

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Martin Niland
<b>Tues. 11am</b> St Ita's School Mass	<b>8pm</b> Michael Ryan
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Michael & Richard Connelly	<b>8pm</b> Frank Fahy
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Michael Bob Dillon
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Denis Murphy & decd. family mbrs.
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Pauline Feeney MM	<b>8pm</b> John, Annie & Rosaleen O'Rourke
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Mary Ward	<b>12 noon</b> John & Nora Deegan

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 8pm</b> Tommy Flynn  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12noon</b> John Hayes</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 8pm</b>                  G. Dervan, D. Fahy, J. Beatty  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am</b> J. Fitzgerald  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12noon</b>                  M. Connolly, M. Chambers, C. Darcy</p>
<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b>  <b>Team E</b> Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 8pm  <b>Team F</b> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10am  <b>Team D</b> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12noon</p>	
<p><b>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,045</b>                  Amount raised from the <b>Second Basket Collection</b> last weekend to support the work of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles was                  Cathedral: €1,355 Carmelite Abbey: €1,013                  The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> this weekend is the Autumn Collection for the support of the clergy</p>	

**Baptism:** We welcome into God's family Aoibheann Mary Flanagan, Woodville, Loughrea and Tilisha Louise Casey, Fahy Gardens, Loughrea.


**Wedding Congratulations** to Carmel Greally and David Corban who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Murphy, Ahascragh, sister of Rose Mannion, Mt. Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, Sean Skerry, Liam-Mellows Terrace, Loughrea, and Fr John Mannion, Killoran, 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> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Deceased members of Henry family
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Larry & Shelia Doyle
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Mary Dervan
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Private Intentions	<b>10am</b> Ned & Grett Wade
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Jim Glynn	<b>10am</b> Christy & Agnes O'Loughlin
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Monica Kennedy	<b>10am</b> Katty & Jack Burke
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Jack Kennedy	<b>11am</b> Private Intentions
	<b>6pm</b> William & Mary Ellen, Josephine Pembroke



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
**The Presbytery 091-841212    The Abbey 091-841209**  
*Website – loughreacathedral.ie    clonfertdiocese.ie*  
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**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels**  
**Matthew 18:21-35**

1. Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the truth of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?
  2. Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now?
  3. Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example.
- John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

**MUSINGS: The Good Seed**

Just as the Son, on coming into the world and becoming man, chose people's company to the point of joining sinners at table, so the Church has to keep the same company, because her faith, her adherence to the Lord and to the Word she receives from him, does not remove her from the world, but demands that she live in the company of men and women ...

'Company' means wanting to reach people where they are, including in their sinfulness and their refusal of God; it means meeting people with sympathy and love, because 'Christ died for us while we were still sinners (Rm 5:8) and 'reconciled us to God while we were enemies' (Rm 5:10). The importance of the word 'while' needs to be underlined: the presence, all at the very same time, of the world's hatred, the enmity of sinners and the love of God is an essential part of the word of the cross. Christ has broken the logic of enmity, and so Christians live 'company' when they follow him in breaking down barriers, walls and borders, contradicting every day the logic that creates and perceives enemies ...

The 'company' of others implies being patient with them, it implies longsuffering, the capacity to remain in a position of support ... participating in the patience of God.

And so, Christians are precluded from every attitude ... that would harden them in the logic that divides people into allies, friends and enemies.

Enzo Bianchi, Christians in Society (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>
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### THE DEEP END: Generous Love

A remarkable story of generosity featured on Joe Duffy's **Liveline: Call Back** programme on RTÉ recently. It was the story of Shane O'Neill, who had a history of drugs offences and ended up serving time in prison in Belgium. On release from prison he went to the Irish Embassy to ask for the price of a flight to return home, but was turned down. Another Irish man, Charlie Kiernan, overheard the exchange and decided to help, booking him a flight and buying him breakfast. When Shane asked how he could repay him, Charlie suggested he 'pay it forward'. The kind gesture was the catalyst for Shane turning his life around.

It is this sort of generous love that we hear about in today's gospel, in the parable told by Jesus. The master who cancels the servant's debt does so out of compassion and generosity. It is of no benefit to him to pardon the debt. He will be down ten thousand talents – one talent was worth more than 15 years' wages of a labourer, so we are talking about a large sum of money! The servant is grateful, but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just one hundred denarii – one denarius was the usual day's wage for a labourer. The parable speaks to us about the kindness of God, but also what he expects from us. Because we have been loved, we must love. Because we have been forgiven, we must forgive.

Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine)

**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 8.30pm in the Presbytery.

**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

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 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

**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.

**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.

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

**Social Bridge** in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa every Monday at 11am.

**A Weekend with Marian Carroll at Knock House Hotel** Fri 3rd-Sun 5th Nov. 'I was Cured at Knock'. Call Karen ([094](tel:0949388088)) [9388088](tel:0949388088) for more information.

**Knock Basilica** sees the return of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra to present Handel's 'iconic' Messiah, Sat. 18th Nov. at 7.30pm. Tickets are available now at [www.knockmessiah.com](http://www.knockmessiah.com)

**GRETB Community Education Service** courses Sept/Oct in South Galway: Hairdressing, Construction, Train the Trainer in Loughrea and Beauty in Gort. Places limited. For details, contact Ciara @ 0879663227 or email [ciara.coy@gretb.ie](mailto:ciara.coy@gretb.ie).

**Culture Night** 22nd Sept., Gaeilge Locha Riach invites members of the public to its offices at the Westbridge, for an hour of song, comhrá and literature. 7-8pm  
**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)

**Athletic Club Races** Sunday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Manning Mile – 1.00pm, Junior Race – 1.30pm and Senior Race – 2.30pm.

**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)

**Set-Dancing Classes** Thurs. 6.30-8pm-Children, 8.30-11pm Adults. Children advance class Fri. 6-7.30pm. All welcome. Call Bridie @ 087-6202451 after 5pm.

**Seán Nós Dancing** starting Mon. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call Bernie @ 086-3731547 for details.

**Yoga Classes** in L'rea Youth Theatre, Mon. and Thurs. evenings at 8pm. Contact Julia @ 0862608039 for details.

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 4, 8, 17, 26. No winner. Next week's jackpot is €13,800.

### Temperance Hall Events

**BRAVO Theatre Group** proudly presents RAGTIME The Musical, Wed. 27<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 8pm. Tickets can be bought from Loughrea School & Office Supplies or online at [www.bravotheatregroup.com](http://www.bravotheatregroup.com)

**Loughrea Activity Assoc:** Meeting Mon. 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** Monday & Friday, juniors 5-6pm, seniors 6-7pm. Adult class Tues., 7.30pm. Class also in St Ita's school Wed., 3-4pm.

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

**World Meeting of Families Ireland. For more info.,**[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

