

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

**Mon. 11am** Maurice & Elizabeth Barrett  
**Tues. 11am** Thomas & Bridget Moylan  
**Wed. 11am** Mary Burke  
**Thurs. 11am** People of the Parish  
**Fri. 11am** Chrissie, Eileen and Jimmy Glynn  
**Sat. 11am** Bridget Ann (Ciss) Sweeney  
**Sun. 10am** John Coen  
**Christmas Eve,**  
**8pm** Declan Duffy  
**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**Mon. 10am** Martin Fahy

**8pm** Fallon family and Maura Liffey  
**8pm** Deceased members Ward family  
**8pm** Kathleen Reilly  
**8pm** Anne Tully  
**8pm** Brian Regan  
**8pm** Mary & John Naughton  
**12noon** Personal Intention  
**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Midnight Mass** People of the Parish  
**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**12noon** Anna & Albert Grant


<u><b>Ministers of the Word</b></u>	<u><b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b></u>
<p><b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> Frances Blake  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b>  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> Mark Connolly  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm</b> Mary Nix  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b> Michael Martin  <b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> Declan Joyce  <b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Tommy Flynn</p>	<p><b>Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8pm</b> A. McTigue, M. O'Brien  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> D. Shaughnessy  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b>                  D. Quinn, J. Fitzgerald, P. O'Sullivan  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b>                  G. Dervan, D. Fahy, J. Beatty  <b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b>                  M. O'Brien, M. Joyce, A. McTigue  <b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> C. Darcy  <b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b>                  M. Connolly, M. Chambers</p>
<u><b>Mass Server</b></u>	<u><b>Cathedral Collections:</b></u>
<p><b>Team A</b> Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 8pm  <b>Team C</b> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am  <b>Team B</b> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon  <b>Team D</b> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm  <b>Team F</b> Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass  <b>Team E</b> Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am  <b>Team C</b> Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Offertory: €780 Restoration €465</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The <b>Second Basket</b> collection this weekend is the Christmas Collection for the support of the clergy.</p>

Chapel of Adoration will be closed on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve and on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day.

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087-2109396

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

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



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
**The Presbytery 091-841212    The Abbey 091-841209**  
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**Third Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete) 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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**Carol Service**  
 The boys and girls of St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Primary Schools will sing the annual carol service in the Cathedral this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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**Confession Times: Cathedral & Abbey**  
**Cathedral: Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec., Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. and Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** after 8pm Mass.  
**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** 2pm-3pm

**Abbey: Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Confession after 10.00am Mass:  
 10.30am-11.00am  
**Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.** Confession after 10.00am Mass:  
 10.30am-11.00am, 12.00pm-13.00pm, 15.30pm-16.30pm  
**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** Confessions after 10.00am Mass:  
 10.30am-18.30pm  
**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Christmas Eve)** Confessions after 11.00am Mass:  
 12.00pm-12.30pm

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

Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Michael & Mary Cahill and deceased family	<b>10am</b> Una Broderick
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Annie Moran	<b>10am</b> Larry Lee
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Albert Grant & decd. family	<b>10am</b> Christy Hynes
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Maureen Ryan	<b>10am</b> Ellen Ryan
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Ellen O'Shea	<b>10am</b> Declan Duffy
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Ned & Teresa Murray	<b>10am</b> Kathleen Flaherty
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Martin Leahy	<b>11am</b> Anna Grant & decd. family

**No 6pm MASS**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve.**

**9pm** Mass for all the people of the area

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Mon. 9am** Elwood & Kelly families

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Mon. 11am** Lizzie Moran and Lilly Burke

**No 6pm Mass**

### Christmas Mass Times in the Cathedral

**Christmas Eve, Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

8pm & 12 midnight

**Christmas Day, Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

10.00am & 12 noon

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Stephen's Day**

11am.

**No evening Mass**

### Christmas Mass Times in the Abbey

**Christmas Eve, Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

9am, 11am & 9pm Vigil Christmas Mass

**No 6pm Mass**

**Christmas Day, Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

9.00am & 11.00am

**No 6pm Mass**

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen's Day**

10.00am

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8am, 10am**

**Baptisms:** Please welcome into God's family Lauren Ita Bane, Enfield, Co Meath, Jessica Glynn, Baunoge, Harper Rose Kathleen Myers, Danesfort Drive and Emily Laura Dyar, Carraig Linn, Loughrea.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Wade, Bride Street, Loughrea who died recently.

**Senior Citizens'** Christmas party in Loughrea Hotel and Spa, rescheduled for Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kirby @ 2pm. All senior citizens welcome. Phone Mary at 091-841725

**Trócaire's Christmas Appeal "In love there is no room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18.** Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

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

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

**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** St. Stephen's Day 11am in Woodford. 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 registered before the 17th Dec. will be entered into the draw and will also be entered into our Monster Draw to win more prizes. Contact Roderick at 087-9925624.

**Study Hub Loughrea:** January 2nd-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.

**LARC Christmas Coffee Morning, Sun. 17th Dec** (rescheduled due to weather) in Loughrea Family Resource Centre (Pigott's St.) from 11.00am-2.30pm. Donations will go towards helping to save Loughrea Town Hall. Festive treats will be served and an update on LARC's progress to date will be shared. All welcome. To help out or for more info., call/message 0857623310.

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

**Lost** Engagement ring. If found please contact Parish Office on 091 841212.

**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: 1, 8, 9, 27. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,200.

**Lost** Sum of money if found please contact Parish Office on 091 841212.

### 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. Next Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. Bowling: Monday 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesday 11am-1pm.

**Loughrea Anglers Association** AGM Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 8pm.

**Line Dancing Classes** 2018 Line Dancing Classes, Tea Room, Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> January. Absolute beginners at 7pm established class at 8pm. Everyone welcome. 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.