



# Cathedral of the Assumption

Sunday, 9th August 2026.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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By 4pm Wednesday

### Banking Details

Carlow Parish Account

IBAN; IE66 AIBK 9331

0405 634065

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Carlow Parish Clergy

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6346 51

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### “Lord, Save Me”

The disciples are caught in a storm, far from the shore, struggling against a strong wind. Jesus is not in the boat, and for a time they seem to be alone. Yet he sees them, comes towards them and says: “Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

This Gospel speaks powerfully to those moments when life feels unsettled. We may face illness, bereavement, family worries, uncertainty about the future, or a weakening of faith. At such times, we can easily feel that God is distant. But the Gospel reminds us that Jesus does not abandon his people in the storm. He comes to them in the darkness.

Peter begins well. He steps out of the boat and walks towards Jesus. But when he looks away from the Lord and concentrates on the wind, fear takes over and he begins to sink. His prayer is very simple: “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reaches out his hand.

Faith does not mean that we never feel afraid or that we never struggle. It means knowing where to turn when fear begins to overwhelm us. Peter was saved not because his faith was perfect, but because he called upon the Lord. The Church, too, can sometimes feel like a small boat facing strong winds. Yet Christ remains present. He still says: “Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.” The challenge for us is to keep our eyes fixed on him. The wind may not disappear immediately, but with Christ beside us, we do not face it alone.



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### MASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

#### Feast of The Assumption August 15th

Vigil Friday, 14th 6:15pm , Saturday 15th. 8:30am, 10:30am

**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

### Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island

Tuesday, 25th August. Bus departing from St. Leo's at 11:00am.

Cost €25. Booking in Parish Centre

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### Delany Archive Heritage Week Lecture

The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week lecture on "Catholic Churches and Chapels Before and After Emancipation", including examples from churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick's (R93 A003) on 18 August at 7.00 pm.

All are welcome. Admission is free of charge and no booking is required. Further event details are available at [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)

Dr NicGhabhann Coleman is an Associate Professor in the School of History and Geography at the University of Limerick and is currently researching a book on the development of Catholic architecture in Ireland between the 1820s and 1930s.

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### 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.

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### 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).

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### Rainbows Peer Support Programme

Places available for September offering a nine week programme of weekly one hour sessions of peer support to children aged seven and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation. Please contact the coordinator on 0871256199

or email [rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com](mailto:rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com) This service is completely free of charge. Based in Askea, Carlow.

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## Bob's Your Uncle Lotto

**Jackpot Sunday 9th August**

**€20,000**

**Numbers drawn on 2nd August**

**10-13-18-31**

**3 Match 3 winners share €500**

### Cathedral Collections

Last Weekend

Offertory €1,117.34

Development €2,093.42

*Your kind generosity is deeply appreciated.*

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### Carboot Sale

Saturday, 22nd of August, 10am-4pm, Dolmen Celtic FC, Carlow Town, R93 NN29,

Intrestd in selling? Contact Sis: 085-7107336

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### Kilkenny Adult Learning Service

Are hosting an open day on Thursday, 20th August, from 10am – 1pm in 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

All are welcome.

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### 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: [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)

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### South East Technological University (SETU) is promoting

SETUStudentPad.ie to homeowners in the Carlow, Waterford, and Wexford areas.

SETUStudentPad.ie is a website that helps homeowners rent out spare rooms in their homes to students attending SETU. Homeowners who rent out a room can earn up to €14K per year tax free. Just log in to <https://setustudentpad.ie/> Accommodation

There is a minimal charge of €10.00 annually; to register your property on this website and you will be helping our students to live in the local area close to their campus.

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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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

