

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am John & Mary Cullinan	8pm Dillon family
Tues. 11am John & Agnes Hickey and Pat Johnson	8pm Peg Cunningham
Wed. 11am Patrick Nulty	8pm Bridget Tully-Barrett
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Jacko, Nora & Shaun Kelly
<u>St. Patrick's Day</u>	
Fri. 10am Private Intention	12noon Norman Dowling
Sat. 11am Sarah Kelly M.M.	8pm Paddy & Margaret Leahy
Sun. 10am Tony Maher and his daughter Sharon	12 noon Ned Kenny

No 8pm Mass in the Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day, 17th March

<p><u>Mass Servers</u></p> <p>Team A Thur. 16th March 8pm Team C Fri. 17th March 10am Team B Fri. 17th March 12noon Team D Sat. 18th March 8pm Team E Sun. 19th March 10am Team F Sun. 19th March 12 noon</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></p> <p>Thurs. 16th Mar. 8pm G. Dervan, C. Darcy, J. Beatty Fri. 17th Mar. 10am D. Fahy Fri. 17th Mar. 12noon M. Chambers, J. Fitzgerald, M. Murphy Sat. 18th Mar. 8pm D. Shaughnessy, A. Gardiner Sun. 19th Mar. 10am F. Martin Sun. 19th Mar. 12 noon E. McKiernan, A. McTigue, M. Joyce</p>
<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u></p> <p>Thurs. 16th Mar. 8pm Mary Nix Fri. 17th Mar. 12noon Mattie Quinn Sat. 18th Mar. 8pm Anna Flynn Sun. 19th Mar. 12noon John Hayes</p>	<p>Offertory Collection: €995 The Second Basket Collection on St. Patrick's Day will be for the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants</p>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Eugene Connaire	10am John Ryan
Tues. 8am Michael & Susan Holland	10am Con & Teresa Hynes
Wed. 8am Patrick & Michael Barrett	10am Michael, Martin, Mary and Winnifred Ward
Thurs. 8am Martha Callanan	10am Private Intention
<u>St. Patrick's Day</u>	
Fri. 9am Kevin Daniels	11am Angela Casey Nee Fergus
	6pm Patrick Fahy
Sat. 8am Mary & John Curley	10am Joe O'Brien
Sun. 9am Agnes & Arthur Wellwood	11am Patrick & Katie Carty and Pauline Lestor & Eileen Breen
	6pm Ruth & Martin Coy and Bernadette Grimbsey



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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The Second Sunday of Lent 12th March 2017

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Padre Pio Devotions 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass and Devotions 8.00-9.00pm.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vera Broderick, (nee Carney), Coscorrigh Crescent, Mary Agnes Moran, (nee Burke), Cosmona, and Thomas Tully, Moore Street, Loughrea, late of Lucan, Dublin, who died recently.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8pm Mass.

Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the Cathedral and will also be distributed through the schools. With the support of people in Ireland, Trocaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 17:1-9

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with Jesus and God. Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him'. Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of special joy?
4. After their special experience the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble? John Byrne OSA

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

**Bethany Bereavement Group:
087 2109396**

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

Loughrea Bethany Bereavement Group will hold a Remembrance Service for those who would like to remember their loved ones, on Wednesday 22nd March, at 7.30pm in the Abbey.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land organised by Fr. Benny McHale, from June 26th-July 6th. Contact Fr. Benny @ 844227, places are going fast.

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat, Fri. 24th March 6pm–Sun. 26th @ 2pm, in Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry. Experience what it means to pray *with* God instead of search *for* God. Bookings/Registration:091844007

Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge @ www.pioneerassociation.ie and join online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative.

Catholic Grandparents Association First Annual Retreat/Conference Wed. 26th & Thurs. 27th April, in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Further details, from Connie @ 098-24877

St Patrick's Day Parade Due to public feedback, this year the parade will begin on Barrack Street and finish at Railway Road, via Westbridge and Dunkellin Street. Entrants on foot will congregate at Barrack Street Car Park and all vehicles will assemble at McD's. The viewing stand will be on the Main Street. The theme for the parade is Swan Lake. Entry forms available from Mary Cannon in Florabunda 091-842535.

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

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

Galway Hospice Free Legal Advisory Evening on the importance of making a Will, Wed. 22nd Mar. 7.30-8.30pm in the Lough Rea Hotel.

Caring for Our Common Home seminar, Sat. April 1st, 10.30-4.30pm at An Gairdin, www.angairdin.ie Book @0872845443/angairdin1@gmail.com

Pulsewave Ireland Cardio Heart screening in Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Thurs. 16th Mar. Appointments available from 11am-8pm. Parish offer €30 per person. To book call 087-7151623. Spaces are limited.

Concert: Loughrea Library Sun. 19th Mar. @ 7pm. Featuring Padraig Connaughton & Madeleine Fleming & Philip Short. Admission free.

Baffle Blast: Mar. 25th in Harney's. Poets poems, old and new wanted for the first Baffle night of the year. Prizes for poets and jury.

Abbey 8KM Challenge: Sun. 12th Mar. starting at 12pm under 12's at 12.10pm. Entries to www.runireland.com also at Abbey Community Centre Sat. 11th 7-8pm and Sun. 12th to 11am.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 8, 18, 24, 31. Match 3 Winners: One winner. Next week's jackpot €11,100.

Study Hub in Cahercourt, Loughrea, (beside GAA pitch) for 6th year students and if places available for 3rd years. Commencing 13th Mar-June 18th, Mon-Fri., 4.15-8.15pm with half hour break, also Sat. 9.30-1.30pm., includes 2 weeks of Easter. Booking essential. Ph:Breda @ 086-3792360

Galway Night for Syria Fundraising Social in aid of Syrian Refugees, Thurs. 16th Mar. @ 8pm in the Clayton Hotel. Tickets €20, available from the Cathedral Bookshop, Galway.

Loughrea Community Pre-School now taking enrolments for September 2017. Contact 087-7660687 for further details.

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

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

Seachtain Na Gaeilge Family bilingual table quiz, 14th Mar. at 7pm in Loughrea library. Teams of 4. €5 per adult, €2 per child. Loads of prizes.

Found A pair of spectacles and a gentleman's cap. Please contact office @ 091-841212 for details.

Temperance Hall Events

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present the hilarious comedy 'Noises Off', @ 8.30pm, 11th & 12th March. Tickets on sale at reduced price of €10, in advance, from T. L. O'Brien's, Main St. or by booking on 083-8633796. Tickets will be €12 on the door.

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Mon. 7pm. Silent auction in aid of Irish Kidney Assoc. 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. Extra class 6.30-7.30pm. Tel: Sean Casey @ 087-9761692 for more details.

