

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 14th June 2026.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The harvest is rich, the labourers are few (Matthew 9:36-10:8)

Today we return to Matthew's Gospel which is constructed around five great sermons.

Jesus always urged us to see what is good in people rather than what is bad. *"Blessed are the pure in heart they shall see God."*

Jesus practised what he preached. He had an extraordinary ability, the eye of an artist, to see potential in unlikely people. By the grace of God, Simon Peter, a man with a fiery temper, who once pulled out a sword to slice off the ear of a soldier, was chosen to be the first pope.

The brothers, James and John, were known as the Sons of Thunder. Once, they offered to call down fire on a Samaritan town which rejected Jesus. The cheek of these brothers! They did not ask Jesus to call down the fire but they would do it! Yet Jesus saw their potential. James became the first of the apostles to be martyred. John lived longer than the others and became the contemplative who inspired the Gospel of John and other writings. Simon, a nationalist zealot, learned how to work with Matthew, who collected taxes for the despised Romans. An unlikely team became wonderful missionaries.

A motto in advertising is to think globally but act locally.

The missionary strategy of Jesus was to work with the small group in the limited area of Galilee and Judea. The mission would extend worldwide after Pentecost.

The harvest is rich, the labourers are few Christ is counting on you (Cursillo motto)

It is important for you to know the graces you received in the sacrament of baptism. *"As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life"* (Rite of Baptism). After baptism with water, you were christened with the Oil of Chrism. You are sharing in the priesthood of Christ.

The Church of tomorrow will depend on you.

St. Teresa of Avila has given us a beautiful reflection.

'Christ has no body but yours: no hands, no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks: yours are the hands with which he blesses the world.'

At the end of Mass, go out to love and serve!

Father S. Flynn

Summer Dues

The Summer Collection for the support of the Bishop + Priests of The Parish will be taken up this weekend 13th/14th June.

Envelopes in the Envelope Boxes and at the doors of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity. Bishop Denis, Frs' Tom, Yanbo and Theo are most appreciative of your continued kindness and support.

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



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Day For Life

On this year’s Day for Life, Sunday, 21st June, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth’s womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full Bishops’ message visit www.councilforlife.ie

Catholic Grandparents and Older Persons

Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday, 26th July 2026. Bus from St. Leo's at 8:00am . Cost €35 . Special Offer– parent or grandparent with young person €50 . Offer limited to 10 first people.

A great opportunity to hear from great speakers on a landmark document.

Unpacking the latest encyclical from Pope Leo: The Loyola Institute in Trinity College is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, 17 June, from 4-5 pm, to discuss Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical Magnifica Humanitas. The panel for the webinar is: Prof Linda Doyle, Provost Trinity College, Dublin; Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary, Dicastery for Culture and Education; Prof Massimo Faggioli, Trinity College Dublin; Prof Fáinche Ryan, Trinity College, Dublin. The webinar is free to join but registration is required.

You can register here

https://tcd-ie.zoom.us/j/7N_V7Brizu-SgaLFoTO2RPE1Q...

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

Bob’s Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 14th June

€16,500

Numbers drawn on 7th June

2-4-16-29

4 Match 3 winners share €500

National Pilgrimage for Life

The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday, 20th June, in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Niall Coll. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Glór Cheatharlach - summer events ‘as Gaeilge’ 2026

A full programme of events ‘as Gaeilge’ for young people from infants to teenagers will take place in Carlow in July.

Coláiste Samhraidh/Summer College suitable for 5th Class - Junior Certs will run from 29th June – 3rd July.

The fee is €125.

Campa na nÓg /Junior Camp for infants from 6th- 9th July.

Fee is €55.

Campa Samhraidh /Summer Fun Camp for children in 1st – 4th class from 13th - 16th July. The fee is €75.

For full details and to reserve places contact Glór Cheatharlach on 087 2857048, 085 1340047 or email

emma@glorcheatharlach.ie

The Irish Cancer Society, volunteers needed

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James’ Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Finding God in Nature and Culture – Saturday 27th June 2026, Kildare Town

A day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring the relationship between Christian faith, Irish culture, imagination, and the natural world. Featuring Paul Vander Klay, Fr. Conor McDonough OP, and Heather Pollington. Hosted at

Solas Bhríde Centre with pilgrimage visits to St Brigid’s Well and Kildare Cathedral.

Tickets and information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/finding-god-in-nature-and-culture-tickets-1988447493982?aff=oddtcreator>

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,070.33

Development € 1,744.48

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