



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 23rd November 2025.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST , KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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The King who saves from the Cross

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we acclaim Jesus as Christ the King — but the Gospel presents Him in a place that seems, at first glance, far from royal glory. He is not on a throne surrounded by admiration, but on a cross, surrounded by mockery. He is not crowned with gold but with thorns. His hands are not raised in triumph but nailed in sacrifice.

And yet this is the moment when His kingship shines most clearly. Jesus reigns not through power, domination, or fear, but through love that pours itself out completely. His royal authority is revealed in mercy, in the willingness to forgive even in the darkest hour.

The Good Thief, traditionally called *Dismas*, recognises what others fail to see. He looks at the crucified Jesus and perceives not defeat but a kingdom — not a condemned man but a King. With humility he prays, “*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*” And Jesus responds with royal generosity: “*Today you will be with me in Paradise.*”

This promises us two things:

- 1 Christ’s kingdom is already breaking into our world, even in places of suffering, weakness, or injustice.
2. No one is beyond the reach of His mercy — not even at the last moment, not even with a past full of mistakes.

As we honour Christ the King, we are challenged to allow His style of kingship to shape our own lives: to choose mercy over resentment, service over self-interest, and faithfulness over fear. The King who rules from the cross invites us into His kingdom — a kingdom of compassion, truth, justice, and peace.

May we, like the Good Thief, recognise our need for His mercy and surrender our lives to the One whose power is love.





CATHEDRAL PARISH

YOUTH CENTRE

SUNDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 3PM

BOOK LINE CHECKS €50 DOUBLE LINES €50 FULL HOUSE €200

JACKPOT LINE CHECKS €50 DOUBLE LINE €75 -FULL HOUSE €400

FLYER GAME LINE €50 DOUBLE LINE €75-FULL HOUSE €400

RAFFLE LINE CHECK €50 DOUBLE LINE €75-FULL HOUSE €400

PRIZES IN NUMBER ON MINI LOTTO TICKET

SWEETS LEFT AND RIGHT

COME—ENJOY—SUPPORT!

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

**6 PANEL BOOK €6
DOUBLE BOOK €12
ALL LOOSE SHEETS €2.50**

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 of 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 of November to admin@stlaserians.ie.

Kind Regards,

Message from Bishop Denis re 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.

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.

Legion of Mary

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

Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland have launched their Christmas Raffle and you could win €1,000 cash, €500 select hotels voucher or a hotel voucher.

Please support family carers in your community by purchasing a ticket at www.familycarers.ie/christmas - thank you!

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,012.66

Development € 1,904.57

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.

"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 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".

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.

All invited to ICA meeting

Old School House, Barracks Road, R93 TD60, on
26th November at 1:pm.

For more information contact Margot: 087 616 2022

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Next Jackpot

Sunday 23rd November

€20,000

No Jackpot winner

2-13-14-23

2 Match 3 shared €1,000