

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

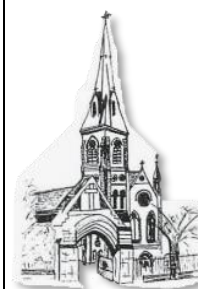
Mon. 11am	William & Mary Woolley Nora Collins	8pm No Mass
Tues. 11am	Personal Intention	8pm Agnes & Martin Donohue and their son Michael
Wed. 11am	Mai & Donnie Cronin	8pm Bridie & Martin Conroy
Thurs. 11am	People of the Parish	8pm John, Annie, Raymond, Carmel & Rosaleen O'Rourke
Fri. 11am	Bridget McDermot Pat, Joe, Bridie and Christy Duane	8pm Michael Linnane M.M.
Sat. 11am	Patrick Leonard (Lenny) Connaughton M.M.	8pm Josie Cahalan
Sun. 10am	Kathleen & Brendan Killackey	12noon Decd. members of the Tierney family Caroline Kelly (née Flaherty)

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barry Murphy, Newtowndaly, (formerly Lakeside Park), Loughrea who died recently.

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Minister of the Word:</u>		
Sat. 23rd Mar. 8pm: C. Bolton & K. McKenna	Sat. 23rd Mar. Palm Sunday Sun. 24th Mar.	8pm: 10am: 12noon:	E. Harte - N D. Joyce - O Confirmation Candidate A. Toohey - N M. Martin - O A. Cronin - N J. Hayes - O
Palm Sunday Sun. 24th Mar. 10am: J. Casserly & M. Ryan 12noon: I. Costello & M. O'Brien	Mass Servers		
Cathedral Sunday Collection €1,615	Sat. 16th Mar. Sun. 17th Mar.	8pm: 10am: 12noon:	Team E Team A Team B

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Mon. 8am	Patrick Fahy & decd. family members	10am	Mary Belcher
Tues. 8am	Patrick, Joseph, Margaret and Angela Hawkins	10am	Anthony Kelly
Wed. 8am	Martin Murphy	10am	Martin & Maureen Newell
Thurs. 8am	Donor's Special Intentions	10am	Michael & Dora Casey
Fri. 8am	Michael, Bridget and Liam Myers	10am	Edward Kenny
Sat. 8am	Michael & Mary Mitchell	10am	Larry Smyth
Sun. 9am	Alfie Burke	11am	Anthony Kelly
		6pm	Pakie & Olive Whyte



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

Loughrea Faith Community Area

The Presbytery 091-841212 The Abbey 091-841209

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Sunday 17th March 2024

St Patricks Day, Patron of Ireland

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?
2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead, and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.
3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also glorified when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?
4. This voice has come for your sake and not for mine. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8pm Mass.

Remember to use your Trócaire Boxes They are available at the back of the Cathedral. With the support of people in Ireland, Trócaire will deliver humanitarian aid to over 2 million people in crisis.

Happy St Patrick's Day and God's blessings on you and all your families.
Bishop Michael Duignan

Chrism Mass

Wed. 27th March at 8pm in the Cathedral. During the Mass Bishop Duignan will bless the new Oil of Chrism for use at Confirmation this year. He will also bless the Oil of Catechumens used in the Sacrament of Baptism and the oil used in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. At the Mass the Priests also renew their priestly vows. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Preparation for Easter

Priests from the Loughrea Faith Community Area will be available in the Cathedral for confession on Friday, March 22nd from 11.30am to 7.30pm.

Keeping Connected

Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter.

Emigrant Collection will be taken up at Mass on St. Patrick's Day.

Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2024.

Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2024) AND 35. Subsidised Fare €680 – all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841 560, email office@clonfertdiocese.ie, or contact your local priest. Limited spaces – first come, first served. Closing date 12th of April.

ACCORD Ballinasloe are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. CONTACT 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland social club meet in the Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, Pigott Street, Loughrea every Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. Contact Teresa on 087 1888177.

Gamblers Anonymous – Want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450 Weekly Meetings Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street Ballinasloe H53 RC95 @ 8pm.

