

Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 28th June 2026.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As a Christ follower do I have a choice?

It is understandable that in this age of reason doubt and conflict that we are tired by the number of choices we are faced with each day. Do we agree with what is happening in the Middle East? What's my position on abortion? What's my stance on those seeking refuge in Ireland? To avoid conflict or an awkward conversation we might either keep quiet or just let it go with a passive reaction which does not disturb the peace. This is seen as the polite thing to do or perhaps the easiest path.

However, as a follower of Jesus Christ, we don't have a choice in these matters. The only question we must answer, in the depths of our hearts is WAS I baptised? or Am I baptised? If I see baptism as something that was done to me as a child without my permission, I must make a huge decision. Am I a nominal follower of Christ with no real conviction in what he preached, or am I a baptised follower of Jesus Christ who accepts his teaching and who represents him in the world today in 2026?

If it's the latter, welcome to a life that will not always be easy, Jesus never promised us an easy life on earth but a reward in heaven. If we look at our interactions with the world through the lens of a person who is baptised and converted, then although difficult, my interactions with others and the questions of the day are clearer. We will be guided not by someone else's view, teaching or conviction but by Christ. We will opt for the Christian way when faced with a choice in everything we do. This includes not only the big questions but my everyday interactions. Do I give to the person looking for change on the street?

Do I fail to acknowledge and look through those I do not like? Is my prayer truly for the glorification of God or for myself? When I speak is it out of kindness or judgement? We are told in scripture; these interactions are the training ground for the big decisions we face.

As a Christ follower do I have a choice? As a person who is baptised ..? we must all answer for ourselves.

WDOF

Carlow Cemetery Mass 2026

The annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday evening, July 13th at 7.30pm.

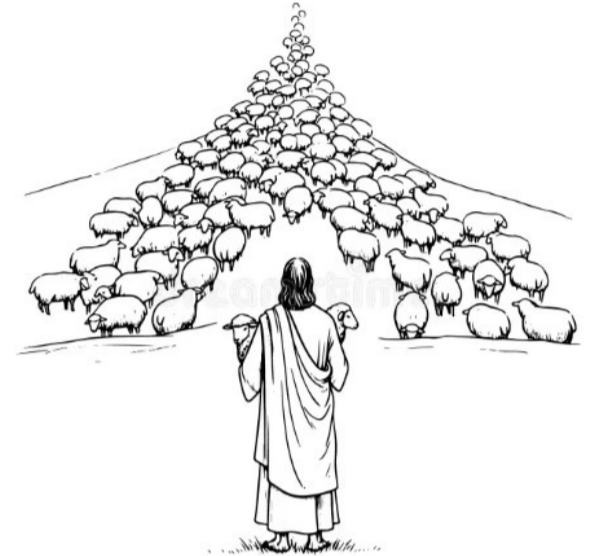
MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

Bridie Curran, Carlow Town/Maganey/Kildare

May Bridie rest in peace

May her loved ones and all who mourn be comforted

Rainbows Ireland

Rainbows Peer Support

Open to all children +7. Supporting Children and Young People with Bereavement and Parental Separation. Sept, at 4:30pm in Askea Parish Centre, Carlow. tel: 087 125 6199

E: rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com, www.rainbowsireland.ie

ACCORD CARLOW – OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is an agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is committed to supporting family relationships by providing Sacramental Marriage Preparation Courses, a Couples and Relationship Counselling Service and Relationship Education Programmes for Primary Schools.

Please email C.V (including references) together with a covering letter to Susan Shorten, Regional Director, sshorten@accord.ie

Closing Date for applications is Thursday, 2nd July 2026.

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 first 10 people.

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with Online Delivery

ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026:

The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation team and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 14th August 2026.

For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, Education Department, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo.

Email: mary.kearns@atu.ie or visit www.atu.ie

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 28th June

€17,500

Numbers drawn on 21st June

2-13-17-23

8 Match 3 winners share €500

The Two Hearts

The Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigils in Carlow Cathedral have now drawn to a close as Fr. Yanbo is taking up an assignment in Dublin. Many thanks and blessings to all who supported the Vigils since they started in 2019.

Monthly Men's Rosary Carlow

for World Peace on Sat, 4th July, at Liberty Tree at 1.30.

All are welcome.

Medjugorje Carlow Pilgrimage. Sept 9th €895, 7 days, some seats still available. Spiritual Director Fr Theodore Tomasik.

Enquires Noeleen. 0862415986

An Gairdin Beo

An Gairdin Beo Café and vegetable stall is open every Wednesday from

10.30 am -12.30 pm starting June 24th and continuing during the summer months of July and August.

We look forward to your visit.

Please note, there is no onsite parking.

Carlow Day Care Centre

Hosting a Road Run on Sunday, 5th of July, in association with the Irish Vintage Society. All vehicles are welcome with €20 per entry. Registration will take place from 12:15 pm at Carlow Day Care Centre (R93 HK53) until departure at 1 pm.

Live music and refreshments served from 2 pm 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.

ACCORD Carlow

We offer counselling in Carlow at St Catherine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we have two upcoming Marriage Preparation courses in September and November in

Carlow. Please contact carlow@accord.ie or phone 086 4149034 for more details.

Man and Woman He Created Them

The Priory Institute is running an online summer school in August again this year. The course will examine a selection of Pope St. John Paul's writings on the human body, man and woman, love and sexuality and marriage

2026 Online Summer School

Carlow Town Sustainable Energy Community AGM

The committee of Carlow Town Sustainable Energy Community are holding a general meeting, followed by their AGM in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel R93 N207 on July 1st @5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Carlow town SEC is a volunteer organisation, whose aim is to help shape a more sustainable and climate friendly Carlow Town. Join the conversation on a Just energy transition.

Contact carlowtownsec@gmail.com

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,832.68

Development €1,089.31

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.