life feels uncertain:

“When will this end?”

“When will things get better?”

“When will peace return?”

The longing to know is deeply human. We want clarity, control, timelines.

Yet Jesus doesn't give his disciples a calendar or a countdown. Instead, he gives them a calling: “Take care not to be deceived... do not be frightened... bear witness.” In other words, Jesus shifts their attention from the future to the present — from speculation to faithfulness. The question is not when the world will end, but how we are living now, in the world as it is.

“When will this happen?” becomes, in the light of faith, “How shall I live in the meantime?”

We live in a world of uncertainty — wars, divisions, and moral confusion — not unlike the one Jesus described. Yet his words are not meant to paralyse us, but to prepare us. He assures us that even in chaos, God is still writing His story. The stones may fall, the structures we trust may crumble, but the presence of Christ endures.

Our task is not to predict the end, but to remain faithful until the end.

To keep loving when others give up. To keep speaking truth when it's easier to stay silent. To keep believing when hope seems dim.

And perhaps that's the real answer to the disciples' question. The “when” is every moment we choose trust over fear, endurance over despair, love over indifference.

Jesus tells us, “By your endurance you will gain your lives.” That is not a warning — it is a promise.

Message from Bishop Denis

Department of Education survey on school patronage

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parish of a primary school student.

The survey can be accessed at <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> The survey closes on 16th December 2025.

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



LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
as I have
loved YOU
John 15:12



Dear Friends of St. Laserian's School,

Following the incredible success of our "Take a step with us" fundraising project last year, building works on our wonderful new Movement Track were completed over the summer months. This project was made possible by your generosity and belief in our vision.

As a way of saying thanks to your incredible support in this venture, we would be delighted to invite you to join us at the Grand Opening of St. Laserian's School Movement Track on Thursday 27th November, from 11:30a.m. -12:30p.m.

We would be honoured to celebrate this milestone with you and show you what your contribution has helped bring to life. Please RSVP by 20th November to admin@stlaserians.ie.



In November We Remember

Follow the diocesan X (@KANDLEi) and Facebook (KANDLEi) pages to receive daily posts for the month of November, with posts on the Christian understanding of death, and prayers to accompany you in this month when we especially remember and pray for our dead.

"Christmas Past & Present"

Carlow Flower Club will host a Christmas Gala Flower Arranging demonstration by **Anne Archbold and Helen Lucas** AOIFA Demonstrators, Tuesday, 25th November 25, at 8.00pm, Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Entry Fee €15 which includes mulled wine on arrival. Lots of ideas for decorating your home for Christmas and all arrangements will be raffled on the night.

The event is in support of "Breast Cancer Ireland".

Competition title for all classes "Joy to the World".

Legion of Mary

Meeting every Tuesday, 7:30-8:30pm,
in the Cathedral Parish Centre for prayer and talk
about our Faith.
All Welcome!!

Digital Photography

Carlow Library every Monday, 10am to 12pm for 5 weeks
beginning 17 November

Everything you need to know about digital photography including all aspects of camera controls and technique such as exposure and composition, lighting, digital editing and image presentation.

Sign up for our FREE 5-week course in conjunction with KCETB Community Education. Your own device(s) - phone, tablet, laptop, camera - is required to take part.

Email library@carlowcoco.ie to reserve your place

Carlow Library
Thursday, 20 Nov, at 1pm

John MacKenna will visit the library for a reading of his forthcoming novel *The Lock-keeper's Wife* which will be published by Lilliput Press in the new year. *The Lock-keeper's Wife* is a story of disappointment, betrayal, redemption and love, and has already been described as "a gem". John MacKenna is the author of twenty-six books, a dozen stage plays, and a number of radio plays. He is a regular contributor to the RTE series *Sunday Miscellany*. He teaches creative writing at Maynooth University and The Hedge School on the Moone.

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend
Offertory €1,129.27
Development € 2,023.06

Your kind generosity is much appreciated

Carlow Older Person's Council AGM

The Carlow Older Person's Council AGM 2025 is taking place on Tuesday, 25th November, at 2.30pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel R93 N207. Have your voice heard on matters that matter to you. Enjoy tea, coffee and complimentary pastries. Everyone is welcome, member and non members from across the county.

Application forms for the OPC Executive committee are available from the Carlow County Council Age Friendly Office PH 059 9136207/0872145262.

Nomination forms must be returned to the Carlow County Council Age Friendly Office by 5pm on Friday, 21st November.

Older People's Council (OPC) Information Roadshow,

in partnership with **Carlow Fire Service**, will take place on:
Tuesday, 18th November 10:30am – 1:00pm,
Maine Bheag Fire Station, Church Road, Maine Bheag,
R21 AV63

The purpose of the roadshow is to promote awareness of the OPC, Carlow County Council services, and those of our partner and external agencies.

Eist

Eist offers an emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer in a confidential and relaxed environment.
Tel. 085 8661499 / 059 9139684.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot
Sunday 16th November

€20,000

No Jackpot winner
1-5-28-30
No Match 3

Next week Match 3 Win Share €1,000



Monster Christmas Bingo
Youth Centre
Sunday 30th November
3pm