

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Thomas Cunningham	8pm Anthony and Lena Burns
Tues. 11am Linnane family	8pm Bridget, Mary Ann, Joe & Bridie Healy
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Kitty Daniels
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Patrick O'Connor
Fri. 11am James Collins	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Michael & Bridie Fitzgerald	8pm Patrick and Kathleen Niland
Sun. 10am Vincent Prendergast	12 noon Brian Sweeney

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 21st Jan. 8pm Declan Joyce Sun. 22nd Jan. 12 noon Frances Blake</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 21st Jan. 8pm J. Beatty, G. Dervan Sun. 22nd Jan 10am D. Fahy Sun. 22nd Jan. 12 noon M. Chambers, J. Fitzgerald</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Servers</u></p> <p>Team B Sat. 21st Jan. 8pm Team A Sun. 22nd Jan. 10am Team C Sun. 22nd Jan. 12 noon</p>	<p><i>Cathedral Offertory: €1159</i></p>

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Elsie Rose Daniels, Hazelwood, Loughrea, and Kiera Siobhan Finnerty, Tullahill, Loughrea.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Ward, Cosmona, Loughrea, who died recently.

The Second Basket Collection next weekend is for **CURA**, an organisation which offers support and help to those faced with a crisis pregnancy. Please support.


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Donald & Bridie Ryan	10am Thomsie & Mary Mullins
Tues. 8am John & Margaret Casey	10am Willie, William & Nora Murphy
Wed. 8am Michael & Agnes Donnelly	10am Mary Kate Kelly & family deceased
Thurs. 8am Michael, Patrick & Mary Furey	10am Pauline Callanan
Fri. 8am Patrick & Kathleen Cahill	10am Donnellan family deceased
Sat. 8am Margaret Whelan	10am Arthur & Agnes Wellwood
Sun. 9am Thomas & Catherine Brien	11am Joe Greene & family deceased
	6pm Paddy Ward

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396

Society of St Vincent de Paul
Ph: 086-0551134

World Meeting of Families Ireland,
For more info., www.worldmeeting2018.ie



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209
Website – loughreacathedral.ie
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th January 2017
World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Newsletter online: loughreacathedral.ie

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 1:29-34

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself. He had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Whom have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and led you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

THE DEEP END
Credible witness

It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates, newspapers and news sites churned out articles investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said previously, and that they can back up their statements with authoritative evidence. John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous 'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come directly from God. Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine)

Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator for Clonfert Diocese-Clonfert Diocese wishes to employ a suitable person to undertake new role of Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator for the diocese. This is a part-time position, for one year initially, with two months probation. Further information including the criteria for appointment on diocesan website- clonfertdiocese.ie Applications to include all relevant information on or before 1st Feb. to the following address: Pastoral Ministry Support, Clonfert Diocesan Office, Coorheen, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17th January @ 8.30pm in the Presbytery.

Carmelite Sisters Service of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place in Mt. Carmel Chapel, Mon., 23rd. Jan. @ 4pm. You are all invited to pray with us."

Scottish Burns Night Knock Counselling Centre, "Burns Supper" Sat. 28th Jan. at Knock House Hotel in aid of Adolescent Counselling Service. Tickets €30 each. Contact: 094-9375032/086-7737715.

TAD Club Social Sat. 4th Feb., Meadow Court Hotel. Music by Gemini 4, medal presentation by special guest. Tickets are available in Moloney's shop, Harney's shop, Tynagh and Holohan's shop, Abbey.

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

Galway Samaritans Need Listening Volunteers Open meeting Harbour Hotel, Galway Tues. Jan. 17th at 8pm. Further details 086-2468203 or samsgalwayselection@gmail.com.

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 or call 090-6625988

Pro Life follow up training workshop – Kate Bopp, Paddy Manning & Michael Dwyer of Family & Life, Thurs. 19th Jan., Gullane's Hotel, B'sloe, @ 7.30pm

Medjugorje May 24th to May 31st 7 nights. Flights, accommodation, transfers & guides included in price. €619 if deposit of €100 is paid by Feb. 1st, 2017. Contact Michael Mulryan @ 087-6737888/091-850855.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre Beginners Computer Classes - 6 weeks from mid Jan. Phone 091-871149 for more info./to book a place.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 1, 9, 27, 29. 4 match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €10,300.

Loughrea School of Art, Main St. now enrolling for adult and children's art classes. For more details, phone 091-841886.

Yoga Classes Loughrea Youth Theatre Mon. and Thurs. nights. For more details contact Julia @ 086-2608039.

Kilconieron Camoige Club Bingo Fundraiser postponed in Nov. is now on the 28th Jan. in the Meadow Court Hotel at 8.30pm.

The Loughrea Lions Club wish to express their gratitude to all those who participated in the Fun Run/Walk on St. Stephen's Day. In excess of €1,000 was collected, all money raised will be spent locally. Thanks also to Loughrea Athletic Club who helped in the organising of the fundraising event and in the provision of refreshments afterwards in the Temperance Hall.

Unislim Join your nearest class for FREE until Jan 22nd. Pay only your weekly class fee. For more details, contact Martina 086-4109085

Found Lady's watch. Please contact the Parish Office: 091 841212.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Next Meeting Mon. 16th Jan. at 7pm.

Bowling: Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 11am-1pm.

Squash Club Tues. at 8pm. Phone Leo at 087-2238829

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

Dance Aerobics suit all fitness levels, Tues. @ 7.30. Drop in class, pay as you go. Contact 087-9379563.

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

Vinaya Yoga (Flow Yoga) Continuation Wed. 6.00-7.30pm, Beginners 7.30-8.30pm. Contact Liz Kirby: 087 6314581 for booking.

Whist every Thurs. at 8pm. in the Supper Room. New members welcome.

Irish Dancing Classes Mon. & Fri. at 5pm. For school going children age 4 and upwards. Contact Mary Fraughen Barrett @ 091- 841438/087-9597560.

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

Sean Nos Dancing every Mon. Call Bernie: 086-3731547.

Over 60's 'Healthy Spine' class every Wed. 11.15am. Chartered Physiotherapist tuition, men and women. €10 pay as you go class. Phone: 086-3329493.

Ultra-Flex School of Dance- Classes Saturdays, 1.30-5.30pm. For more info., contact Aoife: 085-7396602.

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

Pilates Every Wed. 7.00-7.45pm. Mixed ability class. Beginners welcome. Fully qualified Pilates Instructor. Contact: 087-2201095

Justin Manning Handball Tournament Ball Alley, Sat. Jan 21st 10am-5pm