

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Kieran Reilly
Tues. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Margaret McDonnell
Wed. 11am William O'Halloran	8pm Christina, Mickey Joe & Mary Tully
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Ann & Patrick Leonard
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Michael Bruton
Sat. 11am Martha Callanan	8pm Ita Daniels
Sun. 10am Declan McCormack	12 noon Dr. Marguerite O'Reilly

<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team F Sat. 25th Feb. 8pm Team D Sun. 26th Feb. 10am Team E Sun. 26th Feb. 12 noon</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 25th Feb. 8pm A. McTigue, M. O'Brien, P. O'Sullivan Sun. 26th Feb. 10am D. Shaughnessy Sun. 26th Feb. 12 noon M. Connolly, D. Quinn</p>
<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 25th Feb. 8pm Frances Blake Sun. 26th Feb. 12 noon Tommy Flynn</p>	<p><i>Cathedral Collections:</i> Offertory: €1,090 Restoration: €450</p>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Maureen & Nora Corry	10am John & Gerard Barrett
Tues. 8am Carmel Hession	10am Anna McInerney
Wed. 8am Peggy McDermott	10am Brigid Larkin - Intention
Thurs. 8am Private Intention	10am Thomas Geoghegan
Fri. 8am Teresa Flynn	10am Michael Joyce
Sat. 8am Mary & Martin Daly	10am Patrick, Rose & Mary Donnellan
Sun. 9am Tom & Agnes O'Brien	11am Dick Broderick
	6pm David Farrell

<p>Society of St Vincent de Paul: 086 0551134</p>	<p>Bethany Bereavement Group: 087 2109396</p>
<p><u>World Meeting of Families</u> Ireland. For more info., www.worldmeeting2018.ie</p>	



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:38-48

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you?
2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them, both at the time, and in the long-term?
3. From other passages in the Gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

THE DEEP END

Turn the Other Cheek

Today we hear and read one of the most famous passages in the Gospels: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. It is a radical text and not so easy. How can we be expected to love those who have hurt us or done harm to us? Anthony de Mello, an Indian Jesuit who wrote many books on spirituality, spoke often about the concept of 'loving enemies'.

When someone hurts us, when someone triggers emotional pain in us, de Mello suggests that we try to come to the realisation that we are 'standing before our benefactor'.

The situation is a reminder that we are still to grow and we are hurt because someone has not met our expectations. It is these expectations that we must let go of. We can learn from the other who has wronged us: how has this affected me? What do I need to let go of?

The teachings in this passage are radical and go against what we hear around us in our world like calls for retribution and revenge. However Jesus has high expectations of his followers, to go against the grain. Jesus is not encouraging passiveness. He is inviting people to a 'third way': to make a non-violent stand when faced with persecution. By 'offering the other cheek' we allow for the potential of conversion of the other to a realisation of what they have done. The easy option is to retaliate, to not see our brother or sister standing before us. We can offer them an opportunity to see our own sacred humanity. 'Loving our enemies' is a call to constantly move towards restoring relationships, offering mercy and peace. 'An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind', Gandhi. Jane Mellet (Intercom Magazine)

Senior Citizens' Club Convent Hall, Thurs. 23rd Feb., 7.30-10.00pm. Phone 841725 for transport. All are welcome.

Re-encountering Jesus: Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering in Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe Sun. Mar. 5th, 2.30-5.15 pm. For more info see: www.clonfertdiocese.ie/news

Loughrea Historical Society present a talk by Bishop John Kirby, "The Clancarty Family and Coorheen House" in Loughrea Library Wed. 22nd Feb. at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Medjugorje May 24th to May 31st 7 nights. Flights, accommodation, transfers & guides included in price. Contact Michael Mulryan @ 087-6737888/091-850855.

Knock to New York Pilgrimage 8th-14th May. Flight only tickets available as well as full packages i.e. flights/accommodation/itinerary. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800/ Bronwyn.clinton@joewlshtours.ie

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

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 17, 19, 20, 25. No winner. Next week's jackpot €10,800.

Brothers of Charity Services Galway are looking for Care Assistants and Registered Nurses for Locum Relief and Permanent Positions. Experience is required. Phone Martha @ 091721420.

To apply visit: www.brothersofcharity.ie/galway/recruitment/

Loughrea Family Resource Centre would like your support by donating unwanted clothes, textiles, shoes, etc. (in clean condition) to our Clothes Banks in Supervalu & Station Road car parks.

RHS Homecare is not for profit community based home care service provider, set up as a co-operative society with charitable status, we provide a wide range of top quality, affordable home care services to our clients. If you or a family member requires homecare assistance, please call us on (0906) 625988 or email: care@rhshomecare.ie

Atlantic Hearing Services will hold a hearing clinic in Brogan's Pharmacy, Loughrea, by appointment. Free of charge. Home visits available. Tel: 087-9622244.

Progressive 25 Card Game in St. Killian's College, New Inn, Mon. 20th Feb. @ 9pm. Only €5 to play, spot prizes to be won and tea will be served.

St. Brendan's Education Centre: 3 available places in Fashion & Media Make up module, immediate start Mon. 20th Feb. and 5 places available in Horticulture Course start Fri. 24th. For details, 091841387/0870620363

Craft Group Carmelite Abbey AGM Monday 6th Mar. at 8pm. All members welcome.

Hand in Hand Children's Cancer Charity Fundraiser by East Galway Tractor Run, Sun. 19th Feb. at Athenry Mart. Registration 11.30-12.30pm departure 1.00pm. Entry €15 per tractor. Further details, www.facebook.com/eastgalwaytractorrn/

Fashion Show for St. Brendan's Hurling Club in Lough Rea Hotel, Thurs. Mar. 2nd. Commencing @ 8pm, exhibition stands open @7pm. Ladies & Men's fashion modeled by Catwalk Agency models and our own hurlers. Tickets €20 incl. glass of Prosecco. For info., contact Lillian @ 087-2776221

Hatha Yoga Classes Wed. 7-8pm and Sat. 11-12pm at L'rea Boxing Club Piggott Street. €40 for five classes. Call Kate at 085-7504420

East Galway Family History Society at the Woodford Heritage Centre plan in conjunction with GRETB to run two separate free courses in Family History and Digital Photography. If you are interested please email galwayroots@gmail.com or phone [0909749309](tel:0909749309)

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

Temperance Hall Events

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present the hilarious comedy 'Noises Off', in the Temperance Hall @ 8.30pm, 9th, 11th & 12th March. Tickets on sale in Michael O'Brien's for €10, on the door €12.50. For more details, phone 083-8633796

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Monday 7.00pm
Bowling: Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 11am-1pm.

Squash Club Tuesday 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 details, contact Joan:085-1457083, Joseph:087-8394698 or loughreaathleticclub.com

Dance Aerobics Suits all fitness levels, Tuesday @ 7.30pm. Drop in class, pay as you go. Tel: 087-9379563.

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

Vinyasa 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. Call 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. Call Bridie @ 087-6202451

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

Over 60's 'Healthy Spine' 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 details, contact Aoife: 085-7396602.

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

Line Dancing Class Wed. 8.30-9.30pm. Tel: Sean Casey 087-9761692