

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am	Peggy Donnellan	8pm	John & Margaret Tannian
Tues. 11am	Mary & Donie Cronin	8pm	Catherine & Bart Reardon
Wed. 11am	Bridie McDermott	8pm	Graham Hutson
Thurs. 11am	People of the Parish	8pm	Jimmy Conway
Fri. 11am	Pauline Conlon	8pm	Pat McDaid
Sat. 11am	Marie Smyth	8pm	Carmel O'Rourke
Sun. 10am	Kevin Daniels	12 noon	Joe & Nora Madden

<p><u>Mass Servers</u></p> <p>Team B Sat. 25th March 8pm Team A Sun. 26th March 10am Team C Sun. 26th March 12 noon</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></p> <p>Sat. 25th Mar. 8pm A. McTigue, D. Quinn, D. Fahy Sun. 26th Mar. 10am M. O'Brien Sun. 26th Mar. 12 noon P. O'Sullivan, M. Chambers, M. Murphy</p>
<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u></p> <p>Sat. 25th Mar. 8pm Frances Blake Sun. 26th Mar. 12noon Tommy Flynn</p>	<p><i>Cathedral Collections:</i> <i>Offertory: €1,090 Restoration: €485</i></p>

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Winters, Lake Road, Nora O'Loughlin, Coscorrigh, Kathleen Curley, late of Bride Street, and John Kelly, Fahy Gardens, Loughrea, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am	Anthony & Elizabeth Connaughton	10am	Thomas Horan
Tues. 8am	McNamara family	10am	Michael Keane & family decd.
Wed. 8am	Ned Kenny	10am	Thomas & Marie Dolan
Thurs. 8am	Feeney family	10am	Kathleen Barrett & Angela Kelly
Fri. 8am	John & Mary Howley and family deceased	10am	Daniel & Bridget Quirke
Sat. 8am	Ethna Gardiner	10am	Larry (Frank) Smyth
Sun. 9am	Son & Delia Murray	11am	Eileen Morrissey
		6pm	Philomena Broder

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



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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“Making your neighbour a loan is an act of mercy, to lend him a helping hand is to keep the commandments.”Ecclesiasticus, 29:1. This St. Patrick’s weekend, we celebrate the solidarity Irish people have shown with the world’s poor over many decades. Trocaire is proud to be a conduit for the compassion of people here at home which last year saw over 2.4 million people in 25 countries receiving support. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 4:5-42

1. Jesus leads the woman along a wonderful journey towards a deeper, fuller human life. You can enter the story from the perspective of the woman. Recognise her resistance to growth, her complacency, her evasions, and her eventual acceptance, partial though it was, of Jesus. When have you, or others, made a similar journey in your relationship with God? With others? With your own self?
2. The woman is attracted by what Jesus is saying, but from very human motives: the thought of having water in such a way that she did not have to come and draw it from the well. We too are attracted to Jesus by very mixed motives, some of them matters of personal interest – belonging, community, security. What have been the human motives that have attracted you to faith, prayer, religion, church and which have been stepping stones to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus? Perhaps we can also see the same movement in the growth of some of our human relationships.
3. You can also enter the story with Jesus, the ideal leader, parent, teacher, or spiritual guide. Notice how he meets the woman where she is, needing her assistance; how he is patient with her, but also challenges her to grow to what she is capable of. John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS

‘A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink” ...’

Who are your friends? What makes you say that they are your friends? You tell them things about yourself that you would not tell a stranger. You know that they will not tell others the secrets you share with them, that they will not hold against you what you tell them or hold it over your head as a threat. At the deepest level, you trust that they will remain your friends even when they know some of the less savoury aspects of your past life and character. You also trust that they will stick with you through thick and thin, through good times and tough times. And at least some of these characteristics will also be true of the relationship God wants with you. What is the most important characteristic I look for in a friend? Can I also find this characteristic in my friendship with God?
 Messenger Publications (Intercom Magazine)

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

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26th August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1st and 2nd April 2017. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

Centenary Celebrations of Fatima 2017 Statue of Our Lady of Fatima blessed recently by Pope Francis will be in Emmanuel House on Wed. 22nd Mar. at 11.30am, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Kirby at 1pm. We will also host the statue on Thurs. 23rd March at 7pm. All are welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly meeting Tues. 21st March, at 8.30pm in the Presbytery.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning in L'rea Library Thur. 23rd Mar. 11-1pm

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.

Young Catholic Adult Conference in the Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, Mar. 25th. Fee €15. For details, call Breda 087-2747873. All are welcome.

The Irish Augustinians Vocation Weekend Fri. 31st Mar.-Sun. 2nd April, in their Drogheda Community. For details, contact Fr. Colm O'Mahony 086-8845747/augustinianvocations@hotmail.com

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

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

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale St. Raphael's College, Thurs. 23rd March, 10am-1pm, in aid of our positive Mental Health Day. Please support. All are welcome.

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

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

Baffle Blast: Mar. 25th in Harney's 8.30pm. Poets poems, old and new wanted for the first Baffle night of the year. A fun night in store where you're the jury. Prizes for poets and jury.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 7, 14, 25, 29. No winner. Next week's jackpot €11,200.

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

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

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

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Mon. 7pm. Bowling: Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 11am-1pm.

Loughrea Boxing Club Annual boxing tournament on Thurs. Mar. 23rd. First Bout 8pm sharp. Tickets €5

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 Starting Mon. 20th Mar. For details, call Julia 086-2608039.

Line Dancing Class Wed. 8.30-9.30pm. Extra class 6.30-7.30pm. Tel: Sean Casey @ 087-9761692 for more details.

