

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 3rd May 2026.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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"From Fear to Faith"

In today's Gospel reading from John, Jesus speaks words that offer profound comfort: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.' He knows that his disciples are feeling anxious and uncertain. They sense that something is changing and are afraid of what lies ahead. Rather than giving them detailed explanations, Jesus offers them Himself.

'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

This is at the heart of our faith. Christianity is not just about knowing teachings or following rules; it is about having a relationship with Jesus. He does not merely show us the way; He is the way.

When life feels confusing and we are faced with decisions, doubts or fears, we often look for clear answers. But Jesus invites us to something deeper: trust. He tells us that walking with Him is enough, even when we cannot see the whole path.

He also reminds us that we are not alone on our journey. 'In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.' Our lives are moving towards a home prepared for us by God Himself.

Therefore, this Gospel encourages us to shift our focus from fear to trust and from uncertainty to faith.

Today, we can ask ourselves:

Do I truly believe that Jesus is my way?

Do I trust Him even when I do not understand?

If we stay close to Jesus, we will never lose our way.

Because the way is not a place — **it is a person!**

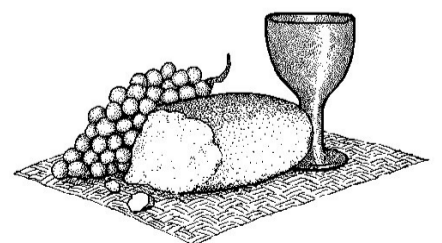


First Holy Communion

Congratulations.... Comhghairdeas!

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who join us for their First Holy Communion this weekend.

We pray that they may grow in their friendship with Jesus and in their faith in God's love throughout their lives. Congratulations to their parents and families, to their school communities and to all who work on the Parish programme



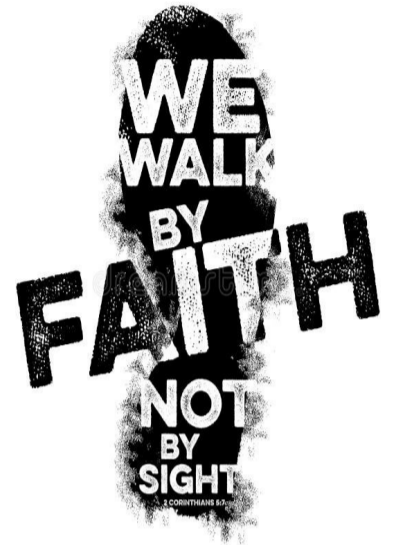
MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

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



Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday, May 16, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am, and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

Pilgrimage to Knock

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the Diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday, 7th June 2026. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica Bus leaving from St. Leo's at 8:00am, subject to numbers. Booking essential at the Parish Centre.

Carlow Active Retirement members

Meeting will be held on Wednesday (13th May) at 2:30 in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New members welcome

Blessed John Sullivan Mass

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Blessed John Sullivan SJ (1861-1933) takes place on Sunday, 10th May 2026 at 3pm in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare. Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty.

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

Electrical Waste- free Drop off.

Carlow County Council are hosting a free WEEE drop off event in Carlow Mart on Wednesday, 27th May, from 10am -4pm. (Eircode R93VOR1) Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled for free on the day, from washing machines, TVs, kettles, toasters, power and garden tools, electronic toys, phones, cables, IT equipment, remote controls, watches, batteries of all sizes – even farm fence batteries. For further information contact [environment @Carlowcoco.ie](mailto:environment@Carlowcoco.ie)

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 3rd May

€13,500

Numbers drawn on 26th April

6-12-28-29

6 Match 3 winners share €500

Pilgrimage to Lodi, Italy

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. 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

Memorial Service

A memorial service for those who have died by suicide is being held on Friday, 8th May, at 7.30pm in Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Caragh, Co Kildare W91 AE73. All are welcome.

Pentecost Retreat @ Slí an Chroí,

St Patrick's 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 slianchroi@spms.ie or 089 4690 508

Carlow Stroke Support Group

Meet next Friday, May 8th, 2.30-4pm, St. Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Meetings open to Stroke survivors and carers are informative and social. Text/ call 087-7814697

Sale Plants, Books, Cakes, Bric-A-Brack

Methodist Church, Athy Road, Carlow
Saturday, 9th May, 10am to 2pm

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,067.96

Development € 2,006.35

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.