

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Richard & Michael Connelly	8pm Sean Haran & decd. members of the Haran and Lynn families
Tues. 11am Brendan Fallon	8pm Thomas & Teresa Deely
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Joseph, Annie & Anthony Raftery
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Gerard & Mary Raftery
Fri. 11am Porter & Parker families	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Tim Lynch	8pm John Casey & Rosie Bowley
Sun. 10am Chris & John Burke	12 noon Chrissie McMahon

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 2nd Sept. 8pm Michael Martin Sun. 3rd Sept. 12noon Anna Cronin</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 2nd Sept. 8pm G. Dervan, D. Fahy, J. Beatty Sun. 3rd Sept. 10am F. Martin Sun. 3rd Sept. 12noon J. Fitzgerald, C. Darcy, A. Gardiner</p>
<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team B Sat. 2nd Sept. 8pm Team A Sun. 3rd Sept. 10am Team C Sun. 3rd Sept. 12noon</p>	
<p>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,280 Restoration: €690</p> <p>Second Basket Collection next weekend will be to help repatriate the body of a young woman back to her home in Brazil, who died tragically in the Parish this week.</p>	


Baptism: We welcome into God’s family Laina Jessica O’Loughlin, Curraghroe, Loughrea.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Henry, late of The Hill, Loughrea, who died in New York. Funeral Mass on Saturday, 2nd September at 12noon in St Brendan’s Cathedral and burial immediately afterwards in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Loughrea. Also, Bridie Diskin, Redmount Hill, Eyrecourt, (mother of John Diskin, Caheronaun Park, Loughrea) who died recently and Patrick (Paddy) Corcoran, late of Main Street, Loughrea, who died in London.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Kathleen & Jack Fitzgerald	10am Ned & Teresa Murray
Tues. 8am Donor’s Intention	10am Una O’Reilly & family
Wed. 8am Donor’s Intention	10am Martin, Catherine, Vincent & Paddy Connelly
Thurs. 8am Lourdes Pilgrims	10am Nora Elwood
Fri. 8am Genevieve (Darkie) Moloney	10am Joe & Vera Herlihy and Sr Pius
Sat. 8am Eddie & Kathleen McGrath, and Winnifred McMenamain	10am Bridie Healy
Sun. 9am Delia, John, Larry & Christy Moran	11am Deirdre Snowdon & Thomas McCarrick
	6pm Patrick & Bridget Mitchell



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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 27th August 2017

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 16:13-20

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus, and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah. Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.
2. ‘Who do you say that I am?’ This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?
3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.
4. These are troubled times for the Church and the promise of Jesus that ‘the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it’ are an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS: Who am I for you?

What does this story tell us? Jesus wanted a response to his question who am I for you? He had spent time with people and some have accepted him. Peter’s was the remark of faith. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed. Our faith is based on Jesus not on the Church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside – knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart. Is our faith just like a birthmark or a way of life and love? For some it is just a birthmark. A label for birth, marriage and death. It has become more like this in Ireland and the Church in many ways allows this. Who is Christ for me? The question that will ground our faith. We are here for partnership with the Lord in bringing on the reign of God. What would that look like? That people who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the unborn and the refugee. The Church is the community where the weakest are welcomed. The son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too – he has no body now on earth but ours! Donal Neary SJ (Intercom Magazine)

Apologies to anybody who tried to contact the Parish office by phone or email between Friday 18th and Thursday 24th August. The fault was reported to our supplier, Ripplecom, Friday evening but they were unable to restore our service until Thursday.

Mass bookings in the Cathedral for 2018 will be taken from 10.00am on Friday, 1st September 2017

St Ita's Girls & St. Brendan's Boys National Schools re-open for all pupils on Friday 1st September, closing at 12noon. C.I.E. bus will operate for early closing. School times as normal from Mon. 4th Sept.

Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles will be in Loughrea Parish Sat. 9th & Sun.10th Sept. speaking at all Masses to promote Mission Awareness.

World Meeting of Families: Mr. Martin Kennedy, National Coordinator, will hold an open information meeting for those in our diocese who wish to be actively involved in the event. It will be held in Gullane's Hotel, B'sloe, on Sept. 13th @ 8pm. He will outline how we can prepare for this historic event and sustain its legacy at parish and at national level. Bishop Kirby will open the meeting. People who wish to volunteer nationally can do so online:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteering.

National Traditional Pilgrimage to Knock on Sat. 2nd Sept., commencing with a High Mass / Missa Cantata at 2pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Traditional Benediction. All events in the old church.

