

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am James & Martin Sammon	8pm Bridget Reilly
Tues. 11am Lynda Ward	8pm Katherine McLnerney
Wed. 11am Private Intention	8pm Thomas Scully
Thurs. 11am St Brendan's Boys School Mass	8pm Gerard & Mary Josephine Mullins
Fri. 11am James & Mary Salmon	8pm John Henry MM
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Pat Power
Sun. 10am Annie Raftery	12 noon Pat & Teresa Raftery

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 30th Sept. 8pm Declan Joyce Sun. 1st Oct. 12noon Aisling Quinn/Jane Doheny</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 30th Sept. 8pm F. Martin, M. Murphy Sun. 1st Oct. 10am M. Joyce Sun. 1st Oct. 12noon A. Gardiner, E. McKiernan, P. O'Sullivan</p>
<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team Sat. A 30th Sept. 8pm Team Sun. C 1st Oct. 10am Team Sun. B 1st Oct. 12noon</p>	
<p><i>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1,025</i></p>	

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Kathleen Ward, Ard Breeda, Loughrea, Reycon Paz de Sousa, Droim na Cille, Loughrea and Alice and Bryan Sa De Souza, Danesfort Drive, Loughrea.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary-Kate Dempsey, Masonbrook, Loughrea, Patricia (Patsy) Prendergast, Kincullia, Loughrea, and Kathleen McCormack, Kerry, sister of Margaret Keane, Mount Pleasant, Loughrea, who died during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Sean Connelly	10am Norrie O'Reilly
Tues. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Teresa Heagney
Wed. 8am Kathleen O'Reilly	10am John & Frances Marlyn
Thurs. 8am Donors Intentions	10am John Joe & Der Savage
Fri. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Margaret Griffie & family
Sat. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Lucy Joe & Michael Silke
Sun. 9am Katie Heagney	11am Michael, Ellen, PJ & Brid Forde
	6pm Nellie, James & Martin Treacy, Bridie & Michael

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



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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 24th September 2017

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 20:1-16

1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

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I should like to speak with you, my God, and yet what else can I speak of but you? Indeed, could anything at all exist which had not been present with you from all eternity, which didn't have its true home and most intimate explanation in your mind and heart? Isn't everything I ever say really a statement about you? On the other hand, if I try, shyly and hesitantly, to speak to you about yourself, you will still be hearing about me. For what could I say about you except that you are my God, the God of my beginning and end, God of my joy and my need, God of my life?... But what am I really saying, when I call you my God, the God of my life? That you are the meaning of my life? The goal of my wanderings? The consecration of my actions? The judgment of my sins? The bitterness of my bitter hours and my most secret joy? My strength, which turns my own strength into weakness? Creator, Sustainer, Pardoner, the One both far and near? Incomprehensible? God of my brethren? God of my fathers? Are there any titles which I needn't give you? And when I have listed them all, what have I said? If I should take my stand on the shore of your endlessness and shout into the trackless reaches of your Being all the words I have ever learned in the poor prison of my little existence, what should I have said? I should never have spoken the last word about you. Karl Rahner, (Intercom Magazine)

THE DEEP END: I am a grumbler

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute – yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone! Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine)

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

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. 21st & 22nd and Nov. 4th & 11th, in Carmelite Abbey. Registration deadline Sept. 22nd. All enquiries welcome. Phone Mary Silke PRH Educator 090 6624937

A Weekend with Marian Carroll at Knock House Hotel Fri 3rd-Sun 5th Nov. 'I was Cured at Knock'. Call Karen (094) 9388088 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

Knock Counselling Centre are running a 2 day Anger Management programme Sat. 11th & Sun. 12th November. Contact Peter Devers at 0949375032 or www.knockshrine.ie

Coffee Morning in the Library in aid of The Loughrea Bethany Bereavement Support Group on Thurs. 5th Oct. at 10.30am. Your support will be welcome.

Social Bridge for Autumn season in the L'rea Hotel & Spa, Mondays at 11am.

Nation Wide Public Rosary for Ireland celebrating the Centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. Please join us to pray for our nation on Saturday 7th Oct., Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Main St., (opposite Hope's Bakery) at 12noon. For more details, contact 085-1591714

Home Instead Senior Care are currently recruiting experienced Carers for the Loughrea area, positions are part-time and can include evenings and weekend calls. QQI qualification desirable but not essential and full training provided. Own transport required. Call 091-384160 or email CV to recruit.galway@homeinstead.ie

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.

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)

Conversational Arabic classes will start on Tuesday September 26th from 5pm-6pm at Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, Pigott's Street. This will be a social group coming together to learn conversational Arabic in a relaxed and friendly environment. Call 091 871149 for more info or to register.

Naomh Breandan Credit Union are through to the National Friendly Business Awards final where we'll be competing to be crowned Ireland's friendliest business. The public vote is now open and will close at midnight on Saturday 30th September...Vote for us here: <https://www.jciireland.ie/fba-voting/>

Athletic Club Races Sunday Sept. 24th, 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.

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

Sean Nós Dancing starting Mon. Oct. 2nd in the Family Resource Centre. Phone 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: 3, 12, 21, 26. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,000.

Temperance Hall Events

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.

BRAVO Theatre Group proudly presents RAGTIME The Musical, Wed. 27th, Thurs. 28th and Sat. 30th Sept. at 8pm. Tickets can be bought from Loughrea School & Office Supplies or online at www.bravotheatregroup.com

Loughrea Activity Assoc: Meeting Mon. at 7pm. Bowling: Mon. 1.30-3.30pm, Tues. 11am-1pm

Line Dancing Classes upstairs, Wed. 27th at 7pm only, due to Musical in hall. New beginners 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.

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

Power Soccer starting back on Saturday, 30th 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.

