



Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 26th July 2026.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 26th July 2026



The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives. This celebration helps us appreciate older generations as vital keepers of our history, witnesses to our faith, and teachers for our lives.

Prayer for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father, Who watches over every person.

Watch over me too when I am elderly.

You have revealed your name to me in Christ,

And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands, and You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (Is 49:15)

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it, just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it, just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it, just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division,

So that we may live these years united in You.

You will never forget us! (Is 49:15) **Amen.**



Blessing of Long Life

God of mercy,

who has granted these your children

the gift of a long life,

pour out your blessing upon them.

Let them feel the sweetness

and strength of your presence.

As they look back on the past,

may they rejoice in your mercy;

and, as they look to the future,

may they persevere in the hope that never dies.

To you be praise and glory forever and ever. **Amen.**



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

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

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 teams 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

National Synodal Pathway Update

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th–16th August

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.

Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.

Visitation to the Housebound

If you or a family member within the Cathedral Parish area is housebound and would like a visit from a Priest, please contact the Parish Centre with the name, contact details and address (incl. Eircode).

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

Jackpot Sunday 26th July

€19,500

Numbers drawn on 19th July

1-7-22-24

5 Match 3 winners share €500

Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,120.32

Development €1,837.08

Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.

Men's Monthly Rosary

Saturday ,1st August, @1.30 p.m. Venue Liberty Tree opposite Mc Donald's. All are Welcome. Enquiries 086 374 2641.

Thank you in advance

VINCENT DE PAUL CARLOW.

There will be no Vincent de Paul monthly collections for July and August. The collections will resume in September.

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.

St Bridget's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026

Three-day pilgrimages:

Thursday, 13th August - Saturday, 15th August;
Bus departs: Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, Mulhuddart.

To book your place telephone: Joe 0873815887/
Deirdre 087 2467594 email: deidregleeson@medwise.ie

One day of prayer in honour of St Carlo Acutis:

Sunday 6th, September;
Bus departs: Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, M3 Parkway.

To book your place Telephone / Text Deirdre 0872467594/
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Catholic movement, it is now formally recognised by the Holy See — its Statutes were approved by the Vatican on 11 March 2026 in the presence of Cardinal Kevin Farrell. For over fifty years, Marriage Encounter Weekends have helped thousands of couples across Ireland and the world to deepen their relationship with each other and with God, through the gift of communication, renewed commitment, and shared faith.

This is truly a weekend like no other.

Weekend Details:

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare

Dates: Friday, 2nd – Sunday, 4th October 2026

Arrival: Friday from 7:00 p.m., programme concludes Sunday approx. 4:30 p.m. Register at: www.marriageencounter.ie

Grandparents

"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. The Aparecida Document says, 'Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives' (No. 447). This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"

— Pope Francis