

# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 15th March 2026

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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### Banking Details

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## BLESSING ON ALL MOTHERS!

Heavenly Father

We thank You for the gift of mothers,  
through whom Your love is revealed in so many ways.

Bless all mothers: those who are joyful and those who are  
burdened, those expecting new life, and those who mourn a loss, those who  
nurture children now, and those who lovingly remember. Grant them strength,  
patience, and joy in their vocation.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord, be their guide and consolation.

Let their sacrifices be honoured, their love returned and their hearts filled with peace.

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### **St. Patrick Prayed**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name, The strong Name of the Trinity;

By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

Of Whom all nature hath creation;

Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:

Praise to the Lord of my salvation,

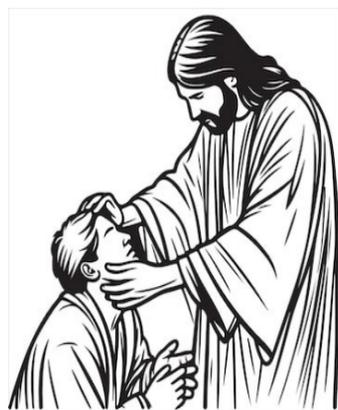
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.



**St. Patrick's Day: Vigil Monday 6.15pm,**

**Tuesday 8.30am, 10.30am (Aifreann as Gaeilge) and 7pm.**

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## Gospel Link: Healing in Christ

This is the second of three Lenten gospels this year that draws on a symbol of baptism. In this Gospel we encounter the symbol of light, and we are invited to recognise that Jesus is the light of the world.

In the curing of the man born blind we see Jesus sending the man to the pool of Siloam to wash. He comes away from the pool with his sight restored. More importantly, among all the people, including religious leaders, he ultimately is the only one who sees Jesus for who he really is. In other words, his true healing goes deeper than restoration of physical sight.

On Ash Wednesday we were sent on a journey to renew our baptism at Easter. Along the way we can follow the example of the man in this gospel story. This Lent we can ask ourselves: Where in my life is there shadow/ darkness/blindness? Where do I need healing or where do I need to bring God's healing? What does that consist of? Where, as a Church, is there shadow/darkness/blindness? Where do we, as a Church, need healing and/or need to bring God's healing? Ultimately, what does that consist of? (Julie Kavanagh)

*(For deeper connection with the Gospel see [synod.ie](http://synod.ie) for Baptised and Sent in Lent – a reflection series for Lent)*

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### **MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL**

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

**St. Patrick's Day:** Vigil Monday 6.15pm, Tuesday 8.30am, 10.30am, and 7pm.

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday to Friday 7.30am and 10am. Saturday 10am

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday following the 10am Mass

## Lent 2026

### **Lenten Practices in the Cathedral Parish**

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** every Monday after 10am Mass
- ◆ **Learn to meditate** on a Monday 7pm Parish Centre. Led by Noel Keating. All are welcome - no experience needed.
- ◆ **Lenten Scripture Group** every Friday 10.30am Parish Centre with *Dr Amelia Fleming, Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Carlow College*
- ◆ **Holy Hour** every Friday evening in the Cathedral at 7pm.  
*Join us in person or on the Webcam*

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### **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](http://www.synod.ie)

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

- + Pray the Mysteries of Light and/or the Sorrowful Mysteries
- + Be kind to your mammy throughout the week!
- + Check the energy efficiency of your light bulbs and change them if necessary
- + Look out for someone who might need your help and offer it
- + Visit a church, light a candle and say a prayer
- + Turn off lights when not in use

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### **LENT**

#### **PRAYER.... FASTING... ALMSGIVING**

Towards the end of the Gospel this weekend, Jesus turns the tables on the

Pharisees. They point the finger at the man who had been blind from birth. But Jesus suggests that it is they who are blind, because they are unwilling to see what God is doing in the life of a man whom they consider to be a sinner. The story of the man born blind challenges our attitudes to people in need. Do we even see them? Do we see the person behind the statistics? By inviting us to reflect on the story of one family in Rwanda, and by telling us their names, (Verediana, Uwamahoro, Ineza and Vanessa), Trócaire seeks to open our eyes to the human reality; to the personal story behind the work of development. Let's not close our eyes. Let's look at things with the eyes of God.

*(From Homily Notes by Bishop Kevin Doran Bishop of Elphin and of Achonry)*

#### **LET US REACH OUT THROUGH OUR ALMSGIVING THIS LENT!**

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## **Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Jackpot**

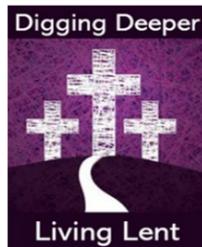
**Sunday 15th March**

**€10,000**

**Numbers drawn on 8th March**

**1-14-21-31**

**2 Match 3 winners share €500**



## **Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,134.36

Development € 1,931.88

*Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated*

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## **Migrant Collection 2026**

The Council for Migrants, Refugees and Justice and Peace of the Irish Episcopal Conference is inviting each diocese to take up a collection in 2026 in support of migrant people, whether they are coming to Ireland or indeed those Irish who have left these shores and are still very much part of our church and communities around the world.

Funds raised through this collection will be used to support the work of the Council and other projects that provide pastoral outreach to marginalised and vulnerable communities within Ireland and among Irish people abroad.

Envelopes for this collection will be available in the Cathedral and Parish Centre.

A second collection will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day.

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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.

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## **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 For a list of eligible items, to receive an application form please contact Eilish at Carlow County Childcare Committee on 059 9140244 or email [info@carlowccc.ie](mailto:info@carlowccc.ie) .

Grant applications close on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

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## **Epilepsy Awareness Day**

In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday, 26th March

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## **Coffee Morning in The Parish Centre**

A Fund Raising Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday, 26th March. Proceeds of the day will go to KARE to help people who are homeless.

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## **Kildare Bereavement Network Invitation**

Free information evening, March 24th, 7pm to 9pm, Newbridge, Kildare. If you have been bereaved recently, or many years ago, or supporting someone who is grieving, you are invited to attend a FREE bereavement information evening on Tuesday, 24th March, 7pm-9pm, The Keadeen Hotel, Kildare, W12T925.

Contact by email:

[bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie](mailto:bereavementdevelopment@hospicefoundation.ie)

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## **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).