

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Dermot Sweeney	8pm Ryan family deceased
Tues. 11am Thomas & Hanora Lake	8pm Laurence, Ciss & Tony Broderick and Tom Fahy
Wed. 11am Private Intention	8pm Mary McCormack
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Norah & Michael Broderick
Fri. 11am Ann McCormack	8pm Tom & May Keary
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Raphael Deeley
Sun. 10am Patrick McLoughlin and James & Mary McLoughlin	12 noon The Craven Brothers

<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 22 nd July 8pm Mark Connolly Sun. 23 rd July 12noon Tommy Flynn	<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 22 nd July 8pm J. Beatty, F. Martin, M. Murphy Sun. 23 rd July 10am A. Gardiner Sun. 23 rd July 12noon M. Joyce, E. McKiernan, A. McTigue
<u>Mass Servers</u> Team B Sat. 22 nd July 8pm Team A Sun. 23 rd July 10am Team C Sun. 23 rd July 12noon	
<i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €855</i>	
The Second Basket Collection next weekend will be for Trocaire Emergency Appeal.	

Baptism: We welcome into God’s family Millie Maria Treacy Coen, Glenburren Park, Tuam Rd., Galway and Tadhg Francis Coen, Mayfield, New South Wales.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Francis & Michael McNamara	10am Vera Broderick
Tues. 8am Assumpta & Martha McNamara	10am Chrissie Jordan
Wed. 8am Donor Intentions	10am Patrick, Margaret & Martin Nevin
Thurs. 8am Raphael Deeley	10am Lawrence, Ciss & Tony Broderick
Fri. 8am Margaret Duggan (nee Miller)	10am Mary Casey
Sat. 8am Martin, Mary, Ann and Martin Donoghue	10am Agnes & Tom O’Brien
Sun. 9am Matthew Hickey	11am Frank Daniels
	6pm McGhee family deceased

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 086 - 0551134	Bethany Bereavement Group 087-2109396
<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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16th July 2017

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognize that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the Word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?

Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

‘We are wasting our time here’ may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS: The Good Seed

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

Pope Francis

Jesus’ parable of the sower is aimed at the people who listen, or ignore, his word. There are different ways of hearing God’s word and they produce different kinds of fruit. Working too hard to have time to hear God’s word: There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to the things of God.

The shallow hearer fails to think things out or think them through and lacks spiritual depth. They may initially respond with an enthusiasm, but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is forever too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God’s word. They may work so hard that they are too tired to even think of anything else but their work. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand.

From *Women in the Bible* by Elizabeth Fletcher (Intercom Magazine)

The Deep End – The Generous Sower

Can you picture it? I love the image of Jesus sitting in a boat, addressing the crowds on the beach. He certainly knew how to hold their attention. And he knew they would understand him more clearly if he used the language of stories. Those listening would have been familiar with the cycle of planting seeds and waiting for them to produce a crop. One of the purposes of parables is to challenge the hearers to reflect and respond with faith. So this parable of the sower requires Jesus' audience to decide what kind of soil they are. There is a message of judgment for those who are hardened like the rocky soil, and a message of hope for those who are receptive like the rich soil. The figure of the sower is important too. The sower does not confine the seeds to soil that is fertile and ready for growth. rather, the seeds are scattered everywhere – on the path, patches of rock, and among thorns. Jesus does not discriminate. His love is given out for all. He knows that some of it may be rejected, or accepted only on a superficial level, but he offers it anyway. That offer of love is never withdrawn. It might take a while to bear fruit, but it is always there. 'Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.'

Pope Francis (Intercom Magazine)

Cemetery Sunday, Sunday, 30th July 2017, Prayers in Garrybreeda Cemetery at 3pm & Mount Pleasant at 5pm. Parking inside the gate at Mount Pleasant is reserved for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Trócaire Emergency Appeal: A special collection for the food crisis in East Africa will take place on the weekend of 22nd-23rd July. Trócaire is currently responding to prolonged drought which has led to severe food shortages. Approximately 25 million people are in need of emergency assistance. Trócaire's response in South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia focuses on food and water, while in Somalia they are running health clinics treating people for malnutrition, cholera and other health issues.

Reek Sunday, the annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on Sunday 30th July. Masses will be on an hourly basis rather than half hourly basis.

Lough Derg 2017: The Three Day Pilgrimage may begin on any day up to and including Sunday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help with public transport. Contact Maureen or Lorraine on 071-9851518 or email info@loughderg.org. Website: www.loughderg.org

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

Annual Concelebrated Mass of St. Feichin. Mass will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 16th at 7pm. The recently erected Stations of The Cross will be blessed before Mass. Those attending the Mass should go to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs.

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.

The Carmelite Abbey Graveyard: Volunteers are requested to assist with the care of this graveyard. Cemetery Sunday, 13th August. Outdoor Mass @ 6pm. Your help & assistance would be appreciated. Caretaker: Gerry 0879022592.

The Irish Cancer Society's Volunteer Driver Service needs volunteers in East Galway to assist patients in need of transport to appointments. Volunteers must have their own car and insurance. All volunteer expenses are paid.

Commitment for a minimum of two drives a month. For more information, contact Rebecca on 01-2316642 or email rlonsdale@irishcancer.ie

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thurs. 17th to Sun. 20th August. For young people aged 16-35, to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more information and to book online go to www.youth2000.ie or tel: 01-6753690

Upcoming Seán Keane Charity Concerts supporting Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Gaillimh, MS Ireland and Ability West, in the Salthill Hotel, Thurs. July 20th and 27th. Tickets €25, on sale at Salthill Hotel and at www.eventbrite.ie

Western Alzheimers Organisation Carers required in the Loughrea area. If you are in receipt of social welfare for more than 12 months you may qualify for a CE scheme. Please call our Galway office for application form 091-565193

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

Jive Launch Night in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa on Mon. 24th July at 8.30pm to 10pm. Jive demonstration by Brian Gibbons followed by music from Patrick Feeney & band. For further details, contact 087-1200478

Water Safety Weeks: 17th - 21st July and 24th - 28th July inclusive at Long Pt., Loughrea Lake. Registration on Thurs. 13th, 6-7pm in the Vocational School, L'rea.

Girls Rugby ages 9-15, in the Fair Green, 6-7pm. No charge. Every Saturday evening. Great fun, give it a try!

Loughrea Tennis Club are running adult coaching classes starting Wed. 19th July for Beginners/ intermediate 7-8pm at the club with Tennis Ireland Level 1 Coach. Cost: Members €5, Non Members €6. To register, call Billy @ [086-8216027](tel:086-8216027)

Loughrea Tennis Club: Parks Tennis Summer Camp for 6-16yrs of age, on until 28th July, for one hour each day, Mon-Fri. €40 per child. For more details, contact Billy @ 086-8216207

Concertina Summer Classes on Tuesday evenings, in Cosmona, Loughrea. Beginners: 7-7.30pm, Intermediates: 7.30-8.15pm. €10 per class. One to one lessons also available. Contact Muireann @ 087-1484617 or 087-6679093

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 6, 17, 24, 28. No winner. Next week's jackpot €12,900.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm.

Over 60's 'Healthy Spine' Wed. 11.15am. Chartered Physiotherapist tuition, men and women. €10 pay as you go class. Phone: 086 3329493

Line Dancing Classes Wednesdays @ 8.30pm in the gym. All are welcome. Tel: Sean Casey @ 087-9761692 or 091-844003.