

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Vincent Holland	8pm Peter, Bridie, Brendan & Michael Lyons
Tues. 11am Sean Hickey	8pm The Fitzgerald family
Wed. 11am Willie & Mary Quinn	8pm Mattie Maher
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Stephanie O'Donnell
Fri. 11am Teresa Hayes	8pm James & Helen Danaher
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Ann Shaughnessy
Sun. 10am Monica O'Dowd	12 noon Kathleen Gormley

<u>Ministers of the Word</u>	<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u>
Sat. 14th Oct. 8pm Frances Blake	Sat. 14th Oct. 8pm
Sun. 15th Oct. 12noon Mattie Quinn	D. Shaughnessy, A. Gardiner
<u>Mass Servers</u>	Sun. 15th Oct. 10am M. Doyle
Team B Sat. 14th Oct. 8pm	Sun. 15th Oct. 12noon
Team A Sun. 15th Oct. 10am	E. McKiernan, A. McTigue, M. Joyce
Team C Sun. 15th Oct. 12noon	
Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1,095 Restoration: €515	

Baptism: We welcome into God's family, Chloe Elizabeth Margolius, Danesfort Drive, Loughrea.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Blake, Tullach-Ard, Ragoon, Galway City, who died recently.

St. Padre Pio Mass & Devotions, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 8-9pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

Mon. 8am Donal O'Callanan	10am Patrick & Elizabeth O'Reilly
Tues. 8am Hannah Aherne	10am The Heffernan family
Wed. 8am McGee family deceased	10am Deceased mbrs of the Donnellan family
Thurs. 8am Carmel Fahy	10am Niall O'Reilly
Fri. 8am Mary Kate Glynn	10am Carmel Fahy, Patrick & uncle Tim Fahy
Sat. 8am Brid Cameron	10am Chrissy Casey
Sun. 9am Callanan & McDermott deceased family members	11am Jimmy & Nano Finnerty 6pm Bridget, Kieran, Tom & Grace Ann Kelly

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

Bethany Bereavement Group 087-2109396	Society of St. Vincent de Paul 086 - 0551134
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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 8th October 2017

The Solemn Profession of Sr. Cora Marie Lawlor, O.D.C.

Last Sunday I had the privilege of being present in the Chapel of the Carmelite Convent for the Solemn Profession of Sr. Cora Marie Lawlor into the Order of the Discalced Carmelites. Sr. Cora Marie made her Solemn Profession in the presence of Bishop John Kirby, Fr. Michael McGoldrick OCD (Carmelite Provincial), concelebrating priests, her family, the Carmelite Sisters and people from the parish. It was a beautiful, uplifting and hope-filled ceremony as Sr. Cora Marie stood before the Mother Prioress and committed herself for life to the service of God and His people as a Carmelite Nun.

The Carmelite Sisters play a very important role in the life of the Church and are a foundation of spiritual support for the parish of Loughrea and the diocese of Clonfert. They are our spiritual storm troopers, living a dedicated life of prayer and sacrifice for the Church and for the whole world. In a society that is less religious than it once was they continue to be a visible witness to the power of prayer and the meaning of sacrifice. The Carmelite sisters are available for people who call asking to be included in their prayers and correspond with people who write from far and near looking for comfort and support. Let us join with them in placing our trust in God to make our lives fruitful beyond our imaginings, building up His kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Congratulations to Sr. Cora Marie and the Carmelite Community. We are grateful for your prayerful presence in our midst and for the abundant graces you bring into our community. Let us all continue to pray with you for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I fervently pray that Clonfert Diocese, Clúain Fearta, the 'meadow of the miracles' will renew itself through prayer and support for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May we take courage and hope from last Sunday's celebration of Sr. Cora Marie's generous commitment to God as we pray that others will give themselves generously in the service of God and His people through ministry in the Church.

Monsignor Cathal Geraghty, P.P

THE DEEP END: Where is God?

