

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Ellen Costello	8pm Fr Sean Oxley
Tues. 11am Bridie, Michael & Daniel Keary	8pm Ita, Joseph, Peg & Pat Riordan
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Personal Intention
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Loughrea Cathedral Choir
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Owen Ward MM
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Margaret Glynn
Sun. 10am T. J. Prendergast	12 noon Deceased members of the O'Reilly family

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 5th August 8pm Ted McDonnell Sun. 6th August 12noon Mark Connolly</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 5th August 8pm P. O'Sullivan, J. Beatty, G. Dervan Sun. 6th August 10am J. Fitzgerald Sun. 6th August 12noon M. Chambers, F. Martin, C. Darcy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Servers</u></p> <p>Team C Sat. 5th August 8pm Team B Sun. 6th August 10am Team A Sun. 6th August 12noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,080</i></p>

Trócaire
 Sincere thanks for your generous donations to the Trócaire collection last weekend.
 Amount collected €5,320

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Thomas Kilkenny, Winston Hills, NSW, Caoimhe Dolan, Seven Hills, NSW and Freya Robinson, Baunoge, Loughrea.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Celia Kelly, Gort, (mother of Bridget Moorehead), and Michael Fallon, Ballyeigher, Aille, formerly Ballyduggan, Loughrea, who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Special Intention	10am Vera Broderick
Tues. 8am James Monaghan	10am Sr Eugenius Kiely
Wed. 8am Stephen & Martin King	10am Aggie Moran
Thurs. 8am Special Intention	10am Sheila McGovern
Fri. 8am Private Intention	10am Salmon & Forde families decd.
Sat. 8am Eddie & Pauline Delaney	10am Gerard Flynn
Sun. 9am Maggie Glynn & Michael Greally	11am John & Mary McDonagh
	6pm Bridget & Patrick Fallon

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
086 - 0551134

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30th July 2017

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 13:44-52

1. Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?
 John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS: Hidden Treasure

'A parable leaves you with sufficient doubt about its meaning to tease the mind into active thought.'

C.H. Dodd

Hidden or buried treasure sounds like an adventure story. This is intended by Jesus. Finding the kingdom of God is like an adventure in which there is a treasure that we did not expect to find, that fills us with wonder and tension and drama. Not everyone finds this treasure, which is what makes the story exciting. Jesus could have said that the man dug up the treasure and took what he wanted and left the rest out in the field for others to find easily, but he doesn't. The man hides the treasure again.

We who find the treasure of the kingdom of God will come to understand (whether immediately or over time), that it is more valuable than all that we have – all that our lives consist of. The treasure of the kingdom of God does not fit nicely or easily into the lives that we have already constructed for ourselves. Treasure stories are all about disrupted lives. One cannot discover hidden treasure and remain the same or continue, in an undisrupted way, to live the life one has always lived. In a sense, the measure of the disruption of our former lives is also a measure of the meaning of the treasure we have found. Some of us, perhaps, have not yet discovered the treasure that is worth exchanging our lives for.
 The Parable of the Hidden Treasure – Pete Bauer (Intercom Magazine)

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

THE DEEP END: Treasures and Pearls

In the immediate aftermath of the horrific bomb attack in Manchester on 22 May this year, the hashtag #roomformanchester began to trend on social media. In the midst of the chaos and terror, locals were opening up their homes and hearts to anyone who had been affected by the incident and was in need of help. People who lived nearby offered food or a cuppa, a place to charge phones, or a bed for the night. Hotels took in dozens of children and teenagers who had been separated from their parents. Taxi drivers offered free lifts, and others offered to drive those who had been stranded home to surrounding areas. People began to queue up at donor banks to give blood to help those injured in the attack. In the face of an evil and senseless act that inflicted so much pain, kindness and goodness shone through.

Difficult times often bring out the best in people. We see it in the way friends rally around a bereaved family, or communities raise money to help a sick child. There are treasures in our people and our communities that we could never put a price on. Jesus talks today about hidden treasures and fine pearls, and prompts the question – what is most important to us, and what are we willing to sacrifice for it? Sometimes treasures like compassion and love are there for all to see, and other times they are hidden or buried and we have to go in search of them, and to remember to bring them to others. The kingdom of God is always close at hand and within each of us.

Triona Doherty (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.

Knock Shrine National Novena Join us for nine days of reflection and prayer for the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock from 14th-22nd Aug. Ceremonies will take place daily at 3pm and 8.30pm with daily guest speakers and workshops. On Mon. 21st Aug. we will celebrate the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Programme. See full programme and schedule of speakers at www.knockshrine.ie/novena2017

Guided Prayer Sessions at Knock Shrine in the prayer guidance centre daily. Mon-Fri: 12 noon; 4.15pm, 8.15pm. Sat & Sun: 12 noon, 5pm, 8.15pm.

Watch Masses online from Knock Shrine The daily 3pm Mass in the Basilica is now being streamed live. The 12 noon Sunday Mass is also available to watch online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch and recordings of all Sundays Masses are also available on the Knock Shrine YouTube channel

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

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

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

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

Aware services are continuing to grow and they are now recruiting volunteers to meet their demand. Full training and ongoing support will be given. For more details, visit www.aware.ie 01-6617211

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

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

Irish Camping & Caravan Club Open Day Come join us for a free fun for all afternoon at the ICCO Open Day, Mon. 7th August at 2pm in Kilcornan, Clarinbridge. Enjoy Game stalls, Facepainting, Live music, Geocaching and much more. Enter into a free raffle for a camping stove. For details, visit www.icco.ie

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

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 at the club for Beginners/ intermediate, 7-8pm, with Tennis Ireland Level 1 Coach.

Cost: Members €5, Non Members €6. To register, call Billy @ [086-8216027](tel:086-8216027)

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

Intensive Irish and Maths Courses for Junior and Senior Cycle students in Study Hub Loughrea. Maths course 21st to 25th Aug. and is for honours maths students only. Irish courses are 7th to 11th and 14th to 18th of Aug. To book, call Breda 086-3792360

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 7, 12, 19, 21. 9 match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €13,100.

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.