

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 25th January 2026

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## The Parish Team

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### Newsletter

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**By 4pm Wednesday**

### Banking Details

**Carlow Parish Account**

**IBAN; IE66 AIBK 9331**

**0405 634065**

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**0405 6346 51**

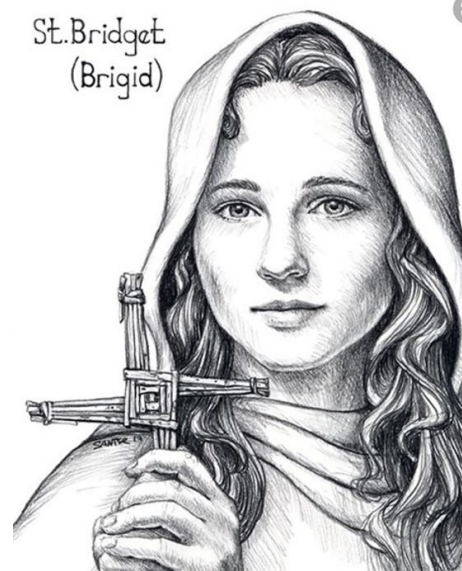
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### REFLECTION FOR ST. BRIGID'S DAY

Legend holds that Brigid made her first cross from rushes she picked from the floor as she visited a pagan chieftain who was dying. While sitting by his bed she began to weave the rushes into the shape of a cross and tell the stories of her Christian faith. The cross became a symbol of peace and protection, protection of animals and protection from fire and disease and a blessing for home and hearth. Crosses were exchanged too in times of clan feuds as a sign of reconciliation. From that time Irish people have never ceased to weave these crosses. These rushes represent our hopes, our dreams, our gifts and our efforts in working towards a more caring society.

Look. She is gathering the dreams to weave something new. She gathers our rushes of sorrow and gladness, of happiness and pain, tears and laughter, kindness and caring, of voluntary groups and organisations, of families, relations and friends, of schools and hospitals, of work and sport and recreation, and all the little words and deeds offered in hope, in faith and in love. She is weaving them all with loving hands into a new form, a richer and more beautiful creation. God, too weaves patiently and persistently with the rushes of our lives. He invites us to keep offering him the shreds of our suffering and the stuff of our dreams and to take our place beside him to weave the shape of new creation. To welcome the new with faith and courage. To cherish all that has gone before, To become an example of justice and peace, Weaver God, accept, please do, the offering of ourselves, our separate strands, to be woven in and out, over, under and through. Grant us eyes to see the whole, of which we are a part, to see the tapestry you weave, calling us beyond our aloneness and security, to be surprised by miracles. Oh, if we could but perceive out of parts we weave a whole. Rise with the road on your journey. May Brigid bless you, possess you, caress you, with her ever faithful love.

St. Brigid  
(Brigid)



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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

**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 for more information.

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**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory	€1,065.21
Development	€ 2,178.45

*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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**Invitation to Kildare and Leighlin Parishioners: Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels**

Our diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation and Diocesan Synod Committee are inviting parishes, groups and individuals to make this new, short series a centre piece of their Lenten journey this year. Can you give one hour a week, for five weeks, to join with others to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and its links to what it means to be baptised, as well as its links to some of the pastoral priorities that have emerged in synod conversations in our diocese and beyond? Would you like to find out more about being part of, or even running this series locally?

An INFORMATION SESSION will take place in Newbridge Parish Centre on Tuesday, 3rd February. Tea/coffee available from 7pm. Information session starts promptly at 7:30pm- 9:00pm.

Registration essential through [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie)

If you would prefer to attend via zoom, please email [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie) to request a zoom registration link.

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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 25th January**

**€6,500**

**Numbers drawn on 18th January**  
**7-12-18-20**

**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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**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 Lions Club**

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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**Collectors Required**

In order to assist with the weekly Development Fund and Offertory Collections at weekend Masses, we are seeking volunteers to take on this task on a regular basis. This will help to ease pressure on those who are currently carrying on this role without a break from week to week, and to whom we are most grateful. If you can help at our Saturday evening or Sunday Masses , we would greatly appreciate it. Please give your name and contact details to a member of the Parish Clergy, the Sacristan, or the Parish Office. Alternatively, just speak to one of the regular collectors and offer your help. Thank you.

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**Study Theology Online?**

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 10.

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