St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea, Co. Galway 091 841387: Care of the Older person 9.30am to 1pm and Activities of a Living Patient from 1.30pm to 4pm. Please contact John Melville on 087 9332033 or email john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie

Loughrea Senior Citizens will meet in the Abbey on Thursday, March 21st at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Loughrea Hurling Club Lotto Results numbers 16,19,28,29. No Jackpot Winner, No match 3s. Next week's draw takes place on 18/3/24, in Maggie Mays at 9pm. Jackpot €6,350.

Donations: Sincere thanks to all who have continued to make financial contributions to the Parish. There is an online facility for contributions on www.loughreacathedral.ie. It provides a secure payment option through PayPal. Another option is to make a payment through your bank using the details below. **ACCOUNT NAME: Cathedral Account, Bank of Ireland, Main St., Loughrea. A/c no.: 92656428 – S/C 90-38-91. IBAN: IE33 BOFI 9038 9192 6564 28 – BIC: BOFIE2D**

Bethany Bereavement Group
087 3844112

Society St. Vincent de Paul
086 0551134

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Dignity Funeral Care
Loughrea – Ph: 091 847030 / 087 1427271

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme have vacancies for General Operator (Ref. No.: #CES-2325965), closing date 12th April, 2024 and Office Assistant (Ref. No.: #CES-2326548), closing date 16th April, 2024. Participants must be in receipt of Social Welfare payment for a minimum of 12 months. If interested, contact your local Intreo/Social Welfare Office for eligibility and quote reference number. For more info., contact the Parish Office: 091 841212 or email: francisbyrne@loughreaparishcouncil.ie

St. Patrick's Weekend Concert Cantairí Chonamara and Music Matters present Connemara Songlines, a suite celebrating the Connemara landscape composed by Máire Ní Dhuibhir, and TREO ensemble, directed by Karen Dervan, on MONDAY 18th MARCH, at 6.30pm in Gaelscoil Riabhach, Loughrea, H62 TK22. Tickets at the door or pre-book with Sarah 087 990 5710.

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present their Spring comedy play - Feuding Families by Seamus Broderick, opening Thursday March 21st with more shows on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of March in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea at 8 pm. Tickets are €12 in advance from T.L. O'Brien's Main Street Loughrea, €14 on the door. For further information, please contact 083-8633796.

Loughrea Anglers The fishing season on Loughrea Lake opens on St. Patrick's Day and the Richie Reilly and Pat Barrett perpetual cups will be up for grabs for the first trout of the season and heaviest trout of the day. Competition starts at 9am and weigh in will be at 4pm.

Greylake Quartet event... on Friday, the 5th of April at 7pm in the Carmelite Abbey Loughrea, there will be an hour of familiar, uplifting music presented by the Greylake Quartet and Pdraig Connaughton. It is a free concert but there will be a retiring collection in aid of Mary's Meals. This charity feeds over 1 million children in Africa every day and enables them to attend school, which without the charity, they would not be able to go. Thank you for your support in advance.

Shamrocks Camogie Club welcoming new members at all ages, contact John Geraghty 087 7567058 or Brendan Dooley 086 3516679 for any new under 6 girls.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Activity Association no meeting this week. Contact Mary Ida Kelly 086 2602282.

Karate Classes Every Monday and Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm for Ladies, Gents & Children over 8yrs of age. Contact 087 6133297.

Fraughen School of Irish Dancing Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30 pm for adults, Friday from 5 – 6pm, age 4 and upwards. All welcome. Contact Mary 087 9597560.

Loughrea Bowls every Tuesday & Wednesday 11am – 1pm.

Loughrea Chess Club Every Wednesday 6.30 – 7.30pm in the Tea Room. New members welcome beginners and advanced. Contact 086 2074494.

Whist Every Thursday 7.30 – 10pm. New members welcome.

Bingo Every Friday night from 7.15pm, also online via zoom www.loughreabingo.ie.
Latin Zumba Vibes Classes every Thursday from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Contact Laura Ibanez on 086 7833006.

Pickleball Loughrea Fridays, 4.45pm - 6.45pm. For more information email: pickleballgalway@gmail.com

Yoga Classes on Mondays at 10.30am and 8.15pm. For more information, contact Julia 086 2608039.

All Bookings for the Temperance Hall must be made through the Parish Office
Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30 pm
Phone: 091 841212 or Email: cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie