

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Martin & Anne Salmon	<b>8pm</b> Patrick & Nora Lake
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Burns family	<b>8pm</b> Mary Quane
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Susan & Hugh Feehan	<b>8pm</b> Eileen Ryan
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> Loughrea Training Centre in support of Positive Mental Health	<b>8pm</b> Helen Morris
<b>Fri. 11am</b> John & Ann Scully	<b>8pm</b> Colm Muldoon
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Annie Conway	<b>8pm</b> Nan Scully
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Decd. mbrs of the Griffin & Leahy	<b>12noon</b> Henry & Mary Gormley

<b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u></b>
<b>Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> Ann Flynn	<b>Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> M. Joyce, J. Beatty, M. Doyle
<b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> Mattie Quinn	<b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> A. McTigue
<b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> Frances Blake	<b>Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> M. Murphy, E. McKiernan, A. Gardiner
<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> Mark Connolly	<b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8pm</b> A. McTigue, M. O'Brien
<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm</b> Mary Nix	<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> D. Shaughnessy
<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b> Michael Martin	<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> D. Quinn, J. Fitzgerald, P. O'Sullivan
<b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> Declan Joyce	<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> G. Dervan, D. Fahy, J. Beatty
<b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Tommy Flynn	<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b>
<b><u>Mass Server</u></b>	<b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> C. Darcy
<b>Team F</b> Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm	<b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> M. Connolly, M. Chambers
<b>Team D</b> Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am	
<b>Team E</b> Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon	
<b><i>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: € 1,025</i></b> The <b>second basket</b> collection next weekend is the Christmas Collection for the support of the clergy	

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

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

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Fr Aiden Murray	<b>10am</b> Thomas & Lily Keary & decd. family
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Donal & Bridie Ryan	<b>10am</b> Paddy & Martin Keady and Sadie O'Flaherty
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Margaret & Michael Quirke	<b>10am</b> Paddy, Peggy & Mary Kelly
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Tony Ryan	<b>10am</b> Horan family deceased
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Burke family deceased	<b>10am</b> Tim & Nellie Fergus & decd. family
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Ray Glynn	<b>10am</b> Thomas Geoghegan
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Michael Tierney	<b>11am</b> Joe, Thomas & Augustine Fahy
	<b>6pm</b> The Healy family

 <p><b>LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL &amp; CARMELITE ABBEY</b>  <b>The Presbytery 091-841212    The Abbey 091-841209</b>  <i>Website – loughreacathedral.ie    clonfertdiocese.ie</i>  <i>Newsletter online: loughreacathedral.ie    clonfertdiocese.ie</i>  <b>Second Sunday of Advent, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b></p>	
<p><b>Carol Service</b>                  The boys and girls of St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Primary Schools will sing the annual carol service in the Cathedral on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7pm.                  All are welcome to attend.</p>	
<p><b>Confession Times: Cathedral &amp; Abbey</b>  <b><u>Cathedral:</u> Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. and Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.</b> after 8pm Mass.  <b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b> 2pm-3pm</p> <p><b><u>Abbey:</u> Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b> Confession after 10.00am Mass:                  10.30am-11.00am  <b>Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.</b> Confession after 10.00am Mass:                  10.30am-11.00am, 12.00pm-13.00pm, 15.30pm-16.30pm  <b>Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.</b> Confessions after 10.00am Mass:                  10.30am-18.30pm  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Christmas Eve)</b> Confessions after 11.00am Mass:                  12.00pm-12.30pm</p>	
<p><b><u>Christmas Mass Times in the Cathedral</u></b>  <b>Christmas Eve, Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                  8pm &amp; 12 midnight</p> <p><b>Christmas Day, Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                  10.00am &amp; 12 noon</p> <p><b>Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                  (St. Stephen's Day) 11am.  <b>No evening Mass</b></p>	<p><b><u>Christmas Mass Times in the Abbey</u></b>  <b>Christmas Eve, Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                  9am, 11am &amp; 9pm Vigil Christmas Mass  <b>No 6pm Mass</b>  <b>Christmas Day, Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b>                  9.00am &amp; 11.00am  <b>No 6pm Mass</b>  <b>Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen's Day</b>                  10.00am &amp; 6.00pm.  <b>Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.</b> 8am, 10am &amp; 6pm</p>

**Baptisms:** Please welcome into God's family Adria Spittles, Ashlawn, Loughrea and Freya Crowe, Tullahill, Loughrea.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Liam McDonnell, formerly of Moore Street, Loughrea who died in Chicago, brother of Tony McDonnell and Brendan Kilackey, also of Moore Street, Loughrea who died recently.

**St Padre Pio** Mass and Devotions, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 8-9pm

**Senior Citizens'** Christmas party in Loughrea Hotel and Spa, Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kirby @ 2pm. All senior citizens welcome. Phone Mary at 091-841725

**Loughrea Mental Health Services** Mass, Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. in St. Brendan's Cathedral @ 11am. All welcome, please support.

**Silent Retreat-** Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius takes place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, for women aged 18 years and up. From Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Places are limited. Book early. For details, contact 085-8235525.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages 2018:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. For further details, phone 01-4434510 or [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** Joe Walsh Tours 2018, 7 nights half board, €699 in May, €729 in Sept., Group Travel Insurance included. Flights from Dublin in May and Knock in Sept. For more details, contact Ann Kelly @ 086-1505298

**Advent Challenge** Take the short-term pledge for the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Contact your local pioneer centre representative or join online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

**Accord Ballinasloe** Marriage and Relationship Counselling service available & affordable to all. For appt. email: [ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net) /0909643573

**LARC** will host a Christmas Coffee Morning on Sun., 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Loughrea Family Resource Centre (Pigott's St) 11.30am-2pm. Donations will go towards helping to save Loughrea Town Hall. Festive treats will be served. All welcome. To help out or for more details, call/message [0857623310](tel:0857623310).

**Social Bridge** Autumn season in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Mondays at 11am.

**Loughrea Hurling Club AGM** in the Arch Bar, Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4pm. All welcome.

**Aware** is currently recruiting volunteers across four support services – Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications/experience required. For info. [aware.ie/volunteer](http://aware.ie/volunteer)/01-6617211

**Pieta House Wren Run** on St. Stephen's Day 11am in Woodford. Its generous sponsors, McInerney's & O'Meara's Supervalu, have each donated €100 voucher to be won in a draw on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Everyone that registers before the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. will be entered into the draw and will also be entered into our Monster Draw to win more prizes. For details, contact Roderick at 087-9925624

**A Conservation Plan**, funded by Galway County Council, is currently being prepared for "The Walks". This Plan will be used to apply for funding to repair the walls and the bridges. It would be greatly appreciated if anybody who has old photographs of the area could contact Ursula 087-3830710.

**Loughrea Literary and Historical Society** will host the launch of the St. Raphael's College Centenary Book, at Loughrea Library, Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8pm. Compiled and edited by Anna Cronin, a former student, the book details the story of the college and the Sisters of Mercy through the authentic voices of its many contributors. Seasonal refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

**Loughrea Lions Club** presents The Army Band in concert, Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Lough Rea Hotel and Spa at 8pm. Tickets €10 available from Micheal O'Briens, Lough Rea Hotel or on the night.

**BAFFLE Triple Event** Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm, in Morrisseys, West Bridge. Theme: THOSE WHO NEVER RAN or I WAS ROBBIED. If you're baffled by this, call 085-7239561. 8.00-8.30pm Watching Lesser Spotted Ulster on UTV featuring Loughrea and Baffle. After: Original Poems by BAFFLE's Sunny Side Poets.

**STUDY HUB LOUGHREA** :January 2nd to 6th Intensive Courses for Leaving and Junior Certs in Maths, French and Irish. Small group sizes and three hours per subject per day. Contact Breda at 086-3792360

**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** L'rea Youth Theatre, Mon. & Thurs. 8pm. Call Julia: 086-2608039

**Music Lessons** in guitar, piano, violin, mandolin & banjo in traditional or pop/rock music for all ages. Contact Andrew Neylon @ [0857086757](tel:0857086757)

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 7, 25, 29, 31. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,100

### Temperance Hall Events

**BRAVO Theatre Group** proudly presents 'WINTER WONDERLAND' Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec., 7.30pm & Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2.30pm. Tickets from L'rea School & Office Supplies.

**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 Bingo** Fridays @ 8.30pm. Christmas jackpot €10,000 in 46 numbers for next 3 Fridays. Free entry to Christmas draw with every book purchased.

**Loughrea Activity Assoc:** Wish all their members a happy and peaceful Christmas. Christmas dinner on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. No meeting Monday. Next Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. Bowling: Monday 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesday 11am-1pm.

**Line Dancing Classes** Tea Room (side entrance), every Wednesday at 7.30pm. 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.

**Parent and Toddler** – Every Wed. 10am-12pm. €3 per family. All are welcome.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
086-0551134

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087-2109396