

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Mary and Ann Salmon	8pm Thomas and Teresa Deely
Tues. 11am James and Sadie Headd	8pm Tom Joe Dervan and Ita Pierce
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Tom and Bina Mannion
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Jarlath, Carmel and Cliona Benson
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Mary Fergus Comer M.M.
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Michael Ryan
Sun. 10am Martin and Cathy Rocke	12 noon Anne Shaughnessy

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 17th Sept. 8pm Mark Connolly Sun. 18th Sept. 12 noon Declan Joyce</p>	<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team A Mon. 12th Sep – Sat. 17th Sept Team C Sun. 18th Sept 10am Team F Sun. 18th Sept 12 noon</p>
<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 17th Sept. 8pm J. Beatty, M. Doyle, C. Darcy Sun. 18th Sept. 10am J. Fitzgerald Sun. 18th Sept. 12 noon M. Chambers, M. Connolly, D. Fahy</p>	<p><i>Cathedral Collections:</i> Offertory: €1,275 Restoration €580</p>

St. Padre Pio Devotions 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass and Devotions 8-9pm.
R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christina (Chrissie) McMahon, Coscorrigh, who died recently.

Wedding Congratulations to Rebecca Haran and Stephen Mitchell who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK
(Please note 8am Intentions in Mount Carmel)

Mon. 8am Private Intention	10am Gerry and Peggy Dolan
Tues. 8am John Joe Carty	10am Peter and Mary Gunter
Wed. 8am The Daly family decd.	10am Christy and Agnes O'Loughlin
Thurs. 8am John and Gerard Harty & decd. Harty family	10am Private Intention
Fri. 8am Jarlath, Carmel and Cliona Benson	10am Private Intention
Sat. 8am Kathleen and Mattie Casserley	10am Tommie and Vera Moore & decd. Moore and Murray families
Sun. 9am Frank, Mary and Patrick Larkin	11am Mary Dervan nee Tuohy 6pm Thomas and Joe Fahy



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th September 2016
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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Luke 15:1-32

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?

2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself'. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.

3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father, he was very judgemental towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were they like for you? Where was there life for you, or for others?

John Byrne osa (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS

Misfits welcome! Jesus is being judged, by the authorities, to be mixing with the wrong sort of people – tax collectors, people who have made mistakes or indeed happen to be poor. Jesus welcomes the outsiders, the people who don't fit in, and shares a meal with them – the best way to build a relationship.

Jesus explains that God's love is limitless. He uses the Prodigal Son image, the shepherd searching for his lost sheep and the woman carefully looking through her house in search of a lost coin to demonstrate how eagerly God wants to seek us out and welcome us.

At times we can feel like the misfit – recognising that we may have had a period of ignoring or avoiding God, trying to live on our own strength. It takes courage to trust in the love of God, who like the father in the gospel is always unreservedly and lovingly looking for us to come home.

Essentially, Jesus' message is of radical welcome; not just to those who it is easy to welcome but all. We are called to imitate.

Siobhain Tighe (Intercom Magazine)

The second basket collection next weekend is the Priests' Autumn Collection for the support of the clergy.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul:
086 0551134**

**Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396**

Mount Carmel Chapel: No Sept. Prayer Meeting with the Carmelite Nuns as the Sisters are on retreat. Meeting will be in Oct. on the first Weds. instead of the usual second Weds. Hope we will see you all again.

St Raphael's College is hosting a Mass to celebrate the school's centenary on Sat. 24th Sept. at 2pm in St Brendan's Cathedral. Following the Mass, which will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Most Rev. Charles J. Brown, refreshments will be served in the college. All are welcome.

Year of Mercy San Giovanni and Assisi Pilgrimage Group led by Fr Sean Crowley, 30th September. Price €919pps. Celebrating the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, on the 4th October in Assisi. Holy Land Christmas Pilgrimage 2016 19th-27th Dec. 8 nights. Price €1,374pps. Payment can be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy for details 061-921470 or 086 0572216.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux 2016 22nd-26th Sept. Cost €644 plus €25 Insurance. Enquiries phone Celine [018387281](tel:018387281)/info@sttherses.com www.sttherese.com

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sun. 25th Sept. Bus from Loughrea. Contact Marie at 091-842358

Lough Derg one day retreats on 17th, 18th and 24th Sept. 'A Day of Friendship and Prayer' Weds. 14th Sept. 'Living With Suicide' Weds. 21st Sept. Advance booking essential contact Maureen or Lorraine at 071-9861518.

