

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Nora Ruhan	8pm Eddie McKeon
Tues. 11am Catherine Joyce	8pm Lynda Ward
Wed. 11am Private Intention	8pm Christy McNamee Jnr.
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Raymond & Josephine Muldoon
Fri. 11am Marie McDonnell	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Gemma Daniels	8pm Jimmy & Margaret Levis and Pakie & Mary Dolan
Sun. 10am Maher family	12 noon John Murphy

<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 3 rd Feb. 8pm Michael Martin Sun. 4 th Feb. 12 noon Anna Cronin	<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 3 rd Feb. 8pm P. O’Sullivan, M. O’Brien, D. Quinn Sun. 4 th Feb. 10am D. Shaughnessy Sun. 4 th Feb. 12 noon J. Fitzgerald, A. McTigue, M. Chambers
<u>Mass Servers</u> Team D Sat. 3 rd Feb. 8pm Team E Sun. 4 th Feb. 10am Team F Sun. 4 th Feb. 12 noon	<i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,076</i>

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Shiel, Ashlawn, Loughrea, late of Shangarry, Tynagh, who died recently.


Wedding Congratulations to Thomas Lawrence and Catherine Ward who were married in the Cathedral last week.

Candlemas Day Friday, 2nd February traditionally is the day that candles are blessed for use in church or at home. If you would like to donate candles for use on the altar during the year, please leave them in the box provided at Our Lady’s altar. Candles for home use and church use will be blessed at the 11am and 8pm Masses. Candles can be left in the Abbey for blessing on the 1st February.

Feast of St. Blaise: Saturday, 3rd February. Blessing of Throats will take place after 11am and 8pm Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Decd. mbrs. Gilmartin family	10am Thomas & Mary Mullins
Tues. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Rita Hanney
Wed. 8am Ann Glynn	10am Robbie Stewart
Thurs. 8am Angela Connaire and John & Ellen Flaherty	10am Martin, Patrick & Mary Murray
Fri. 8am Nellie Meagher	10am Josephine Frank & Francis Reilly
Sat. 8am Jack & Maureen Staunton and Maureen Clancy	10am Joseph O’Brien
Sun. 9am Tess Smith	11am Paddy & Mary Coy
	6pm Agnes Moran



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY
 The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209
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 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th January 2018
 Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2018

“Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families”

Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual celebration which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. Catholic Schools Week runs from this Sunday 28th January to 4th February this year. 2018 is a special year because Ireland has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the World Meeting of Families 2018. From 21st-26th August 2018, families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

This event presents a special opportunity for school families to not only celebrate the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children, but also the vital role that Catholic schools play in assisting parents in their duty to raise their children.

Catholic Schools Week 2018 will run in the same format as previous years, but there is one important distinction. In 2018, Catholic Schools Week will be the high point of the primary and post-primary school catechetical programme. This year’s theme “Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families” connects with the upcoming World Meeting of Families. During the week, Catholic schools are invited to reflect on the relationship that exists between home, school and parish.

St Brendan’s and St Ita’s Primary Schools will celebrate a School Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 30th January at 9.45am.

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

Service of Remembrance for those who have experienced bereavement through the death of a child, on Mon. 5th Feb. at 7.30pm in Portiuncula Hospital Chapel. Light refreshments served afterwards. Contact 0909648200 for details.

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

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat at Esker Retreat Centre, 23rd-25th Feb. Facilitated by Contemplative Outreach Ireland. To register, phone Maeve or Patricia at 091-844007, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm or Sat 10am-3pm

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

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 2nd-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

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

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.

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

St. Ita's N.S. taking enrolments for Sept. 2018. Parents/guardians wishing to enrol their children may call to the school office, 9.30am-3.30pm, Mon., 5th, Tues., 6th or Wed., 7th Feb. Also on Wed. 7th 6-8pm. For info., call 091-841605.

Clerical position with Loughrea Parish Council CLG., Community Employment Scheme. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for CE Schemes. Please submit CV to the Parish Office, Barrack Street, Loughrea. Closing date for applications is 23rd February, 2018.

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

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

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: 1, 6, 13, 27. One winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,700.

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.

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396

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