

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 1st March 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Gospel Link: Personal Contact with Jesus Transforms Us

In the Transfiguration we see the three disciples with Jesus on a high mountain – often a place in scripture where God makes a special revelation to people. Here they have a moment of real encounter and insight into the reality of who Jesus is. And as Jesus is transformed, they too are transformed. This Gospel reading comes to us near the beginning of Lent. It puts Jesus and our personal encounter with him at the centre of the Lenten journey. To know Jesus is to know the joy of our faith. Lent is our opportunity to experience the joy of discovering again who Jesus is, to listen to him, to follow him, to be transformed by him.

(Julie Kavanagh)

(For deeper connection with the Gospel see synod.ie for Baptised and Sent in Lent – a reflection series for Lent)

Digging Deeper – Living Lent: Some suggestions for the week

† Reflect on next Sunday's Gospel using the material from 'Baptised and Sent in Lent'. Look out for local group sessions or set up your own group.

Resources on www.synod.ie

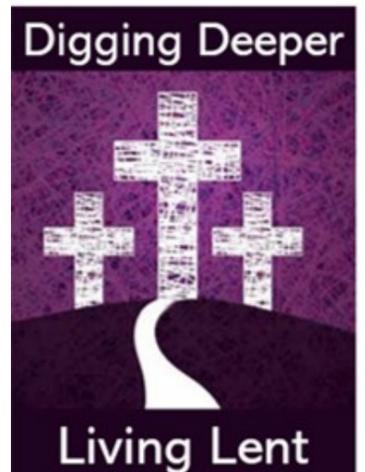
† Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God

† Find out how you can help a local charity

† Pray the Stations of the Cross

† Cut down on screen time and pay attention to the people around you

† Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home and take some time to read I



LENT PRAYER... FASTING... ALMSGIVING

LET US REACH OUT THROUGH OUR ALMSGIVING THIS LENT

This year's our Trocaire Lenten journey accompanies a three-generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece and elderly mother.

Uwamahoro lays down her life for Ineza and Vanessa and for her elderly mother, Verediana.

Uwamahoro is, for them, the most immediate sign of God's love.

What can we learn from all of this? Perhaps, like Peter, James and John, who go up the mountain with Jesus, we are being reminded that it is not enough for us to sit in the presence of God; we are also called to "go back down the mountain" and bring the love of God with us, to those who are close to us, but also to those who are far way, because they too are the beloved sons and daughters of God. Let Trocaire be one of your outreaches of love this Lent!

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

We remember in our prayer

Ann Murphy, Carlow Town/Portlaoise

May Ann rest in peace

May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Lent 2026

Lenten Practices in the Parish

- ◆ Stations of the Cross every Monday after 10am Mass
- ◆ Learn to meditate on a Monday 7pm Parish Centre
- ◆ Lenten Scripture Group every Friday 10.30am Parish Centre
- ◆ Holy Hour every Friday evening in the Cathedral at 7pm.

The Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil

Will take place on Friday, 6th March, in Carlow Cathedral starting with 8pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus including Anointing of the Sick. This is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 offices of the Sacred Heart, Rosaries, Confession and Benediction. Finishes with midnight Mass at 12am in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All very welcome.

Free Lecture: St Columbanus Lecture - Columbanus, The Irish, and Rome

Dr Damian Bracken, U.C.C., will deliver a lecture on 'Columbanus, The Irish, And Rome', on Tuesday 3rd of March 2026, at 6.30pm in Carlow College – St Patrick’s College, Carlow Town. The lecture is presented by Carlow College and Carlow County Museum.

St Columbanus was a very important European saint who was born in the shadow of Mount Leinster, near the village of Myshall, County Carlow, and he set off on his great missionary journey to the continent in 590AD.

Lenten Holy Hour

Cathedral at 7pm each Friday evening of Lent.

Join us in person or on the WebCam

Learn to Meditate during Lent

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing.

During each Monday of Lent there will be an introduction to meditation for beginners. All are welcome - no experience needed.

No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening!
(Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

Lenten Parish Scripture Group

Our Lenten Scripture Group reflecting on the Scriptures of the Sundays of Lent continues each Friday morning in the Parish Centre following the 10am Mass. The group is led by Dr Amelia Fleming, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Carlow College, St Patrick's.

Everyone is welcome.

Men’s Monthly Rosary.

For Peace on Sat 7th March at 1.30 p.m. at the Liberty Tree (opposite Mc Donald’s). All are welcome

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot

Sunday 1st March

€9000

Numbers drawn on 22nd February

4-6-18-19

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,103.69

Development € 1,957.76

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated

Priest Visit

If you or a family member would like a visit from a Priest, please contact the Parish Centre with the name, contact details and address (incl. Eircode).

Foroige Youth Clubs

Looking for adult volunteers to help run the club’s weekly meetings. Please make contact to register your interest.

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Fish on Fridays

A new short video series from the Diocese exploring baptism. Videos will be released each Friday of Lent. See Kandle Facebook and X accounts to view this exciting new resource and look out for other Lenten posts on Mondays and Wednesdays on Facebook and X.

Collectors Required

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.

Sharing from the Table of the Lord: Training for Extraordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion

Would you like to be a Minister of Holy Communion, or are you already one and would like to refresh your training and formation for this ministry? If you would like to attend this training to serve as a minister in your parish, please contact the parish office or one of the Parish Team. Training will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre on 7th March.

MONSTER BINGO

€14,000 IN PRIZES

THIS SUNDAY

YOUTH CENTRE

1st March at 3:00pm

SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Grants available to Childminders

Are you a Childminder in your own home?

Are you planning on becoming a Childminder in your own home? The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is currently available for potential and existing Childminders and assists Childminders to enhance the safety and quality of their childminding service through the purchase of toys, safety equipment, childcare and outdoor equipment and up to a max of €500 for IT equipment. For a list of eligible items, to receive an application form, or if you would like to attend an Online Information Session on the Grant on 5th March at 7-8pm, please contact Eilish at Carlow County Childcare Committee on 059 9140244 or email info@carlowccc.ie. Grant applications close on Wednesday, 15th April 2026.