

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Máire Mason	8pm June Lusted Brown
Tues. 11am Ruth & Patrick Powell	8pm Sean Duggan
Wed. 11am Jim & Martha McLoughlin, son, Joe and daughters, Ita & Anne	8pm Molly & Jack Keating
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Patrick Horgan
Fri. 11am Patrick Benson	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Annie Scully
Sun. 10am Ann & Thomas Finnerty	12 noon Mary & Gerry Maloney

<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 29 th April 8pm Michael Martin Sun. 30 th April 12 noon Ann Flynn	<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 29 th April 8pm J. Beatty, G. Dervan, C. Darcy Sun. 30 th April 10am D. Fahy Sun. 30 th April 12 noon M. Chambers, M. Murphy, J. Fitzgerald
<u>Mass Servers</u> Team B Sat. 29 th April 8pm Team A Sun. 30 th April 10am Team C Sun. 30 th April 12noon	<u>Cathedral Collections:</u> Offertory: €1,725
The Second Basket Collection this weekend will be taken up for Trocaire.	

Baptism We welcome into God's family Cian Shaughnessy Dolan, St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea, Aaron O'Reilly, Lake Road, Loughrea and Maximillian Igoe, Hazelwood, Loughrea.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Brendan Madden	10am John Joe & Mary Larkin & family decd.
Tues. 8am Sean Duggan	10am Alfie, May & Sean Broderick
Wed. 8am Patsy & Bridget Power	10am Margaret & Martin O'Malley and family decd.
Thurs. 8am Seamus & Imelda McNeill	10am Joe Lawless
Fri. 8am Patrick Benson	10am Margaret & Peter Benson
Sat. 8am Margaret O'Shea	10am Mary & John Kilkenny
Sun. 9am Bridie, Ned & Denis Maloney	11am Paddy Morrissey
	6pm Margaret Loughnane

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



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY
The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209
Website – loughreacathedral.ie clonfertdiocese.ie
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Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 23rd April 2017
Divine Mercy Sunday

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 20:19-31

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?
John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS

Jesus reveals himself with his wounds: his whole body was clean, beautiful and full of light but the wounds were and are still there, and when the Lord comes at the end of the world, we will see his wounds. Before he could believe, Thomas wanted to place his fingers in the wounds. He was stubborn. But that was what the Lord wanted – a stubborn person to make us understand something greater.

Pope Francis
 St Thomas the Apostle
 'We do not know ... how can we know the way?'
 Courageous master of the awkward question,
 You spoke the words the others dared not say
 And cut through their evasion and abstraction.
 O doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
 You put your finger on the nub of things:
 We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
 But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
 Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
 Feel after him and find him in the flesh.
 Because he loved your awkward counterpoint,
 The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
 O place my hand with yours, help me divine
 The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.
 Malcolm Guite (Intercom Magazine)

Divine Mercy Sunday, Devotions in the Carmelite Abbey, Sun. 23rd April @ 3pm. Blessing & Veneration of Mercy Image, Examination of Conscience & Sacramental Confessions before Mass.

Carmelite/Teresian Friars Pilgrimages to Lourdes, 30th Aug.- 6th Sept. 2017. For more details, contact Ann @ 087-2919078

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

'The 1st Darkness into Light Walk in Loughrea' in aid of Pieta House, on May 6th @ 4.15am starting at Fire Station. Register online at dil.pieta.ie. Local pop up registration event in SuperValu, 28th & 29th April, 12-4pm. For further details, call [0879292656](tel:0879292656)

Day Retreats at Knock Shrine 29th April, 'Quite Days for Busy People', 6th May, 'Resting in the Arms of God' 10am-4pm. Fee €30 lunch included. To book call 094-9375355 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration, National Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will be held Sun. Apr. 30th. Starts 11am, Confessions;3pm, Holy Mass;4pm, Eucharistic Procession. Everyone most welcome.

Esker Retreat Centre A Day retreat Sun. May 7th, also in Esker Myers-Briggs, May 19th-21st. Call 09184459 or www.redemptoristsesker.ie for more details.

Loughrea Family Carers- Annual Fundraiser Tea Dance in the Arch Bar, L'rea, Sun. Apr. 30th, 5-8pm. Music by the Two Johnny's. Please support.

Cancer Care West and GUH are organising free Prostate Cancer information and support sessions, starting Wed. April 26th, 7-9pm. If you would like to attend, contact Rachael, Clinical Nurse Specialist at 091-893318 or Cancer Care West at 091-540040 to book a place.

Teresa Murphy Memorial Concert in aid of St Brendan's Patient Comfort Fund, in Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Sun. 23rd April @ 6pm. Featuring Mary Coughlan, Carmel Dempsey, Madeleine and Padraig Connaughton, Evoke and Mark Holohan. Tickets €10 available at T.L O'Briens, Main St, L'rea.

ACCORD:Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is seeking a Centre Services Support Person for Accord Ballinasloe Centre for 8.5 hours p/w. Flexibility in both hours and work responsibilities will be required. Further details, contact Mary @ 090-9643916 stmichaelsballinasloe@eircom.net

Family Carers Ireland are currently recruiting for Home Care Workers. If you hold a QQI Level 5 Award in Healthcare Support or equivalent and have undertaken Patient Moving & Handling Training we would like to hear from you. Call 091-880418 or email a copy of your CV to admingalway@familycarers.ie

EWTN Daily Mass 1pm, 6pm and 11pm on Sky 589, NPC 815 and the internet www.ewtn.com. Divine Mercy Devotions, full coverage Sunday April 23rd.

RHS Home Care is a Non Commercial Home Care Provider and are now recruiting Healthcare Assistants. Potential applicants must have Fetac/QQI level 5 (two modules completed care skills and care of the older person). Please email CV to jobs@rshhomecare.ie or call Aoife on [090 66 25988](tel:0906625988)

BAFFLE'S Bealtaine Festival Night, Loughrea Library Fri. May 19th @ 7.30pm. Theme: Our Library. For more info., see next weeks Connacht Tribune or baffle poetry society Facebook page or call 085-7239561

Special Olympics Ireland Annual Collection Day in B'sloe Fri. May 5th. Collectors needed urgently. If you can spare some time call Kitty:087-2203710
Tomorrowland-Support for Young People aged 17-25 who are looking for work or training opportunities. Event in Gullane's Hote,l B'sloe, Thurs. 27th April, 11am-4pm and is free. Call 087-6780640 for more information.

Fundraising Event for Senior Citizens: Taughmaconnell Community Care presents Brendan Shine in Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe, Friday, 28th April. Tickets €15, dancing from 10pm.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 5, 17, 24, 26. No winner. Next week's jackpot €11,700.

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

Loughrea Comhaltas trad session in the Abbey 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month, all musicians and abilities welcome. For details, call 0871337326.

Farm Plastic Collection taking place in your local mart in the coming weeks. Call FRS Athenry @ 091-844551 for further details.

Temperance Hall Events

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. Extra class 6.30-7.30pm. Tel: Sean Casey @ 087-9761692 for more details.