As someone who has willingly left these shores to assist people on the margins, I am familiar with the inhumanity of man to his fellow man, where millions of people are left to their own devices, forgotten in their own poverty. The 'I'm alright' attitude permeates not just the so called 'developing world'; it is alive and well here in Ireland. Does God, like the absentee landowner in the gospel parable, leave us and depart for another country? A personal relationship with anybody means that the person is present. God should be no different. God is deep within our heart, not something out there and distant! I battle with the castigation of the high priests and elders, the negative portrayal of the people of God, and the raw deal for the slaves that came to rescue the situation. Is this the forgiving God that out of the worst injustices can transform human hearts? So where is the hope? Jesus doesn't condemn in the passage: he invites us to understand his meaning. He asks the elders what they would do. This question is asked of us too.
Shane Halpin (Intercom Magazine)

St. Joseph's Monastery Mount Carmel: Sr. Cora Marie Lawlor has been incardinated into the community here in Loughrea as of Sunday, 1st October. There will be no prayer meeting on Wed. 11th October.

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 Return of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra to present Handel's 'iconic' Messiah, Sat. 18th Nov. at 7.30pm. Tickets at www.knockmessiah.com

Knock Counselling Centre 2 day Anger Management programme Sat. 11th & Sun. 12th Nov. Contact Peter Devers:0949375032 or www.knockshrine.ie

St. Gerard Majella 3 day Festival of Faith, Esker Church, Mon. 9th Oct. – Wed.11th. 2 sessions each day 10am & 8pm. Blessing with first class relic at each session. More details 091 844007 or visit www.redemptoristsesker.ie
Everyone welcome.

Esker Retreat Centre Beginning Experience Weekend Programme, 13th -15th Oct. for people who are grieving the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation, Further details, call Maureen 087 6646896 or Gerry 086 3855090.

World Breast Health Day at L'rea Family Resource Centre. Please join us for a short walk followed by light refreshments and information on a healthy lifestyle for breast health. Meet at the Family Resource Centre, Fri. 13th Oct. at 11am

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

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

BAFFLE poets have less than 3 weeks to polish up their poems on "THE LONG POINT". If you have nothing written yet don't be despondent. The Long Point's been waiting 11,000 odd years for your poem; it can wait another couple of weeks. The October Bank holiday Weekend would be a great time though, to have it finished. Another Ice Age, and there'll be no more Long Point.

October Mid Term Intensive Courses Junior and Leaving Cert students in Irish, Maths and French both Ordinary and Higher level run by highly experienced teachers. Venue: Study Hub L'rea, 30th Oct.-3rd Nov. Contact Breda 086 3792360 to book a place.

St Vincent de Paul Society, Loughrea A sincere thank you to all who supported our fundraising brunch. Thanks to the members of the Society who sponsored the raffle. We are grateful to Una & Pat McDonagh, Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, who sponsored the occasion. Amount raised €3,331 and this will assist local families in need. Once again, thank you to the community who supported us so generously.

Naomh Breandain 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 Sat.30th September....Vote for us here: <https://www.jciireland.ie/fba-voting/>
Family History Course commencing 12th Oct. for 4 weeks, 8-9pm, in Loughrea Family Resource Centre. Contact: Pat 086 1785729 for details.

Gaeilge Locha Riach, Westbridge, will run Irish conversational classes from Mon. 9th Oct., 7.30-8.30pm, followed by cupán tae agus comhrá until 9pm. €50 per person for 10 weeks. Bígí Linn. Beginners and Conversational levels.

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 in the Family Resource Centre. Phone Bernie @ 086 3731547

Yoga Classes in L'rea Youth Theatre, Mon. and Thurs. evenings at 8pm. Contact Julia: 086 2608039 for details.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 11, 13, 17, 29. 3 match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,200.

Line Dancing by Lisa in The Lough Rea Hotel & Spa Mon. 2nd Oct. 7-8pm and from 8-10pm, Jive, Waltz etc. by Brian Gibbon. €10 per hour.

Lost & Found: Wallet found and hearing aid found. Please ring Parish office for details @ 091-841212

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.

Loughrea Activity Assoc: Meeting Monday at 7pm.

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

Line Dancing Classes Tea Room (side entrance), every Wednesday at 7 pm and 8pm. Everyone welcome. Tel: Sean Casey 087 9761692.

Karate Classes: Beginners & members- Mon. & Wed. 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 Every Saturday.

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.

Seumus O'Kelly Players present a night of Three One Act Plays. Thurs 19th Sat 21st and Sun 22nd Oct. at 8.30pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T L O'Briens or €12 on the door. Enquiries 083 8633796

