

CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION, CARLOW

PART TIME ORGANIST

The Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, wish to appoint a part-time Organist.



The Role

The Cathedral of the Assumption, mother church of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin wish to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced Organist with appropriate qualifications as an integral part of the Music Ministry working closely with The Director of Music, the Cathedral Choirs, Cantors and Instrumentalist who play a significant part in the life of the Cathedral community.

He/she will be working as part of a Catholic faith community, enriching its worship and supporting its mission.

The successful applicant will be expected to accompany the choir for weekly Sunday morning mass throughout the liturgical year, most particularly during Christmas and Easter and other collaborative local and Diocesan events and assist with regular weekly choir rehearsals. The appointed candidate will have access to use the organ for practice and teaching purposes and seek to develop its appropriate use in liturgy, concert and teaching contexts.

Remuneration is offered in line with the guidelines recommended by the ICMA, with opportunity for additional income from other services (weddings, funerals, concerts) and a possible organ tuition programme.

Person

It is envisaged that the successful candidate:

- 1) Has an understanding of liturgy and is able to enrich the liturgies with music appropriate to context.
- 2) The candidate should have an education in organ performance preferably to degree level with experience as a church organist to play at an advanced level.
- 3) Has knowledge of the choral church literature and can play a range of traditional church music but open to and excited by the enrichment offered by other contemporary forms of musical expression such as the music of Taizé, world music, etc;
- 4) Is a good communicator, able to get along easily with people and is open to collaboration and working well in a team environment. Is respectful of and demonstrates a willingness to work with other staff across the Cathedral to ensure a full-supported and committed Cathedral.
- 5) Has an entrepreneurial spirit and can demonstrate the capacity to build on existing partnerships and develop new ones within the community in support of the wider musical life of the Cathedral.

- 6) Is a person of vision, creativity and strategic thinking, committed to musical excellence who will engage in developing a strategy for the ongoing growth of the musical life of the Cathedral both in relation to the recruitment of new choir members and the possible development of an organ tuition programme to train and mentor future organists to become an intrinsic part of the musical life of the Cathedral in a supporting role.
- 7) Work as part of a team in the design of liturgy and the coordination of the musical choices appropriate to the liturgical calendar.
- 8) Is knowledgeable about safeguarding procedures and best practice for children and vulnerable adults, ensuring that at all time due consideration is given to the Cathedral's procedures.

How to apply

Applications should be sent by post or e-mail: to:

Rev. Ruairi O'Domhnaill
Administrator,
Cathedral of the Assumption,
Carlow.
ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

Closing Date for Applications: **12 noon on Wed. 23rd August, '17**

Your application should contain:

- A full CV containing educational, musical and professional qualifications and full employment history. To include your contact details: telephone number/s and email address.
- A brief covering letter outlining how your skills and experiences match the requirements of the post.
- Details (name, address, contact details) of three referees who would be able to speak about your relevant experience and personal qualities. (Referees may be contacted as part of the short-listing process by agreement with the applicant)

