

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am James & Ellen Gaughan	8pm Michael McCormack Mary Glynn
Tues. 11am Gerard Nolan	8pm Kieran Reilly
Wed. 11am Thomas Mullins	8pm Christy & Ita Daniels and decd. family members Margaret Maughan
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Edmond (Eddie) Treston M.M.
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Pat Randles M.M.
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Peter Plower
Sun. 10am Benny Maher, Mary Kenny and Declan Maher	12noon Jim Flaherty

Baptism: Please welcome into God’s family Sophie Elaine Mahony, Danesfort Court, Loughrea.

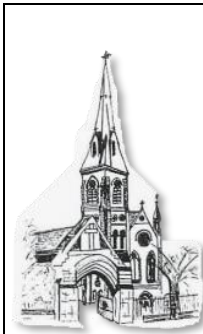
R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Leonard (Lenny) Connaughton, Racecourse, Loughrea and Catherine Fitzgerald, Kerry who died recently, sister of Sr Mary Ambrose.

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Minister of the Word:</u>		
Sat. 2nd Mar. 8pm: C. Bolton & B. Mongan	Sat. 2nd Mar. Sun. 3rd Mar.	8pm: 10am: 12noon:	E. Harte Confirmation Candidate J. Hayes
Sun. 3rd Mar.	<u>Mass Servers</u>		
10am: K. McKenna & M. Ryan 12noon: M. O’Brien & J. Casserly	Sat. 2nd Mar. Sun. 3rd Mar.	8pm: 10am: 12noon:	Team A Team B Team C
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,780			

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Private Intentions	10am Christy Duane & The Finnerty family
Tues. 8am Private Intentions	10am Anthony Kelly
Wed. 8am Christopher Niland	10am Con and Theresa Hynes
Thurs. 8am Mary Ann Niland	10am Maureen & Nora Corry
Fri. 8am Pete Leahy	10am Anthony Kelly
Sat. 8am Stephen & Mary Niland	10am Tommy & May McDonagh and Paddy Keane
Sun. 9am Private Intentions	11am Martin, Annie & Nancy Wade 6pm Agnes Moran

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**



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

Loughrea Faith Community Area

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Sunday 25th February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a ‘Jesus person’ to you, someone who ‘took you by the hand and lifted you up’. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?
- The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the ‘Jesus people’ who helped to free you?
- The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider
 - Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your ‘deserted place’? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?
 - Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?

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.

Pope’s Intention for February

For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Keeping Connected

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

Chapel of Adoration will be closed for renovations from Monday, March 4th to Saturday, March 9th and will reopen on March 11th.

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

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

Join the Galway 40 days for Life Lenten campaign to witness peacefully and to pray publicly, on Saturdays during Lent, outside UHG for a return to the Gospel of Life. 40 days for Life is the world's largest grassroots moment to end Abortion. To join: contact 083 423 1791.

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.

Knock Pilgrimages Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo on 3rd March 2024, €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre is seeking people to volunteer with their Meals on Wheels Service. For more information, please contact Barbara or Liz on 871149.

Bethany Bereavement Group
087 3844112

Society St. Vincent de Paul
086 0551134

NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

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

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme have vacancies for General Operator (Ref. No.: #CES-2318808), closing date 28th February, 2024 and Office Assistant (Ref. No.: #-2320470), closing date 8th March, 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@loughreaparishecouncil.ie

Heartsaver CPR & AED Loughrea Lions Club are running a HEARTSAVER CPR & AED course. It teaches CPR and training and how to use a defibrillator. Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 7:30pm. There is no charge for this course. Early booking essential as places are limited. To book please contact Loughrea Lions Club. Email: loughreallionsclub@gmail.com / Text: Brendan - 087 207 2899

St. Brendan's Boys' N.S. Are you ready to do some Spring Cleaning? St Brendan's Boys' N.S. is having a fundraising clothes collection and would appreciate your support. Please drop in bags to the school before the 28th February. For more information, please call 091 841217.

St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea, Co. Galway 091 841387: Care of the Older person 9.30 am 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

Healthy Spine Class for women over 60s commencing on Friday 1st March at 11:15am-12:15pm from The Health Hub, Main St, Loughrea. Chartered Physiotherapist led. Contact 086 3329 493.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Activity Association Meeting on Monday, 26th Feb. at 7pm, 'The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme', with Coordinator Donal Clancy, re; services and grants available. 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 will return January 25th. Contact Laura Ibanez on 086 7833006.

Pickleball Loughrea Tuesday, 5.30-7.30pm. For more information email: pickleballgalway@gmail.com

Yoga Classes starting on Monday mornings at 10.30am and Monday nights at 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