



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 26th April 2026.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Recognising the Voice, Following the Shepherd

Since Easter Sunday, we saw the disciples struggling to **recognise** the Risen Lord — Mary Magdalene at the tomb, the disciples on the road, even in the Upper Room. Recognition did not come immediately. It came slowly, through encounter.

This Sunday continues that same movement, but in a deeper way.

Jesus says: *"The sheep hear his voice... they know his voice."*

So faith is not only about seeing — it is about **recognising a voice**.

And this is where vocation begins.

Not first with a decision, but with a kind of recognition:

"This voice... is for me."

The Gospel adds something striking. Jesus says, *"I am the gate."*

The shepherd does not stand at a distance. He places himself **at the point of passage**. To follow him is not simply to admire him, but to **pass through him** — to let one's life be shaped by his way.

This is why vocation is never just a career or role.

It is a response to a voice that leads us **beyond ourselves**.

But the Gospel is realistic. There are other voices:

"thieves and brigands."

Not always obvious, but real — voices that promise life, yet slowly empty it of depth.

So the question of vocation becomes very concrete:

Which voice am I learning to recognise?

For some, this may open towards priesthood or religious life.

For all of us, it means becoming people who can **discern**, who are not led by noise, fear, or convenience, but by the quiet, persistent voice of Christ.

And the promise he gives is not small:

"I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Last Sunday, recognition led to faith.

This Sunday, recognition leads to **following**.

The Shepherd is already calling —

the deeper question is whether we are still able to recognise his voice.



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 Salter, (née McHutcheon), 111 New Oak Estate

Ordan Seeley, Tullow Road,

May Ann and Ordan rest in peace

May their loved ones and all who mourn be comforted.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday, 7th June 2026.

Bus from St.Leo’s subject to numbers. Booking essential at the

Parish Centre.

Monthly Men’s Rosary

Monthly Men’s Rosary for World Peace. Carlow Liberty Tree (Opposite Mc Donald’s) Sat, 3rd May, 1.30 p.m. Our World needs

Prayer. ALL Are Welcome. Enquiries 086 3742641

Carlow Flower Club

Our April flower night will be a demonstration by AOIFA Teacher and Judge Elizabeth Murray. Looking forward to

seeing all our members and friends on Tuesday, April 28th

at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant

sale on the night, and the competition for all classes is “Down by

the Sally Gardens”. Deposit €20 for those

travelling on our outing on May 28th will be collected on the

night. Visitors welcome €10

Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil

Takes place on Friday, 1st May, 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, scriptural

Rosaries, Confession and Benediction. Finishes with midnight

Mass after 12am in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All very welcome

Tea Day in Aid of the Alzheimer’s Unit

Marian and Jack Doyle are hosting a Tea Day in Aid of the Alzheimer’s Unit, Bethany House, Barrack Street, Carlow on

Wednesday, 6th May, from 12pm-7pm. The event will take place

in their home on Killeshin Road, R93T9F7.

All are welcome. Marian and Jack Doyle

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 26th April

€13,000

Numbers drawn on 12th April

9-16-17-29

12 Match 3 winners share €500

Pilgrimage to Lodi, Italy for the 27th International Columban Meeting

Bishop Denis will lead a Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting. Taking place from Friday, July 3rd to Monday, July 6th 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe. For further information or to

book, contact Tully’s Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit www.kandle.ie or www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway

Fr Liam Lawton Concert

On 15 February 2026, Fr Liam received a papal award for his distinguished service to the Church as a composer and performer of sacred music. The award was presented by Bishop Denis Nulty on

behalf of Pope Leo XIV in the Gunn Chapel, Maynooth College, during a special evening celebrating his music, attended by

Archbishop Eamon Martin, bishops, and choir members from across the country. As many supporters could not attend, a second

celebration with the same programme and performers will take place on Sunday, May 24, at St Mary’s Church, Edenderry.

Following recent renovations of the church, the concert will raise funds to continue this work. Tickets will be available via Facebook, Instagram, the Parish website, and in limited supply at the Parish

Centre. High demand is expected, so early purchase and arrival are advised, as some seating will have restricted views.

Celebration of Liam Lawton Music Concert Tickets

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Invite you to a talk “Suicide Bereavement, From Heartbreak to Hope” Thursday, 30th April, 7.00pm in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny. Admission free, booking

on www.eventbrite.ie recommended.

Speakers: Christy Kenneally is a novelist, poet & broadcaster and Dr. Linda Finnegan, a clinical psychologist &

psychotherapist will address how a death by Suicide can

devastate the lives of those left behind. From ‘Heartbreak to Hope’ will address the Shock, Pain, Anger and Sadness that

are part of the life of those bereft.

Pentecost Retreat @ Slí an Chroí, St Patricks Missionary Society, Kiltegan

We invite you to relive that first Pentecost

invoking the Holy Spirit as the Church’s life giving breath.

In quiet prayer, shared reflection, and communal worship we open ourselves to transformation and to a renewed missionary courage

for our time. Friday, 22nd May to Sunday, 24th May, €315.00 per

person. Enquiries to Michele Sinnott

slianchoi@spms.ie or 089 4690 508

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,164.45

Development € 2,158.09

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 26th March in aid of Focus Ireland. €450 was raised on the morning. Thanks to all who organised the

event and those who generously provided prizes for the raffle.