



The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209
The Fifth Sunday of Easter 14th May 2017
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Andy Maloney	8pm Paddy Blake
Tues. 11am Phyllis, Michael & Pat Burke	8pm Breda & Tom Keating
Wed. 11am Deceased members of the O'Halloran family	8pm Thomas Fergus
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Michael Blake
Fri. 11am Deceased members of the Wynne family	8pm Gretta Hennigan
Sat. 11am First Holy Communion – Gaelscoil Primary School	8pm J.P. Cusack
Sun. 10am First Holy Communion – St. Brendan's & St. Ita's Primary Schools	12 noon Pat Duddy

<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>	<u>Mass Servers</u>
Sat. 20th May 8pm G. Dervan, D. Fahy, J. Beatty	Sat. 20th May 8pm Ted McDonnell	Team E Sat. 20 th May 8pm
Sun. 21st May 10am F. Martin	Sun. 21st May 12noon Anna Cronin	Team F Sun. 21 st May 10am
Sun. 21st May 12 noon C. Darcy, A. Gardiner, J. Fitzgerald		Team D Sun. 21 st May 12noon

Bethany Bereavement Group 087-2109396	Society of St. Vincent de Paul 086-0551134	Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €865
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Baptism: We welcome into God's family Stiofáinín Aoife Grimes, Tullhill, Loughrea.

Wedding Congratulations to Paul Forde and Aisling Fitzgerald who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am John, John Joe & Leigh Broderick	10am Hanorah Grant & family deceased
Tues. 8am James & Bridie Lyons	10am Ann, Edward, Sean & Philip Keaveney
Wed. 8am Letty & Freddie Perez and family	10am Bridie Aherne
Thurs. 8am Barry Murphy	10am Mary Kate Connolly
Fri. 8am Adrian Ostinelli	10am Private Intention
Sat. 8am John Joe Barrett & the Barrett family	10am Albert Grant & family deceased
Sun. 9am John & Molly Connell	11am Coleman Moylan
	6pm Denis & Mary Farrell

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday, 28th May. Bus from Station Road Car Park @ 10.30am. Tickets €15. Contact Michael O'Brien, Main St., Loughrea, at 091-841305

International Fatima Conference, Celebrating the Jubilee Centenary in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Friday May 19th, 6.45-9.45pm and Saturday May 20th, 8.45am-6.30pm. Cost €50. For more info., info@shearwaterhotel.com or phone 090-9630400

Senior Citizens' Club Convent hall, Thursday, 18th May, 8.00-10.30pm. Celebrating Bealtaine Festival with music, song and dance, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Rosary and Prayers will be held in Kilcooley Cemetery, Tues. 16th May, at 8.30pm

Chapel of Adoration looking for volunteers to give an hour of their time to the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider this invitation and contact the Parish Office or one of the Chapel of Adoration co-ordinators.

St. Brendan's Boys' N.S. wishes to thank all who supported their recent clothes collection.

Lost: Pink fold-up walking stick. If found please contact the Parish office @091-841212

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Monday at 7.00pm. Bowling: Mon. 1.30-3.30pm, Tues. 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. 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. 7.00-9.30pm. Contact 087-6133297

Vinyasa (Flow) Yoga Continuation Wed. 6-7.30pm, Beginners 7.30-8.30pm. Call Liz Kirby:0876314581 to book.

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

Irish Dancing Classes Mon. & Fri. at 5pm. For school going children. Ph:Mary Fraughen @ 841438/0879597560.

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 Wed. 7-7.45pm. Mixed ability class. Beginners welcome. Fully qualified Pilates Instructor. Ph:0872201095

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

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#Pray4Vocations prayer initiative launched on Vocations Sunday

A new vocations prayer initiative 'Pray4Vocations' was launched on Vocations Sunday to coincide with centenary celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. The Bishops' Council for Vocations in collaboration with St Joseph's Young Priests Society, the Knights of St Columbanus and Vocations Ireland are promoting prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in Ireland on 13 May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. At 12noon, people are invited to pray the Angelus or a decade of the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. People are also invited to continue to #Pray4Vocations on the 13th of each month, from May to October 2017.

Father Willie Purcell, National Coordinator for Diocesan Vocations said, "This #Pray4Vocations invitation is aimed at parishes, schools and families. Pope Francis said that 'vocations are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit'. This initiative ties in with Pope Francis' message for Vocations Sunday in which he asked parish communities, associations and prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest."

If you are interested in speaking to someone about a vocation to the priesthood or to religious life, please see www.vocations.ie and www.vocationsireland.com.

News Snippets

- ◆ Archbishop Thomas A White, a priest of the Diocese of Ossory and the former Papal Nuncio to Rwanda, Ethiopia and New Zealand, passed away on Sunday 7 May.
- ◆ Find out how you can volunteer for World Meeting of Families 2018 on worldmeeting2018.ie/ volunteer. 
- ◆ Ecumenical Bible Week takes place from 4-11 June - see bibleweek.ie.
- ◆ Many parish and diocesan websites have now installed the free CatholicNews.ie news feed. Email info@catholicbishops.ie for more.
- ◆ You can download our weekly faith podcast from catholicnews.ie. Faithcast is also available to subscribe to on iTunes.



Father John Sullivan SJ: first beatification in Ireland

Fr John Sullivan SJ will be beatified on Saturday 13 May in Gardiner Street Church, Dublin. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. This will be the first ever beatification in Ireland and, in an unprecedented ecumenical gesture, the request for beatification will be made jointly by the Catholic and Church of Ireland Archbishops of Dublin, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Archbishop Michael Jackson, reflecting the fact that Fr John was an Anglican for the first half of his life and Catholic for the second. The ceremony will be broadcast live on www.iesuit.ie/beatification. See also frjohnsullivan.ie for more on his life and ministry.



Archbishop Eamon Martin delivers Newman Lecture on 'The Church in the Public Sphere'

On 8 May in the University of East Anglia, Norwich, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh delivered the annual Newman lecture on the theme 'The Church in the Public Sphere – a perspective from Ireland'. In his address Archbishop Eamon said, "we enter the public square with the conviction that 'something else is needed' and not simply to win arguments through the clever use of reasoning and debate. When we speak, we draw upon both reason and faith and upon an integral vision of the dignity and vocation of the human person linked to the common good. We seek to present in public discourse 'a consistent ethic of life', based on natural law, which includes for example, our teaching about the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of the person, about the centrality of the family, about solidarity and the need for a fair distribution of goods in the world. Our vision is of a society marked by a culture of peace, justice and care for all, especially the most vulnerable." For the full address see catholicbishops.ie.