

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Laurence, Annie, Paddy and Jack Forde	<b>8pm</b> Josephine, Michael & Thomas Horan
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Andy Maloney	<b>8pm</b> Paddy, Margaret and Frances Cullen
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Nora Loughnane	<b>8pm</b> Kathleen, Lucy and Mary Treacy
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Peter Clarke Private Intention
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Paddy & Johanna Connaughton	<b>8pm</b> Mary Maher M.M.
<b>Sat. 11am</b> <b><u>First Holy Communion</u></b> Gaelscoil Riabhach	<b>8pm</b> Patricia Casey John Conefrey
<b>Sun. 10am</b> James & Ellen Tuohy Nancy Leahy <b><u>First Holy Communion</u></b> St. Ita's & St. Brendan's N.S.	<b>12 noon</b> Claude Mitchell & decd. family members Breeda & Brian Sweeney and Florence Mahony

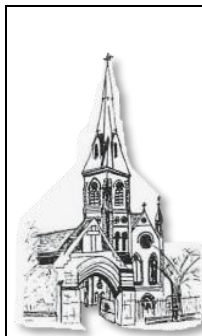
**Baptism:** Please welcome into God's family Alice Anne Heavey, Cosmona, Loughrea.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Sheil (née O'Riordan) Ashlawn and John (Johnny) Mahony, Moyleen, Loughrea who died recently.

<b><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Minister of the Word:</u></b>	
<b>Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>8pm:</b> T. McPartland & M. Ryan	<b>Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8pm:</b> M. Quinn
	<b>Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10am:</b> Communion Candidate
		<b>12noon:</b> A. Cronin
<b>Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>10am:</b> M. O'Brien & K. McKenna <b>12noon:</b> J. Casserly & M. Connolly	<b><u>Mass Servers</u></b> <b>Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8pm:</b> Team C <b>10am:</b> Team D <b>12noon:</b> Team E
<b><u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u></b> <b>€1,560</b>		

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Lottie Grant & family	<b>10am</b> John & Mary Ryan Paddy Joe & Kitty Dooley
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Tom & Angela Kelly	<b>10am</b> Thomas, May & Frank Fahy Sean & Mary Casey
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Pat Leslie	<b>10am</b> Julie Martin & Sean Connelly and decd. members of the Connelly family
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Marjorie, Noreen, Pio & Donald Ryan and family	<b>10am</b> John & Deila Moran and family
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Decd. members of the Carmelite order	<b>10am</b> Private Intentions
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Bridget Quirke	<b>10am</b> Charley Keane
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Nancy Leahy	<b>11am</b> Patrick & Delia Kelly <b>6pm</b> Philomena & Patrick Hannon and their sons Patrick & Michael Hannon



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

**Loughrea Faith Community Area**

The Presbytery 091-841212 The Abbey 091-841209

Website – [loughreacathedral.ie](http://loughreacathedral.ie) [clonfertdiocese.ie](http://clonfertdiocese.ie)

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Live stream: [www.loughreacathedral.ie/www.churchservices.tv/loughrea](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie/www.churchservices.tv/loughrea)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert**

Lord of the Harvest,  
Bless young people in the Diocese of Clonfert with the gift of  
Courage to respond to your call of service.  
Open their hearts to great ideals and wonderful things.  
Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving;  
For vocations blossom in the rich soil of faithful people.  
Inspire priests and religious, all our parishioners and families  
With the confidence and grace to invite our young people  
To consider the exciting and noble path of life dedicated and consecrated to You.  
Unite us to Jesus  
Through prayer and sacrament,  
So that we may cooperate  
With you in building your kingdom of  
Mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

*If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest or our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Aidan Costello to find out more, email: [office@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie) or phone 091-841212.*

**Pope's Intention for April**

*For the Role of Women*

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion for Gaelscoil Riabhach will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of May at 11am.  
St. Ita's and St. Brendan's Primary schools First Holy Communion will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May at 10am.

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
**087 4906377**

**Society St. Vincent de Paul**  
**086 0551134**

## Keeping Connected

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

**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 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 from 2-6pm. Further Information available from Fr. Ian O' Neill, email - [galwaypriesthood@gmail.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.youth2000.ie) or email [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie).

**All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1<sup>st</sup>** The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

**Darkness Into Light 2024** registration & information day in Dolans Centra Service Station, Creagh on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 10 am to 5 pm. Register online at [darknessintolight.ie](http://darknessintolight.ie)

**Pro Life Rally Dublin May 6<sup>th</sup>** Book your FREE place on the Galway for Life bus travelling to the March for Life. Call Aisling O'Rourke 085 747 4185 or Luc Debonnet 087 904 4174 to book your seat!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

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

**Loughrea Parish Council CLG** Community Employment Scheme has a vacancy for Office Assistant (Ref. No.: #CES-2331553), closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> 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@loughreaparishecouncil.ie](mailto:francisbyrne@loughreaparishecouncil.ie)

**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](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie) or [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie)

**St. Brigid's College Loughrea** Leaving Cert Class of 1992 School Reunion. Please join us for our 32 year school reunion on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, at The Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, The Roof Top Bar at 8pm, for food and drinks. Tickets are €20 per person. Please contact Linda @ 087 278 2571.

**Marys Meals** Thanks to all who contributed to Marys Meals, €1730.07 was lodged recently and €750 was lodged before Christmas. Blessings on your generosity. Sr Bridie Carty 087 2982305.

**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](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500

**Loughrea Hurling Club Lotto Results numbers** 4,23,26,28. No Jackpot Winner. Next week's draw takes place on 29/4/24, in Arch Bar at 9pm. Jackpot €6,650.

**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](http://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**

## Temperance Hall Events

**Loughrea Activity Association** No meeting on Monday. 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](http://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](mailto:pickleballgalway@gmail.com)

**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@clonferaldiocese.ie](mailto:cathedral@clonferaldiocese.ie)

