

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Mary & Anne Sammon	<b>8pm</b> William & Alice Guiney
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Johnny Connaire
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Tom Joe Dervan & Ita Pierce
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Tom & Bina Mannion
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Tony Bruton
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Jarlath, Carmel & Cliona Benson
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Seamus Broderick	<b>12 noon</b> Cathy & Martin Roche

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8pm</b> Ted McDonnell  <b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12noon</b> Anna Cronin</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8pm</b>                  A. McTigue, M. O'Brien, P. O'Sullivan  <b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am</b> D. Shaughnessy  <b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12noon</b>                  D. Quinn, M. Connolly</p>
<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b></p> <p><b>Team C</b> Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8pm  <b>Team B</b> Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am  <b>Team A</b> Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12noon</p>	
<p><b><i>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1,100</i></b>                  Amount raised from the <b>Second Basket Collection</b> last weekend to help repatriate the body of a young woman back to her home in Brazil was €2,883.</p>	
<p>Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles will be speaking at all Masses this weekend to promote Mission Awareness.                  The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> this weekend will go to support the work of the missions.</p>	

**St Padre Pio** Mass and Devotions 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 8-9pm


**Wedding Congratulations** to Debbie Harte & William Tyrell and Lyndsay Hughes & Daniel Considine who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gertie Cahalan (nee Tarpey), sister of Eva Giblin, Donnellan Drive, Loughrea, who died recently.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK**

**Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel**

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Ann Marie Flynn	<b>10am</b> Maureen Devine
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Tom & deceased members of the Mongan family	<b>10am</b> Mary & Joseph Connolly
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Bernard & Bridie Burke
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Private Intentions	<b>10am</b> Thomas & Johanna Burke and decd. family members
<b>Fri. 8am</b> John Meagher	<b>10am</b> Peter & Mary Gunter
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Jarlath, Carmel & Cliona Benson	<b>10am</b> Mary & Thomas McDonagh and Paddy Keane
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Denis Conway	<b>11am</b> Ethna O'Brien
	<b>6pm</b> Gerry & Peggy Dolan



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
**The Presbytery 091-841212    The Abbey 091-841209**  
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**The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels** Matthew 18:15-20

1. At the time Matthew was writing his gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions, but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
2. While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?
3. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
4. Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

**MUSINGS: I will give you rest**

Opening ourselves to ideas, including those with which we disagree, this is what the good traveller should do. Happy are they who understand the words, 'If you disagree with me you have something to give me.'

If those who are with you always agree with you before you open your mouth, they are not companions but shadows. When disagreement is not a form of systematic blocking, when it arises from a different vision, it can only enrich us.

It is possible to travel alone. But the good traveller knows that the journey is human life, and life needs company. 'Companion' means, etymologically, the person who eats the same bread. Happy are they who feel they are always on the road and that every person they meet is their companion. The good traveller takes care of his weary companions. He guesses when they lose heart. He takes them as he finds them, listens to them. Intelligently, gently, above all lovingly, he encourages them to go on and recover their joy in the journey.

Dom Helder Camara, (Intercom Magazine)

<p><b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul</b>  <b>086 - 0551134</b></p>	<p><b>Bethany Bereavement Group</b>  <b>087-2109396</b></p>
<p><b><u>World Meeting of Families Ireland. For more info., <a href="http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie">www.worldmeeting2018.ie</a></u></b></p>	

## THE DEEP END: Community Living

No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions!

Today's gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church.

First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect; it is made up of sinners, who will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue – if a brother (or sister) sins, the first step is to discuss it with them, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it.

We all have a responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church.

Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine)

**Carmelite Sisters:** September Prayer Meeting Wed. 13th Sept. in Mt. Carmel Chapel @ 7.45pm. With Pope Francis we too are preparing for the World Meeting of Families next August so we will include this intention in our prayers.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** to Knock Shrine on Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> September. Bus will be leaving Loughrea at 10.15am. For details, contact 091-842358

**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. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 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/volunteerig](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteerig).

**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'.

**Coffee Morning** in aid of the Galway Hospice, on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. in the Loughrea Library, from 11am-1pm.

**Life in the Spirit:** Come and experience the Power of the Holy Spirit in your life, as requested by Pope Francis. Seminar commencing Fri., Sept. 22nd @ 8pm and each Fri. for 7 weeks, in the Family Centre, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe. Renowned Speakers, Powerful Testimonies, Inspirational Music.

**Who Am I?** An opportunity to get to know yourself in depth; to grow in interior solidity and discover how you can live more true to yourself. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, in Carmelite Abbey. Registration deadline Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. All enquiries welcome. Phone Mary Silke PRH Educator 090 6624937

**Knock Counselling Centre:** Autumn Winter Programme of Workshops starting in Sept. To book call 094-9375032 / [counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie](mailto:counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie)

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 7- 9pm. If men and their partners would like to attend, contact Rachael Dalton 091893318 or Cancer Care West 091540040.

**Loughrea Parish Council CLG** Community Employment Scheme have a vacancy for General Operative. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for CE Schemes, i.e. be in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment for 52 weeks. Please submit CV to Parish Office, Barrack St., Loughrea. Closing date for applications is Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017.

**BAFFLE:** Poets present "The Bottom Line" in Loughrea Library Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 9.00pm. Poets are challenged to write on the above theme and present their poem to the audience and an adjudicator. MC is Dympna Darcy who will also entertain us poetically. Typical BAFFLE Poets night but without a publican. There will be wine though; and food.

**Social Bridge** commencing for the Autumn Season in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

**Loughrea Camera Club** resumes Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> in St Raphael's School at 8pm. New members are welcome on the night.

**Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre,** Creative Writing Course starts Mon. 18th Sept. 7.30-9.30pm. Limited places, call 871149 to register.

**Computer Classes** beginning shortly. Learn how to set up email, use the internet, Skype, Dept. of Agriculture Registration of animals, online shopping etc. Please ring Mary Muldoon @ [0861908975](tel:0861908975)

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

**Loughrea Bridge Club** will hold their AGM in Loughrea Hotel & Spa on Tues. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. All members requested to attend.

**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)

**Lost/Found:** Sum of money found. Please contact Parish Office.

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 8, 9, 23, 31. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €13,700.

## Temperance Hall Events

**Loughrea Activity Assoc:** Meeting on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. 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** in the Tea room (side entrance), every Wednesday at 7pm and 8pm. New beginners are welcome. Tel: Sean Casey 087-9761692

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

**Dance Aerobic Classes:** Every Tues., 7.30pm. 087-9379563. Pay as you go!

**Power Soccer** starting back on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Fraughen School Of Irish Dancing** has reopened. Monday & Friday, juniors 5-6pm, seniors 6-7pm. Adult class Tuesday, 7.30pm. Class also in St Ita's school Wednesday, 3-4pm.

**Bravo Theatre Group** registration for new members aged 5-16 years of age, Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> September 4.30-5.30pm, upstairs in the Hall. For more information go to [www.bravotheatregroup.com](http://www.bravotheatregroup.com)

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