

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Laurence & Mary Conway	8pm Personal Intention
Tues. 11am Conniffe family	8pm Joe Maher & Carmel Maher
Wed. 11am Marie Leahy	8pm Tommie Kelly
Thurs. 11am Noel Finnegan	8pm Sean & Maude Hannon
Fri. 11am James McDonald	8pm Bernadette Rawlinson
Sat. 11am Pat McDaid	8pm Michael Feeney
Sun. 10am Michael Ward	12 noon Betty Beirne

<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 10 th Feb. 8pm Ted McDonnell Sun. 11 th Feb. 12 noon Mark Connolly	<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 10 th Feb. 8pm J. Beatty, P. O’Sullivan, G. Dervan Sun. 11 th Feb. 10am J. Fitzgerald Sun. 11 th Feb. 12 noon M. Chambers, D. Fahy, C. Darcy
<u>Mass Servers</u> Team B Sat. 10 th Feb. 8pm Team C Sun. 11 th Feb. 10am Team D Sun. 11 th Feb. 12 noon	
Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,320 Restoration: €728 The Second Basket Collection this weekend is for the Annual Clonfert-Lourdes Fund.	


R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Bernard Cuffe, Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea, Sr Columba Rattigan, late of Convent of Mercy, Loughrea, Peter Hynes, Aille, Grallagh, Loughrea and Fr. Fergus Prendergast, Alabama, USA, formerly of Loughrea, who died recently.

Baptisms: Please welcome into God’s family Rian Donncha Fahy, Ranelagh, Dublin and Dara Sarah Madden, Radharc na Sleibhte, Loughrea.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Maureen & Nora Corry	10am Dympna Kelly
Tues. 8am Rooney & Nolan families	10am Patrick, Bridget & Thomas Monahan
Wed. 8am Celia & Bernard Dervan	10am Private Intentions
Thurs. 8am Paddy Watson	10am John McDonagh
Fri. 8am Gertie Kelly	10am Martin & Kate Cleary
Sat. 8am Laurence & Tony Broderick	10am Martin & Beezie Fahy
Sun. 9am Private Intentions	11am Jim Geoghegan
	6pm Private Intentions

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



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 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th February 2018

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 1:29-39

This passage contains three stories and there is food for thought in each of them.

1. The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a ‘Jesus person’ to you, someone who ‘took you by the hand and lifted you up’. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?

2. The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the ‘Jesus people’ who helped to free you?

3. The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider

a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your ‘deserted place’? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?

B) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS

In speaking about the merciful outreach of the Church, in his first official interview with the Jesuit Antonio Spadaro, Pope Francis compared the Church to a field hospital: ‘I see the church as a field hospital after battle... the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.’ Using simple but effective imagery, he brings home his point that before getting into details about the dos and don’ts of the Christian life, it’s important to make sure we are conveying the central message and reality: ‘it is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up.’

Bishop Brendan Leahy, (Intercom Magazine)

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

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.

Latin Mass in the Old Rite (Tridentine), takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock, on Sunday, February 11th at 5.30pm

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018 organised by Fr Benny McHale, Athenry, from June 26th-July 6th. Please contact Fr Benny at 091-844227 to book your place.

Heartsaver CPR & AED upcoming training courses for family carers. If interested contact HSE Carers Dept, @ 091-879466 before Fri., 23rd Feb.

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. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society at 01-2310522. Volunteer expenses are paid.

ACCORD are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. Contact 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

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

Atlantic Hearing Services holds a hearing clinic in Brogan's Pharmacy, Loughrea, by appointment. Home visits also available. Tel: 087-9622244

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.

Galway 2020 Capital of Culture-Small Towns, Big Ideas. For information on applying for funding to develop a new culture project in your community, come to Loughrea Public meeting, Tues. 6th Feb., 7pm in Loughrea Library.

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 St., L'rea. Closing date 23rd Feb., 2018.

Loughrea Rugby Club wacky fashion and entertainment night in the Loughrea Hotel and Spa, Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 8pm. Tickets €20 and are available from O'Brien's shop, Loughrea or ring Geraldine at 087-4109639

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: 8, 9, 14, 20. Three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €5,800.

Found a pair of rosary beads. Please contact parish office at 091-841212

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: No meeting Monday. Bowling: Mon. 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesday, 11am-1pm

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.

