

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am James Collins	8pm Patrick & Kathleen Nyland
Tues. 11am Private Intention	8pm Ann Gardiner
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Brian Sweeney
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Patrick O'Connor
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Nora Cooke
Sat. 11am Kathleen Murphy, Bridget Beatty and Eileen O'Donnell	8pm Michael (Mickey) Healy
Sun. 10am Brendan Kilboy	12 noon Carmel Holohan MM and Gerry Holohan

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 27th Jan. 8pm Mary Nix Sun. 28th Jan. 12 noon Declan Joyce</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 27th Jan. 8pm M. Healy, M. Doyle, M. Murphy Sun. 28th Jan 10am A. Gardiner Sun. 28th Jan. 12 noon M. Joyce, E. McKiernan, A. McTigue</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Servers</u></p> <p>Team A Sat. 27th Jan. 8pm Team B Sun. 28th Jan. 10am Team C Sun. 28th Jan. 12 noon</p>	<p><i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,440</i> <i>Restoration Collection: €675</i></p>


The Second Basket Collection this weekend is for **CURA**, an organisation which offers support and help to those faced with a crisis pregnancy. Please support.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridie Whelan, Old Galway Road, Loughrea and Dymrna Sylver, Coscorrigan Crescent, Loughrea, who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Monica Murphy	10am Brian Roger Grealley
Tues. 8am Fr Paraic Kelly	10am Michael Flaherty
Wed. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Michael Browne
Thurs. 8am Shaun, Essie & Phyliss Cleary	10am Patrick & Frances Curly
Fri. 8am Mattie Healy	10am Michael Healy
Sat. 8am John Joe Moran	10am Paddy Loughnane
Sun. 9am Willie Joe & Rita Kelly	11am Agnes & Paddy Sheanon
	6pm Richard O'Brien

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



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st January 2018

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 1:14-20

1. 'The time is fulfilled' – this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled'.

2. 'Repent and believe the good news'. Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, he was proclaiming an event that had already happened. The time has come. Jesus called for a change of heart as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?

3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continues to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of good news. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the Jesus person through whom the call came to you? To whom have you been a Jesus person in this way?
 John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

THE DEEP END: The Call

'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?'
 The hymn 'The Summons,' by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each one of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words 'Will you...?' The final verse is our response as disciples: 'Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.'
 Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.
 Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.
 Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine)

Fr Patrick Beecher ODC is celebrating his Golden Jubilee on Saturday, 27th January, at 10am Mass in The Abbey.
Refreshments will be available afterwards. All are welcome.

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it will only be possible with the help of volunteers. To sign up call 01-5676800, email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie
Registration for WMOF2018 Events Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress, August 22nd-24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Sat. 25th Aug. and for the Closing Mass, Sun. 26th Aug. Register at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

National Public Rosary for Ireland Saturday, 3rd Feb., Main St., Loughrea, opposite Hope's Bakery, at 12noon. For more details, contact 085-1591714

Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."
Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Venue: Feb. 26th to March 4th, St. Mary's Hostel, Knock, Co. Mayo. Cost: €425 full board. Contact: Helen:086-1678027, email:hellywilliams@gmail.com or www.foyerofcharity.ie

Raising Hearts & Giving Hope Festival of Faith Conference, Sat. 10th Feb. at the Ardilaun Hotel, Galway. Opening Address at 10am, by Papal Nuncio – Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo. Conference concludes with concelebrated Mass, at Galway Cathedral, 6pm, celebrated by the Papal Nuncio. Tickets €25, include light lunch + morning & afternoon tea/coffee. Tickets available only in advance, from The Abbey Church shop, Galway, 091-562518 or by post, from Thomas Kearney 087-6209090. [facebook.com/raisingandgiving](https://www.facebook.com/raisingandgiving)

Lenten Crusade of prayer, penance and fasting to protect Ireland from abortion. Please pledge your support. For details, contact Patrick Buckley @ 087-2578250 or patrickgbuckley44@gmail.com