Knock Counselling Centre: Autumn Winter Programme of Workshops commencing in Sept. Booking is essential. For details, call 094-9375032 or email counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie

Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage on Sept. 10th, Knock Shrine @ 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Ballina School Choir, Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'.

Cancer Care West and Galway University Hospital are organising a series of free Prostate cancer information and support sessions. The next support session is scheduled for 21st Sept. 7- 9pm. If men and their partners would like to attend, they can book a place by contacting Rachael Dalton, Clinical nurse specialist, on 091-893318 or Cancer Care West on 091540040.

Teenage Depression Awareness: Total amount raised at the recent cake sale was €724. Thanks to all who supported and contributed. All proceeds donated to Galway Samaritans.

The "LoveBoth Project" is committed to building a more welcoming society for expectant mothers and their unborn babies. Our primary goal is protecting Ireland's 8th Amendment, which safeguards the lives of both mother and baby in pregnancy. For more info. or to help us in any way (financially or through volunteering), visit www.loveboth.ie or write to info@loveboth.ie.

Motor Neurone Disease Association: Fundraising Night in the Arch Bar, Loughrea, Fri. 1st Sept. at 9pm. Admission €5.

Carer of the Year & Young Carer of the Year Awards 2017: Throughout Ireland Family Carers dedicate themselves to providing remarkable levels of care in the home for their loved ones. If you would like to nominate a relative, neighbour or friend for these awards, please contact Family Carers Ireland, Barrack Street, Loughrea on (091) 880418 or nominate online by visiting www.familycarers.ie. Closing date for receipt of entries is Fri. 15th September.

Loughrea Medieval Festival 25th-27th August. Free commemorative weekend the whole family will enjoy. There will be events at the Loughrea Library and Temperance Hall, a Heritage Walk and Talk of Old Loughrea, and Mass with the Carmelite Community. For events in full, view loughreamedievalfestival.com, follow [facebook.com/loughreamedievalfestival](https://www.facebook.com/loughreamedievalfestival), or email loughreamedievalfestival@gmail.com

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 Family & Community Resource Centre, Creative Writing Course starts Mon. 18th Sept. 7.30-9.30pm. Limited places, call 871149 to register.
Bravo Theatre Group present "Lip Sync Battle" Fri. 1st Sept. @ 9pm in the Meadow Court Hotel. Doors open 8.30pm. Tickets are €10 and can be bought on the night.

Introduction to Youth Theatre: What is youth theatre all about? Here's your chance to find out. East Galway Youth Theatre are running a day's intro to Youth Theatre on Wednesday 23rd of September in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea. The day will run from 11 - 4. It is open to everyone between the ages of 13-18. Cost €25. Further info can be got by checking out the group's Facebook page or by ringing Daniel @ 085-2810895.

Nurturing Nature: Sat. Sept. 23rd 10am-4pm at An Gáirdín, Portumna. This will be a day of exploring nature in our everyday lives and how we can reconnect with the wonders of the natural world in our own lives and communities. It is grant aided. Cost €20 for lunch and refreshments. Booking: angairdin1@gmail.com Phone [0909741689](tel:0909741689) before 16th Sept.

ELFA Study Hub Loughrea Information Evening about services provided to second and third level students, on Thursday 31st August at 7pm. Contact Breda Coughlan @ 086-3792360 to book a place.

Girls Rugby 9-15 years of age, Fairgreen, Sat. evenings, 6pm. Great fun.

Loughrea Rugby Club Pre Season Rugby Training for U17's , U18's & Seniors. Tues. & Thurs. 7.30pm-9pm. Great coaching. Strength & Conditioning.

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 Tues. in Cosmona. Beginners: 7-7.30pm, Intermediates:7.30-8.15pm. €10 per class. Call Muireann @ 087-1484617

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 1, 21, 31, 32. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €13,500.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Activity Assoc: Bowling: Mon. 1.30-3.30pm, Tues. 11am-1pm

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8pm. Jackpot €10,000 plus huge cash prizes. Comp tea, coffee. A great night out for all the family.

Line Dancing Classes will resume on Wed, Sept. 6th @ 7pm and 8pm. All are welcome. Tel: Sean Casey @ 087-9761692

Karate Classes: Beginners & members-Mon. 11th & Wed. 13th Sept. 7.30-9pm. Ladies, gents and children over 8 years of age are welcome.

The Wild Swan Theatre Co. & Shake Theatre Productions present the hilarious hit comedy show "If Only" on Sept. 7th and 9th @ 8pm. Tickets €10 from O'Briens shop or at the door.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
086 - 0551134

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