

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

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| <p>Mon. 11am Holy Souls</p> <p>Tues. 11am Anne Salmon</p> <p>Wed. 11am School Mass St Ita's</p> <p>Thurs. 11am James & Martin Salmon</p> <p>Fri. 11am William & Alice Guiney</p> <p>Sat. 11am Personal Intention</p> <p>Sun. 10am Annie Raftery</p> | <p>8pm John & Annie O'Rourke and Roseleen Smyth</p> <p>8pm Bridget Reilly</p> <p>8pm Thomas Scully</p> <p>8pm Pat Power</p> <p>8pm Personal Intention</p> <p>8pm Seán Fitzgerald</p> <p>12 noon John & Nora Deegan</p> |
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| <p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 1st Oct. 8pm P. O'Sullivan, M. O'Brien, A. McTigue Sun. 2nd Oct. 10am D. Shaughnessy Sun. 2nd Oct. 12 noon D. Quinn, M. Healy, M. Doyle, M. Hough</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Servers</u></p> <p>Team F Mon. 26th Sept. to Sat. 1st Oct. Team A Sun. 2nd Oct. 10am Team C Sun. 2nd Oct. 12 noon</p> <hr/> <p><u>Ministers of the Word</u></p> <p>Sat. 1st Oct. 8pm Tommy Flynn Sun. 2nd Oct. 12 noon Mattie Quinn</p> |
| <p>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €965</p> | |

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Fay Ann McDonnell, Ard Breeda and Nevaeh Bridget Flaherty, St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

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| <p>Mon. 8am Private Intention</p> <p>Tues. 8am Petie, Pakie & Sonny Dooley</p> <p>Wed. 8am Michael Newell</p> <p>Thurs. 8am John & Frances Martyn</p> <p>Fri. 8am Michael Curley</p> <p>Sat. 8am Michael, Ellen, P.J. & Brid Forde</p> <p>Sun. 9am Tom, Dympna & Breda Flynn</p> | <p>10am Teresa Heagney</p> <p>10am Anne Ryan</p> <p>10am O'Brien family deceased</p> <p>10am Andy, Catherine & Gerard Flynn</p> <p>10am Joseph, Elizabeth & Niall Ryan</p> <p>10am Katie Heagney</p> <p>11am Jack Kennedy</p> <p>6pm James, Nellie, Martin Treacy, Bridie & Michael Nevin and the Skerry family</p> |
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Society of St Vincent de Paul:
086 0551134

Bethany Bereavement
Group: 087 2109396



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY
 The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209
 Website – loughreacathedral.ie
The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th September 2016

The Deep End • 'The Rich Man and Lazarus'

Last Sunday's Gospel reminded us of what economics according to God looks like – it spoke of a redistribution of wealth by a manager who realised that material wealth is only temporary; what we do with that wealth and how we distribute it is more important. Today's parable is on a similar theme. The rich man is sorry, but it is too late for him. He had not come to his senses as the manager last week had done. The rich man is unwilling to change; even in the afterlife he wants Lazarus sent, ordered, to go to his brothers to warn them. It is not proof or special signs that they need. Their vision has been blinded by wealth. They need to 'see' the poor who are at their gates.

God's economics means striving for a world where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table as the rich man. It is not simply enough to comfort the poor and say to them that they will be rewarded in heaven. This misses the point. Luke is pointing us to a great reversal that is so central to this Gospel, a call to turn the world as we know it upside down.

'It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing'.

Oscar Romero. Jane Mellett (Intercom Magazine)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Luke 16:19-32

1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?
2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, the scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus, the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found sacraments of God's presence in the world around you? *John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)*

MUSINGS

The Wall

The image of a formidable wall struck me as I prayed with this scripture. A wall Made of an obsession with greed, selfishness, wealth, power, prestige. This wall, built by the rich man, over time, created such blindness that he became trapped in the illusion of temporary wealth, unable to hear God's call. This self-made wall follows him to his death where in the afterlife he experiences a reversal in his fortunes and is now suffering. He now cannot break it down.

Are there times when I am so in my own bubble that I fail to see those in need? Do I avoid making eye contact with a homeless person as I rush by for example?

We are called to open our eyes and hearts and be the change.

Siobhain Tighe is a Parish Pastoral Worker of the Archdiocese of Dublin with responsibility for Youth Evangelisation

Welcome the Relics of St. Maximilian Kolbe to Ireland on 1st & 2nd Oct. in the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fairview Strand, Fairview, Dublin 3. For more info., call: 01 8376000 or visit www.fairviewparish.ie

Knock Shrine New series of faith renewal events. One-day retreats for spiritual renewal, Sat. 1st Oct. 12-week evening course on Adult Catechism Studies begins 29th Sept. Full programme at www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal to book: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or phone (094) 9388100.

Do you like to sing? Something to sing about (Cancer Survivors Choir) Invites you join us. If you would like more info., contact: 087249284. No auditions.

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.

The Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service Free transport service available to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment. To avail of this service, please talk to your healthcare professional or call Rebecca in the Irish Cancer Society: 01 2316642.

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 further detail, contact: 01 8921321.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers 4, 11, 16, 19. Four match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €8,800.

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

Fraughen School of Irish Dancing in St. Ita's School Hall, Wednesdays at 3pm. For details, contact Mary: 091 841438 or 087 9597560.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre Free one-to-one help with smart phone or tablet. Contact 091 871149 for appointment.

Found Black handbag. Please contact the Parish Office: 091 841212.

Traditional Instrument If you play or would like to learn session tunes, call or text: 086 8038042.

Tidy Towns Clean Coast Event Tues. 27th Sept. at 11.30am. Tidy Towns Volunteers will help with a cleanup of the lake shore. If you have an hour to spare come along to the car park near the children's playground, Gort Road. Gloves, pickers and refuse sacks will be provided.

St. Brigid's College Mike Denver, Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, Thurs. 29th Sept. Doors 9pm. Tickets €15 from hotel or St. Brigid's College. Event to help raise funds for Supermacs Racing Team from St. Brigid's taking part in the world finals, Austin, Texas in October. More info., on facebook page.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Mon. 26th Sept. at 7pm in the Supper Room. Bowling Mon. 1.30-3.30pm, Tues. 11am-1pm. New members welcome.

Bravo Theatre Group Presents "Sweeney Todd", The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Wed. 28th Sept., Thurs. 29th Sept. and Sat. 1st Oct. at 8pm. Adm.€15. Tickets: L'rea School & Office Supplies/ www.bravotheatregroup.com

Get Fit, Lose Weight, Meet People Loughrea 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

Dance Aerobics Class every Tues. Night at 7.30pm. Drop in class, pay as You go, suit all fitness levels. Contact: 087 9379563.

Karate Classes Beginners & Members Mon. & Wed. Adults & Juniors welcome. Children must be 8 years and older. Contact: 087 6133297.

Whist every Thursday in the Supper Room @ 8pm. New members welcome.

Vinyasa Yoga Classes Beginners 6-7.15pm, Continuation 7.15-8.45pm. Contact Liz: 087 6314581 or Liz Vinyasa Yoga on Facebook

Irish Dancing Classes Mondays & Fridays at 5pm. Caters for school going children age 4 and upwards. €7 per pupil per class. Contact Mary Fraughen Barrett: 091 841438 or 087 9597560.

Dancing for Children Thurs. Junior dancers 6-7pm, Senior dancers 7-8pm. Adult Set Dancing 8.30-10.30pm. Contact Bridie: 087 6202451.

Sean Nós Dancing every Mon. starting 19th Sept. Call Bernie: 086 3731547.