

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

**Mon. 11am** Tom Joe & Bridget Moylan      **8pm** John & Lil Loughnane  
**Tues. 11am** Mary Burke      **8pm** Kathleen Reilly  
**Wed. 11am** Eileen, Chrissie and Jimmy Glynn      **8pm** Ward family deceased  
**Thurs. 11am** People of the Parish      **8pm** Anne Tully  
**Fri. 11am** Alice Fahy      **8pm** Brian Regan  
**Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**Sat. 11am** Bridget Ann (Ciss) Sweeney      **8pm** John & Ann Scully  
**Midnight Mass** Albert & Anna Grant  
**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**      **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Sun. 10am** Decd. members Griffin & Leahy families      **12 noon** Agatha Manton

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b> 8pm Frances Blake  <b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> December Midnight Mass</b>  Michael Martin  <b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b> Declan Joyce  <b>Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Tommy Flynn</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> December 8pm</b>  J. Beatty, G. Dervan,  <b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> December Midnight Mass C.</b> Darcy  <b>Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am</b> J. Fitzgerald  <b>Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon</b>  A. Gardiner, M. Connolly, D. Fahy</p>
<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b>  <b>Christmas Eve:</b>  <b>Team C</b> Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm  <b>Team E</b> Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass  <b>Team F</b> Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am  <b>Team D</b> Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon</p>	<p><b><u>Cathedral Collections:</u></b>  <b>Offertory: €1,480</b>   The <b>second basket</b> collection this weekend is the Christmas Collection for the support of the clergy</p>

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

**Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel**

**Mon. 8am** Mikey I Tierney      **10am** Patrick Graham  
**Tues. 8am** Larry Lee      **10am** Connelly family deceased  
**Wed. 8am** Eileen Ryan      **10am** Cyril Connaughton  
**Thurs. 8am** Susan & Hugh Feehan      **10am** Declan Duffy  
**Fri. 8am** Michael & Mary Newell      **11am** Kathleen Flaherty  
**Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**Sat. 8am** Ned & Teresa Murray      **10am** Martin Leahy  
**9pm** Community Intention  
**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**      **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**Sun. 9am** Elwood & Kelly families decd.      **11am** Lilly Burke & Lizzie Moran  
**No evening Mass**



**The Presbytery 091 – 841212      The Abbey 091 – 841209**  
**Website – [loughreacathedral.ie](http://loughreacathedral.ie)**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent– 18th December 2016**

**Carol Service**

The boys and girls of St. Brendan’s and St. Ita’s Primary Schools will sing the annual carol service in the Cathedral this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Mass Times in the Cathedral**

**Christmas Eve, Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

8pm & 12 midnight

**Christmas Day, Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

10.00am & 12 noon

**Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. (St. Stephen’s Day) to**

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**11am only. No evening Mass**

**Christmas Mass Times in the Abbey**

**Christmas Eve, Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

10.00am and 9.00pm

**Christmas Day, Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

9.00am & 11.00am

**No 6pm Mass Christmas Day, Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen’s Day:**

10.00am. **No evening Mass**

**Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Holy Family 10.00am.**

**No evening Mass**

**Confession Times: Cathedral & Abbey**

**Cathedral: Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec., Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. and Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** after 8pm Mass.

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.** (Christmas Eve) 2pm-3pm

**Abbey: Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec., Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec., Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. and Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** Confessions

after 10.00am Mass:

10.30am-11.00am, 12.00pm-1.00pm, 3.30pm-4.30pm, 5.30pm-6.30pm

**Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Christmas Eve)** Confessions after 10.00am Mass:

10.30am-11.00am, 12-1.00pm, & 3.30-5.00pm

**No Confessions after 5.00pm on Christmas Eve, Sat.**

**Chapel of Adoration closed Christmas Day, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December.**

**World Meeting of Families Ireland,**  
**For more info., [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)**

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 1:18-24

1. As we move into prayer on the passage, we move from consideration of the mystery of how 'God with us' was revealed to the world in the person of Jesus 2000 years ago, to a reflection on how we become aware of 'God with us' now in our daily lives.

2. It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel – God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.

3. Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.

4. Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

**Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal.** The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries and start from as little as €5 (£4) for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation, log on to [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org) or call 1850 408 408.

**Workshop** on authentic and respectful self-assertiveness, Carmelite Abbey, 3 nights: 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. (7-10pm) Register by 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Enquiries: Mary Silke PRH Educator 090 6624937. [www.prhireland.ie](http://www.prhireland.ie)

**Loughrea Lions Club** Annual Family Fun Run/Walk takes place St. Stephen's Day @ 12noon, from Allied Irish Bank, Main Street. Draw for spot prizes among all finishers. Refreshments provided. Please support. All funds raised will be used locally.

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 4,12,14,27. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

**Abbey Junior Choir** Sun. at 11am Mass. New members welcome. For details, contact Shane: 087 2704941.

**Loughrea Rose 2017 Entry** – Applicants must be over 18 and under 28 years, Irish nationality, or of Irish descent. Please apply to Loughrea Rose Organiser, Maureen Shea: 087 – 7742074 by the end of December 2016.

**Carers Required:** No. 1 Quality Home Care Provider RHS Home Care urgently requires carers in the Loughrea area. FETAC Level 5 Healthcare qualification, transport and flexible working hours are essential. To apply email [jobs@rhshomecare.ie](mailto:jobs@rhshomecare.ie) or call 090 66 25988

**Turkey Trot** St.Stephen's day at 11.30 am. Woodlawn Heritage Group, please join us for a brisk or leisurely" turkey trot" through our newly signed trails at Woodlawn forest. Meet at Woodlawn Station.

## Temperance Hall Events

**Loughrea Rugby Club** Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm. €10,000 Jackpot to be won, lots of side prizes and hampers for Christmas. Loughrea Bingo wishes all our customers a very peaceful Christmas and thank you most sincerely for your support.

**Loughrea Activity Assoc.** Wish all their members a happy and peaceful Christmas. Next Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Bowling Mon.1.30-3.30pm, Tues. 11am-1pm.

**Loughrea Squash Club** Tues. @ 8pm Tel., Leo 087 2238829.

**Get Fit, Lose Weight,** Meet People Loughrea Athletic Club caters for all abilities, male & female adults. Meeting Tues. & Thurs. @ 7pm. For more info., contact Joan: 085 1457083, Joseph: 087 8394698 or [loughreaathleticclub.com](http://loughreaathleticclub.com)

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

**Karate Classes** Members Mon. & Wed.7-9.30pm. Contact: 087 6133297.

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

**Vinaya Yoga Classes** (Flow Yoga) Mixed level class. Wed. 6.30-8pm. Contact Liz Kirby: 087 6314581 for booking.

**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. Call Bernie: 086 3731547.

**Pilates class** Over 60's, Wed., 11am-12pm. €10 per class. Chartered Physiotherapist tuition. Phone 086-3329493.

**Ultra-Flex School of Dance** - classes Saturdays 1.30-5.30pm. For more info., contact Aoife at 085 7396602.

**Yoga Classes** Monday mornings. Contact Julia at 086-2608039.

**Pilates** Every Wed.7:00-7:45 pm. Mixed ability Class. Beginners welcome. Fully qualified Pilates Instructor. Contact 087 2201095.

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

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087-2109396