Loughrea Cancer Support Group Meeting first Monday of each month at 7pm in the Lough Rea Hotel & Spa for individuals/families affected by a cancer diagnosis. All welcome.

Abbey Craft Group every Monday night at 8pm in the Carmelite Abbey.

Live-in Homecare provides affordable live in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Mary or Tom: 087 9916791. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Comfort Keepers are recruiting carers in our community. Some QQI qualifications required. For details contact 01-8921321

RHS Homecare recruiting Carers from all over Galway. Open day in the Lough Rea Hotel 9.30am-5pm Mon. 12th Sept.

Loughrea Bridge Club are holding their A.G.M. Tues. 13th Sept. at the Lough Rea Hotel and Spa at 8pm.

Suicide Bereavement Services available offering support or counselling. Contact Marie Whyte on 091-502921 or 24 hour helpline 1800247247.

Ballinasloe Outreach Service with Galway Rape Crisis Center provide free, professional and confidential Counselling. Freephone 1800355555.

Galway Hospice Coffee morning Loughrea Library Thurs. 15th Sept. 11am-1pm. For more details, contact Catherine 087-7434476.

Loughrea Medieval Festival Committee would like to thank all who supported this year's festival.

Carer of the Year Awards 2016: Currently seeking nominations. If you know a family carer or young carer who should be recognised, please nominate them at www.familycarers.ie or contact 091-880418

X-Ray Awards 2016: X-Ray Dept. Portiuncula Hospital, has been short listed for awards, the only department outside Dublin to do so. We need votes and you can help. Please go to iirt or medray.ie and use the link to vote. Vote for those who make a difference. Thank you.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers 11, 25, 26, 29. No winners. Next week's jackpot €8,600

Fraughen School of Irish Dancing in St. Ita's school hall on Wed. at 3pm. Further details contact Mary @ 091-841438 or 087-9597560.

Loughrea Holistic Development (Weavers Court) starting beginners pilates 12th Sept. for 6 weeks. Contact Michelle 087-6958688. Energy Healing and emotional healing contact Carmel 087-7868641. Drumming (tribal) classes every Weds. 7pm-8.30pm. Contact Eamon 086-2323938.

Loughrea Boxing Club re-opens Mon. 12th Sept. Sessions will be held Mon. and Thurs. 7.30pm-9pm. Boys 11 years and older are eligible to join.

Culture Night: Baffle and Loughrea Historical and Literary Society have food for thought and sustenance to impart, in Loughrea Town Library, Fri. 16th Sept. at 7.15pm. Event sponsored by Galway County Council.

Loughrea Literary and Historical Society will have Fr Tom Shanahan ODC, giving a talk entitled "Loughrea Connections with the Philippine Missions" in Loughrea Library Fri. 16th Sept. at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Get Fit, Lose Weight, Meet People L'rea Athletic Club caters for all abilities, male & female adults. Meeting Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 7pm. For more info., contact Joan: 085 1457083, Joseph: 087 8394698 or loughreaathleticclub.com

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Mon. 12th Sept. at 7pm in the Supper Room. Bowling Mondays: 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays: 11am-1pm. New members welcome.

Dance Aerobics Class every Tuesday night at 7.30pm, from 6th Sept. Drop in class, pay as you go, suit all fitness levels. Contact: 087-9379563.

Karate Classes Beginners & Members, commencing Mon. 5th & Wed. 7th Sept. Adults & Juniors welcome. Children must be 8 years and older. Contact: 087-6133297.

Whist returns on Thurs. 8th Sept. in the Supper Room @ 8pm. New members welcome.

Vinaya Yoga Classes starting Wed. 7th Sept. 6pm-7.15pm (beginners) 7.15-8.45pm (continuation). To book a place, contact Liz @ 087-6314581 or [Liz Vinaya Yoga](http://LizVinayaYoga) on Facebook.

Irish Dancing Classes reopen Mon 5th Sept. & Fri. 9th Sept. at 5pm. Caters for school going children age 4 and upwards. €7 per pupil per class. For details, contact Mary Fraughen Barrett @ 091-841438 or 087-9597560.

Dancing for Children commencing Thurs. 15th Sept. Junior dancers 6pm-7pm, Senior dancers 7pm-8pm. Adult Set Dancing 8.30-10.30pm. Contact Bridie for more details 087-6202451.

Seán Nós dancing every Mon. night starting Mon. 19th Sept. Contact Bernie at 086-3731547.

Bravo theatre group Registration for new term Fri. 16th Sept. between 6pm-7.30pm for children ages 5-17. Info: bravotheatregroup@gmail.com.