



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 18th January 2026

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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By 4pm Wednesday

### Banking Details

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## Behold the Lamb of God

On the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel shows us John the Baptist pointing away from himself and toward Jesus: "*Behold, the Lamb of God*". John recognizes in Jesus the One sent by the Father, the One who takes away the sin



of the world and brings the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Gospel invites us to ask where our own eyes are directed. Like John, we are called not to draw attention to ourselves, but to witness to Christ by our words and our lives. Each time we gather for the Eucharist and hear these same words, we are reminded that Jesus is truly present among us. May this Sunday renew our faith in Him and strengthen our mission to point others to the Lamb who brings forgiveness, peace, and new life.

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**May our lives be a song!**

**Sing a new song to the Lord!**

*St. Augustine said; Sing with your voices, sing with your hearts, sing with your lives....*

The singer himself or herself is the praise contained in the song.... Do you want to speak the praise of God? Be yourselves what you speak. If you live good lives, you are his praise... (*Sermon 34*)

Come Lord Jesus and sing your song in us

- that we may live the truth we sing.

Show us the path of life and reveal your justice to the nations

- that we may live the truth we sing.

Gently bring us to ways of compassion

- that we may live the truth we sing.

Fill our hearts with the power of love

- that we may live the truth we sing.

Guide our actions by the light of grace

- that we may live the truth we sing.

Bless us and sustain us in the name in the Trinity

- that we may live the truth we sing.

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### MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Weekend:** Vigil Saturday 6.15pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm, and 7pm.

**Weekdays;** - Monday to Friday 7.30am and 10am. Saturday 10am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday following the 10am Mass

the Lord  
is my  
Strength  
and my  
Song

Psalm 118:14

(Donal Harrington and Julie Kavanagh)



### We remember in our prayer

Barry Duggan, "Bluebell Lodge", Old Dublin Rd

Norah Holohan, Tullow Road

*May Barry and Norah rest in peace*

*May all who mourn be comforted*

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### Male Domestic Abuse

The male domestic abuse support service offers 1:1 confidential support to men experiencing abuse of any kind from their partner of any gender. Please contact 0832088689 or email [lauraryan@bagenalstownfrc.ie](mailto:lauraryan@bagenalstownfrc.ie) for more information.

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### Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,152.34

Development € 2,690.24

*Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated*

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### 2026 Envelopes

The Cathedral Parish Envelopes are now available at the entrances to the Cathedral and from the Parish Centre.

Thank you for your support of the Parish, the Clergy and the various annual collections, through your use of the Parish Envelope. Your Envelope Number changes each year, we therefore request you to write your name and address on the first four envelopes you use. This will enable us to ensure that the envelope number is registered to your name.

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### HUGG Support Group

HUGG is the national suicide bereavement organisation dedicated to supporting adults bereaved by suicide. We provide FREE practical information and emotional support after suicide. HUGG announce the **launch** of a **suicide bereavement support group in Carlow**. The monthly support group will meet on a Tuesday evening, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, facilitated by trained volunteers with a lived experience of suicide loss. **To register for a HUGG Support Group** complete the form at <http://www.HUGG.ie/> or email [support@HUGG.ie](mailto:support@HUGG.ie) or call 01 513 4048 (monitored answering machine) and a member of the HUGG team will contact you.

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### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. Dates: 20 -22 March 2026.

Venue: "St Marys", Knock, Co. Mayo. A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER.

Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

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## Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

**Jackpot**

**Sunday 18th January**

**€6,000**

**Numbers drawn on 11th January**

**5-9-15-19**

### Catholic Schools Week 2026

#### Message from Bishop Denis

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026, we give thanks for the faith, learning and care that shape daily life in our Catholic schools. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," reminds us that holiness is lived through simple acts of kindness, respect and love. As Saint (Mother) Teresa said, "We can do small things with great love". In our Catholic schools, children are encouraged to live this message each day through how they treat others and care for their community. We remember and we pray for all of those who attend, support and work in the Catholic Schools in our diocese.

The purpose of CSW is to highlight the distinctive role of Catholic Education in forming young people who understand their lives as purposeful and grounded in faith. Catholic Schools share the priorities of Christ towards the weak, the poor, the disadvantaged.

I am so proud of our Catholic Schools, I thank all who work in them, all who are formed by them, and all who support them.

Our schools are inclusive and welcoming to all.

Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

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### Vincent De Paul

The society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the singers and musicians for the wonderful Carol Service and the patrons for their generous contributions of €2220 to the society to help the needy over Christmas.

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### Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club's January event will be a flower arranging demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Demonstrator Betty Cumiskey from Wexford Flower and Garden Club. 8.00pm on Tuesday, 27th January '26, at the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Competition for all classes "No Flowers Please" an all foliage arrangement. Visitors welcome €10

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### Carlow Lion's Club

Carlow Lions Club is holding its Annual Quiz Night on Thursday, 29th January, in the Seven Oaks Hotel at 8:30pm.

All are welcome –Teams of 4 at €40 – Registration from 8pm.

All proceeds in support of 'St Lazerian's School Track Fund'.

Join us for a fun night in support of a really deserving local cause.

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### Come and See

Men & Women, aged 18-40, interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns. Where?

Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin, DO4 YF66. When? 28th February 2026, 10:30am – 4pm. COST FREE. Light lunch provided.

Please Register Before 25th February by email

[opendayAvila@gmail.com](mailto:opendayAvila@gmail.com)

Nuns: [www.carmelitesisters.ie](http://www.carmelitesisters.ie)

Friars: [www.ocd.ie](http://www.ocd.ie)