

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Murphy family	8pm Hugh & Susan Feehan
Tues. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Evelyn Moylan
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Charles & Jane O'Neill
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Mary & Ned Slattery
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Martin Conroy
Sat. 11am Confirmation - Gaelscoil Primary School	8pm Forde family
Sun. 10am Confirmation- St Brendan's and St. Ita's Primary Schools	12 noon Evelyn & Jack Fergus

<u>Ministers of the Word</u>		<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u>
Sat. 3rd June 8pm Ann Flynn	Sat. 3rd June 8pm	
Sun. 4th June 12 noon Anna Cronin	A. McTigue, M. O'Brien, P. O'Sullivan	
<u>Mass Servers</u>		Sun. 4th June 10am D. Shaughnessy
Team D Sat. 3rd June 8pm		Sun. 4th June 12 noon D. Quinn, M. Connolly
Team E Sun. 4th June 10am		
Team F Sun. 4th June 12noon		
<i>Cathedral Collections:</i>		
<i>Offertory: € 1, 090 Restoration: €655</i>		
The Second Basket Collection next weekend will be the Summer Collection for the support of the clergy		

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Evelyn Dorothy Webb, St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea.


R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Blána Gormley, (nee Lynch) late of Kings Street, Loughrea, who died in Dublin recently.

Congratulations to the girls and boys from St. Ita's and St. Brendan's Primary Schools and the girls and boys from Gaelscoil Riabach who received their First Holy Communion in the Cathedral last weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Private Intention	10am Kathleen Daniels
Tues. 8am Pat McGrath	10am Tom & Nora O'Donnell
Wed. 8am John & Ellen Flaherty and Angela Connaire	10am Patrick & Ruth Powell
Thurs. 8am Frances & Jim O'Shea	10am Peter & Bridie Finnerty
Fri. 8am Private Intention	10am Kealy family deceased
Sat. 8am Margaret & Peggy Daniels	10am Martin & Annie Wade
Sun. 9am Ann Egan	11am John & Mary Forde & family decd.
	6pm Bridget Truax and Ann & Tony Shiel



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY
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The Ascension of the Lord, Sunday 28th May 2017
World Communications Day

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday, 28th May.
 Anointing of the Sick @ 2.30pm Celebration of the Blessed Eucharist at 3pm followed by Rosary Procession.

World Communications Day is being celebrated today, Sunday, 28 May 2017 – the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Fear not, for I am with you (Is 43:5): Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time' In his message Pope Francis is encouraging individuals and communities to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter, helping all of us to view the world around us with realism and trust.

Pope Francis says that he is convinced that we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on "bad news" (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil. Rather, he proposes that all of us work at overcoming that feeling of growing discontent and resignation that can at times generate apathy, fear or the idea that evil has no limits. Moreover, in a communications industry which thinks that good news does not sell, and where the tragedy of human suffering and the mystery of evil easily turn into entertainment, there is always the temptation that our consciences can be dulled or slip into pessimism.

Pope Francis goes on to say that he would like, then, to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients. He asks everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart "good news".

You can read the full text of Pope Francis' message on [catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

World Communications Day feature here:

<http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2017/05/22/pope-francis-message-for-world-communications-day-2017-2/>

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

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Francis, to commemorate the centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will be in the Cathedral on Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th June 2017.

Senior Citizens' Club Convent Hall, Thurs. 1st June, 8-10.30pm. Senior Citizens' Summer Tour will take place on Wed. 7th June. Bus leaving Cathedral for Bunratty Castle at 10.30am. For more details, please contact Mary at 841725 or 087 6352202. All are welcome.

Our Lady of Clonfert Masses and Devotions for May 2017. Evening Mass Monday to Wednesday at 8pm. Further details, call 0909-675113 or email stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net.

All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine, Sat. 3rd June.

ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family: Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for married life together? Closing date for applications 2nd June. Ph: [090 9643573](tel:0909643573)/www.accord.ie for details.

Esker Annual Novena Tues. 6th- Wed. 14th June. Daily Sessions: 8am, 10am, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, & 10pm. Sun. 8am, 10am, 12 noon, 4.30pm, 6pm & 8pm.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage on any day from 1st June-13th August. No need to book. Daily boats to the Island from 10.30am-3:00pm, 7 days per week. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Tel., Maureen or Lorraine on 071 9861518. Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

Faithcast is the new weekly podcast from catholicnews.ie, the news source for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm, Faithcast is a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is published every Monday and is available on catholicnews.ie

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

Ray of Sunshine Foundation Voluntary Tradespersons aged between 20-68 years needed to travel to Kenya in January 2018 to build Rescue Home for boys. Duration of stay 11 days. Cost €3000, which covers flights, accommodation, insurance and all building materials. Visit rayofsunshine.ie or contact Olive: 087 6994599 for more info.

The Carmelite Abbey Graveyard: Volunteers are requested to assist with the care of this graveyard. Cemetery Sunday, 13th August. Outdoor Mass @ 6pm. Volunteers will attend the graveyard, Sat. 27th May at 12noon. Your help & assistance would be appreciated. Caretaker: Gerry 087 9022592.

Garrybreeda Cemetery Trust: Volunteers will continue with the care and maintenance of Garrybreeda each Monday from 6pm-8pm. All assistance very much appreciated. Cemetery Sunday, 30th July at 3pm. Donations welcome.

Loughrea Tidy Towns are taking part in the Clean Coast Clean Up at the Lake, Wed. 7th June. Meet at car park beside playground on Gort Rd. at 7.30pm. Gloves & bags provided. Please come and help keep the lake litter free.

Dyslexia and literacy difficulties: One-to-one tuition for children and adults with literacy difficulties. Classes will run throughout the summer break. Please contact Breda Mahony on 086 1604461 for further details.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 1, 12, 17, 32. 1 match 3 winner.

Next week's jackpot €12,200.

Public Meeting: Mon. 29th May in O'Sullivan's, Gort at 8.30pm to discuss proposed closures of rural Post Offices and measures that can be taken to prevent this. Open to all Post Masters, staff and anyone who wishes to voice their opinion.

BAFFLE Bloom's Day Fri. 16th June, Harney's Bar, 8.30pm.

Theme: *Bloomers*. Prizes go to Poets, Extroverts and the Audience.

Poets check in at 8.30pm and the show starts at 9.00pm. For all BAFFLE updates, please text your name and email address to 085 7239561.

Getting Citizens Online: Free courses starting in Loughrea Computers. Course will show you how to get online, set up and send emails, how to be secure online among other useful information for beginners. 5 week evening course, (2 hours one evening per week). Phone 091 871732 for more info.

Happyfeet Preschool and Afterschool, Meadowbrook Court, L'rea, Open Day 27th May, 1- 4pm or any day that suits you. Contact Mary [083 4702854](tel:0834702854)

Loughrea Comhaltas Trad session in the Abbey 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month, all musicians and abilities welcome. For details, call 087 1337326.

Health & Wellness and Aloe Vera Information Night Leitrim Hall, Tues. 30th May @ 8pm. All welcome. For more details, contact Fiona: 087 9031174.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Loughrea Activity Association: No Meeting Monday.

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

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

Vinaya 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, 9.30am-12.15pm. 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.

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