

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Private Intentions	8pm Michael Carty & decd. family members
Tues. 11am Tom Conneen and Jack Nevin	8pm The Boylan family and Private Intention
Wed. 11am Jack & Molly Keating	8pm Mattie & Nancy Donohue and Emma Reddington
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Tom Monaghan and Tony Sice Moira Harney
Fri. 11am Máire Mason	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Patrick Horgan
Sun. 10am Laurence & Annie Treacy Sean & Kathleen Power	12noon Elizabeth & John Scully and decd. family members Tom Glynn

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul Fr Ambrose McNamee O.C.D., The Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea who died recently.

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Minister of the Word:</u>	
Sat. 27th Apr. 8pm: H. Oliveira & C. Bolton	Sat. 27th Apr.	8pm: A. Toohey 10am: Confirmation Candidate 12noon: J. Hayes
Sun. 28th Apr. 10am: A. Gardner & E. Mahony 12noon: G. Dervan & J. Casserly	<u>Mass Servers</u> Sat. 27th Apr. Sun. 28th Apr.	8pm: Team E 10am: Team A 12noon: Team B
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,595		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Special Intentions	10am JJ & Ann O'Loughlin
Tues. 8am Fr John McNamara	10am Ellen & Pat Kelly
Wed. 8am Dougie Quinn	10am Barbara, Blana, Tony & Oliver Connaughton
Thurs. 8am Alan & Michael Healy and decd. family members	10am John & Bridget Connaire
Fri. 8am Imelda Haverty	10am Edward, Jane & Liam Egan
Sat. 8am Noreen Murphy & Nora Cahill	10am Kevin Daniels
Sun. 9am Ann Madden	11am Sean & Paddy Duggan 6pm Margaret Gaffey

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**

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	Website – loughreacathedral.ie clonfertdiocese.ie
	Newsletter online: loughreacathedral.ie clonfertdiocese.ie
	Email: cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie
	Live stream: www.loughreacathedral.ie/www.churchservices.tv/loughrea
	Sunday 21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter
	Day of Prayer for Vocations



Fr. Ambrose McNamee
Carmelite Abbey Loughrea
1923 – 2024

Fr. Ambrose McNamee was born on 2nd April 1923 into the McNamee family of Bride Street. He was baptised Gabriel on 8th April 1923 in the Cathedral. The picture above was taken one hundred years later beside the very baptismal font where he was baptised. He had celebrated his one hundredth birthday and was present to concelebrate the Chrism Mass on 5th April 2023, where along with the Bishop and the other priests present he renewed his priestly commitment. The word commitment describes Fr Ambrose well. He was committed to his priesthood, to the Carmelite way of life, to his family and to his friends. The following May Fr. Ambrose attended the Clonfert Pilgrimage to Knock and at 100 years he still walked the entire procession from the Basilica, up the hill and back to the Apparition Chapel. He was an example to us all.

Fr. Ambrose was a proud native of the town and was highly regarded in Loughrea. He was the last surviving member of the victorious 1941 Loughrea senior hurling team and was an avid supporter of Loughrea hurling.

Since his ordination on 2nd April 1949 (he was ordained aged 26 on his birthday) he served in various appointments in England and Ireland as a Carmelite priest. When he returned to Loughrea he served both in the Abbey and in the Cathedral and reached out to many people in the parish. His devotion to priesthood was evident and his determination, once seen on the hurling field stood him in good stead as he ministered to the people of God in our parish. His death marks the end of an era. God gifted him with a long life and Fr. Ambrose used that gift well, for the glory of God and for the good of God's people.

At his Ordination in 1949 the bishop prayed over him saying "May God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfilment." Our prayer now for Fr Ambrose is that he will enjoy the fulfilment of eternal life with God after a life well lived and priesthood well lived with commitment, dedication and prayer. May God welcome him home to the Father's House and may we remember the good he has done among us.

Monsignor Cathal Geraghty, P.P.

First Penance/First Confession

for the pupils from St. Ita's and St. Brendan's Primary schools will take place in the Cathedral on Monday, April 22nd at 6.30pm.

Keeping Connected

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

Vigil of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood in the Diocese of Clonfert to coincide with Vocations Sunday 2024 will take place directly after 8pm Mass until midnight on Saturday 20th April 2024 in the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea. Please make a special effort to come and join us.

Vocations Workshop - Bishop Michael will lead a workshop for those who might be interested in Diocesan Priesthood in the Diocese of Clonfert or the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora on Sunday Afternoon the 28th of April 2024 from 2-6pm. Further Information available from Fr. Ian O' Neill, email - galwaypriesthood@gmail.com or telephone - 087 2048497.

National Pilgrimage for Life - The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

The Clonfert and Galway Pilgrimages to Knock takes place on Sunday 19th May. Ceremonies begin as usual at 2.30pm with the celebration of the Sacrament of the sick followed by the celebration of Eucharist at 3pm, followed by the Rosary Procession.

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1st The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

ALONE are looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for one hour per week and/or telephone support for 2 hours per week. Our befriending program is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme has a vacancy for Office Assistant (Ref. No.: #CES-2331553), closing date 22nd May, 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

Loughrea Senior Citizens will meet in the Carmelite Abbey on Thursday, April 25th at 8pm. New members welcome.

Loughrea Hurling Club Lotto Results numbers 6,11,13,21. No Jackpot Winner, 3 match 3s. Next week's draw takes place on 22/4/24, in Kearys Bar at 9pm. Jackpot €6,600.

St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey Street, Loughrea: 091 841387, Class places left only in Culinary and Hairdressing Level 3. Please contact the Manager John Melville on 087 9332033 email: john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie

Mental Health Support Programme In a drive to promote Peer-Support as a vital link in mental health awareness and suicide prevention, **Cycle Against Suicide** offers its training in Mental Health Peer-Support Programme free of charge to any community volunteer. Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks. To register: www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/ or email: training@cycleagainstsucide.com

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

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.

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

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Activity Association Talk by Joe Loughnane MA, "Cooking recipes through time", on Monday next 22nd April at 7pm. 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@clonferthdiocese.ie