Retrouvaille Ireland, a fully volunteer based organisation supporting marriage and family life. The programme takes place 2-4th February in Swords, Co. Dublin. The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. For info. contact Tony & Anne @ (01)4953536, Mike & Anne @ (01)4500922, text or call 086 413 5440, email: info@retrouvaille.ie

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Pulsewave Ireland Heart & Artery screening, Tues. 6th Feb. in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa. Normal cost €50 per person, Parish offer €30, for that we check your Blood Pressure, Heart Rythm, Casp of heart, arterial flexibility and Blood flow. Appointments available 11am-8pm, call 087-7151623. Spaces are limited.

Prostate Cancer info. & support session in Cancer Care West, 7th Feb., 7-9pm.

Operation Transformation weekly 5km walk, Sat. 10am @ Supervalu, L'rea.

Social Bridge Autumn season in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Mon. @ 11am

BAFFLE Poet's night and AGM on the 26th January, in Harney's, at 7.30pm.

Table Quiz in aid of Athletic Club, McNamee's Bar, 26th Jan. at 8pm. Spot prizes and finger food on the night.

Found: Pair of glasses and rosary beads. Ring the parish office for details.

Senior Citizens' Club A.G.M. takes place on Thursday, 25th Jan. at 7pm. At the Senior Citizens recent meeting, Sr Myra resigned as Chairperson and Michelle Dillion is now Chairperson, Sr Myra vice chairperson, Mary Porter Treasurer and Teresa Staunton secretary.

Loughrea Toastmasters' next meeting is at 8pm sharp on Mon. 22nd Jan. in the Slieve Aughty suite of the Loughrea Hotel & Spa. All are welcome. Cover charge of €6 includes tea/coffee. Contact Martin at 087-2210689 or loughreatm@gmail.com for more details.

Country and Ceili Concert in The Loughrea Hotel and Spa, Sat. Feb 3rd at 9pm in aid of Gorta Africa Self Help Projects. The Concert features "The Golden Arrows", "Tailors Twist", "Class Act" "Keystings" and Kilnadeema Comhaltas & friends. Tickets €10 available at the Hotel or O'Brien's, Main Street. Raffle also on the night. Fundraising page can be found at:

https://www.altruism.ie/fundraising_page/ollie-fahy-fundraising-page-for-gorta-self-help-africa

Chemistry and Biology Grinds available, up to Leaving Cert Honours level. Junior Cert Science also. Qualified teacher with more than 10years experience. Call [0872034099](tel:0872034099) for details.

Yoga Mondays: Children aged 5-8, 3.15-4pm, 9-12 year olds 4.15-5pm. €30 for four weeks. Tues. classes 10.30-12pm. €40 for four weeks.

Wed. Yoga for everyone, 7-8pm at Loughrea Boxing Club. €40 for any five classes. Call Kate to book @ 085-7504420

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 Family Resource Centre. Call Bernie @ 086-3731547

Yoga Classes in Loughrea Youth Theatre, Monday and Thursday @ 8pm. Call Julia @ 086-2608039 for details.

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 7, 13, 25, 26. No winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,600.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Rugby Club Bingo every Friday night @ 8pm. Jackpot €10,000 plus huge cash prizes. Comp tea, coffee. Great night out for all the family.

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

Loughrea Anglers Association AGM Friday, 2nd February 2018 at 8pm.

Line Dancing Classes 2018 Tea Room (side entrance) on Wednesdays. Beginners class at 7pm main class at 8pm. Everyone welcome. Contact Sean Casey @ 087-9761692.

Karate Classes: Beginners & members-Mon. & Wed. 7.30-9pm. Ladies, gents and children over 8 years of age are welcome.

Power Soccer every Saturday

Dance Aerobic Classes: Tuesdays, 7.30pm. 0879379563. Pay as you go!

Fraughen School Of Irish Dancing Mon. & Fri., juniors 5-6pm, seniors 6-7pm. Adult class Tues. 7.30pm. Class 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 welcome.

