



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 5th April 2026.

## Easter Sunday

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#### Banking Details

Carlow Parish Account

IBAN; IE66 AIBK 9331

## Can we truly sing Alleluia in a broken world???

*Pope Leo is definitive; Our God, Jesus is King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war. He does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them, saying: "Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood" (Is 1:15).*

*As we set our gaze upon him who was crucified for us, we can see a crucified humanity. In his wounds, we see the hurts of so many women and men today. In his last cry to the Father, we hear the weeping of those who are crushed, who have no hope, who are sick and who are alone. Above all, we hear the painful groans of all those who are oppressed by violence and are victims of war.*

*Christ, King of Peace, cries out again from his cross:*

**God is love!**

**Have mercy!**

**Lay down your weapons!**

**Remember that you are brothers and sisters!**

*In the words of the Servant of God, Bishop Tonino Bello, I would like to entrust this cry to Mary Most Holy, who stands beneath the cross of her Son and weeps also at the feet of those who are crucified today:*

*"Holy Mary, woman of the third day, grant us the certainty that, in spite of all, death will no longer hold sway over us; that the injustices of peoples are numbered; that the flashes of war are fading into the twilight; that the sufferings of the poor are breathing their last. And grant, finally, that the tears of all the victims of violence and pain will soon be dried up like frost beneath the spring sun"*

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### Easter Blessings

*Blessings to all our Parishioners and to all who worship at the Cathedral.*

*Your support of the Cathedral and the Parish is deeply appreciated.*

*Thanks to all who minister at the Cathedral, to all involved on Parish Committees, to those who work or volunteer in the Parish, at the Cathedral, at the Parish Centre and at the Youth Centre.*

*May all of us know the blessings of the Risen Lord this Easter.*

*Fr Tom, Fr. Yanbo, Fr. Theo and Deacon David*

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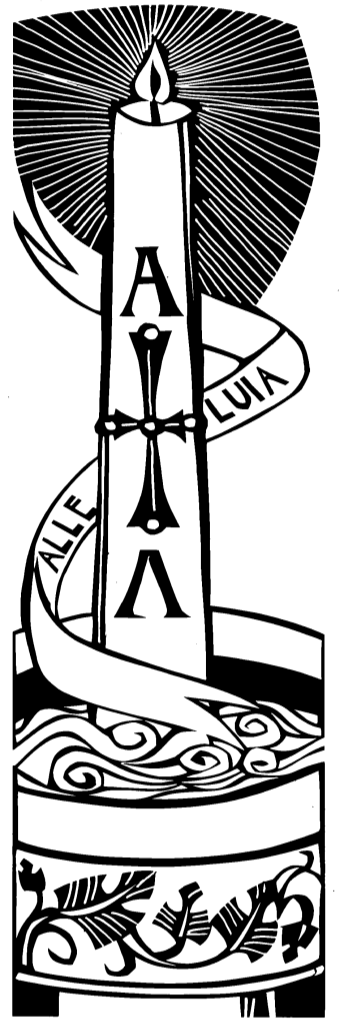
### Masses at the Cathedral Easter Week

Monday to Saturday 10am

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Thank you for your support of **Trocaire**.

Trocaire contributions can be left to the Sacristy  
or the Cathedral Parish Centre.



**We remember in our prayer**

***Catherine (Cathy) SMYTH  
(née Scully)***

*Carlow Town, Carlow / Maganey, Kildare*

*May Catherine rest in peace*

*May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted*

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**Easter collection**

The Easter Collection for the support of the Bishop and Priests of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses at Easter.

Envelopes for this Collection are in your envelope boxes and are also available at the doors of the Cathedral.

Bishop Denis, Fr's Tom, Yanbo, and Theo appreciate all your support and kindness.

Thank you.

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**Féile na Beatha Commemorative**

**Walk to the Famine Graveyard on Green Rd**

The Annual Famine walk from SETU to the Famine Graveyard on Green Rd will take place at 12noon on Thursday 16th April as part of the annual Féile na Beatha gathering. We will walk together to the graveyard where over 3,000 people are buried for a shared commemoration of all who needlessly died of starvation or disease or were displaced during An Gorta Mór. This reflective moment is rooted in local memory, while also drawing connections to our world today, where displacement, hunger, and unequal power still shape who is protected and who is made vulnerable. The commemoration will include a presentation on the historical context of the graveyard and workhouse from John Kelly of the Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society, and singing with Rachel Dempsey and reflection from Fr Martin Smith, Chaplain at SETU. Delta Centre students will honour the girls of Carlow who were sent to Australia under the Earl Grey Scheme, ensuring their names and stories are spoken aloud and remembered with care. In doing so, we are also invited to reflect on what it means to stand against injustice in our own time, and to choose solidarity, dignity, and active citizenship now.

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**Bob's Your Uncle Lotto**

**Jackpot**

**Sunday 5th April**

**€11,500**

**Numbers drawn on 29th March**

**11-15-20-21**

**8 Match 3 winners share €500**

**Cathedral Collections**

Last Weekend

Offertory €957.30

Development € 2,080.93

*Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated*

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**Carlow Active Retirement**

Members' meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April at 2.30pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at all Masses in the Cathedral on the weekend of 11th and 12th April.

All are welcome to join the Divine Mercy devotions on the afternoon of Sunday 12th.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2pm

Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m.

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**SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen commencing on Monday 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June. Each night we begin by praying the Rosary at 7pm led by our beloved Poor Clare sisters followed by Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by our Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy. All are welcome.

Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story.

**13th April Mary Hulgraine:** Two time All-Ireland Football Champion & Woman of Deep Faith

**20th April Br. Tom Walsh:** De La Salle Brother and Teacher

**27th April Bernard Dunne:** Former World Boxing Champion

**4th May Jim Breen:** Founder of Pulse Learning & Cycle Against Suicide

**11th May Davy Fitzgerald:** Hurling Manager, former player & winner of Two All-Ireland titles

**18th May Br. Richard Hendrick:** Capuchin Franciscan priest-friar and mindfulness teacher

**25th May Edward Hayden:** TV Chef and Broadcaster

**1st June Katelyn Cummins:** Rose of Tralee 2025

**8th June Bishop Denis Nulty:** Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

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**Apostolate Eucharistic Adoration**

**Annual Pilgrimage to Knock**

Sunday 19th April.

Bus travelling from Athy through Stradbally, Portlaoise - Cost €25.

Contact Barbara Kinsella to book a seat. 0861637311

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**Carlow Day Centre**

Carlow Day Care Centre is hosting a Road Run on Sunday, April 19th, in association with the Irish Vintage Society. All vehicles are welcome with €20 per entry. Registration will take place from 12:15pm at Carlow Day Care Centre (R93 HK53) until departure at 1 pm. Live music and refreshments served from 2pm and a generous raffle later in the afternoon.

All are welcome to this fun family day.

Thank you in advance for your support for this fundraiser.