

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Michael McCormack	<b>8pm</b> Ita Daniels
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Jacko, Nora & Shaun Kelly	<b>8pm</b> Kieran Reilly
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Martin & Nonie Sweeney	<b>8pm</b> Annie Daniels
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Christina Clarke
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Brendan Daniels	<b>8pm</b> Vincent Maher
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Fr Fergus Prendergast MM	<b>8pm</b> Martin Flynn
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Agnes Moran	<b>12 noon</b> Ann Lavelle

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 8pm</b> Ted McDonnell  <b>Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12 noon</b> Mark Connolly</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 8pm</b>                  D. Shaughnessy, M. Healy, A. Gardiner  <b>Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am</b> M. Doyle  <b>Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12 noon</b>                  E. McKiernan, A. McTigue, M. Joyce</p>
<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b>  <b>Team E</b> Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. 8pm  <b>Team F</b> Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am  <b>Team A</b> Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12noon</p>	
<p><b>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,210</b>                  The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> this weekend will be for World Meeting of Families.</p>	

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Ward, Fahy Gardens, Loughrea, who died recently.

**Stations of the Cross** during Lent will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8pm Mass.

**Remember to use your Trocaire Boxes.** They are available at the back of the Cathedral and will also be distributed through the schools. With the support of people in Ireland, Trocaire will deliver humanitarian aid to up to one million people in crisis.

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

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Brendan Sweeney	<b>10am</b> Michael Keane & deceased members of the Keane family
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Mark McEnroe	<b>10am</b> Pat & Peggy McDermott
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Private Intentions	<b>10am</b> Fr Jimmy McCaffrey
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Private Intentions	<b>10am</b> Holy Souls
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Dougie Quinn	<b>10am</b> Agnes Moran
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Michael, Tommy and Catherine Loughnane	<b>10am</b> Living & deceased residents of Donnellan Drive.
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Kitty Daniels	<b>11am</b> Martin & Annie Wade
	<b>6pm</b> Tommy & Mai McDonagh and Paddy Keane

Fr Bernard Cuffe's Months Mind will be on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7pm in the Abbey.

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



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

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The Second Sunday of Lent – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**“Love...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.** Trócaire has launched it's Lenten campaign 'Until Love Conquers Fear'. Fear is felt by millions of people around the world who can't feed their families, are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or are imprisoned for standing up for their rights. Love is the support shown to them by people here at home through the Lenten campaign. To find out more visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

A speaker from Trocaire will be present in the Parish next weekend, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March, to talk about the Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2018, and will focus upon the people of Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area.

**Cathedral:** Sat. 8pm & Sun. 12noon    **Abbey:** Sun. 9am & 11am

Join Trócaire in prayer and thanksgiving this Lenten season to celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast spirit of the people of Sierra Leone.

**THE DEEP END: Transfiguration**

Can you recall a time when you had an 'aha moment'? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from prayer or spiritual practice. These are really special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These 'aha' moments even move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration. This is what is happening to the disciples in today's gospel: a very deep and significant 'aha moment'.

Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an occurrence of course he would want to stay there. What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. No doubt these moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths.

Jane Mellett (Intercom Magazine)

**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR  
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now  
pray: *[We pause and remember family members and others by name].*  
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, Make us  
always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

**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](mailto:volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie)  
**Registration for WMOF2018 Events** Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress, August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. and for the Closing Mass, Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. Register at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)  
**Healing Service:** The Loughrea Bethany Bereavement Support Group are holding a Healing Service for those who are bereaved, in the Abbey Monastery at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.  
**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](mailto:patrickgbuckley44@gmail.com)  
**Knock Shrine:** "Understanding Anxiety in Adolescents", an interactive & informative seminar for parents & guardians. Presented by Peter Devers M.Sc., at Knock Counselling Centre, Tue, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00-8:30pm, €15. Call 09493-75032 or log onto [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)  
**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.  
**Lourdes Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage** 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 5 nights, hotel, full board, insurance, air fare, coach, €725. Book with Society Travel @ 0909645350  
**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](http://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](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)  
**Free Bus** to Pro Life march, for retention of the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment, in Dublin on Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March. Pick-up in Tynagh and will collect in surrounding areas. To book a seat, call 087-9422356, 087-2561521 or 087-2040826.  
**Social Bridge** in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Mondays @ 11am

**Healthy Ireland Talk** in Loughrea Library on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 4pm-5pm. Free Admission. Natural solutions for vibrant life, healthy body & balanced mind.  
**Loughrea Family Resource** Free 5 week health & wellbeing course for mothers of school age children starts on Tues. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. The course will continue for 5 Tuesdays from 10.30am -12.30pm. Call us on 091-871149 to secure a place.  
**Loughrea Tidy Towns:** Marianne from Birdwatch Ireland will give a short talk on the birds of the lake at 11am on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb., at the car park beside the playground on Gort Road. All welcome.  
**Atlantic Hearing Services** holds a hearing clinic in Brogan's Pharmacy, Loughrea, by appointment. Home visits also available. Tel: 087-9622244  
**Applications** are invited to Volunteer at Knock Counselling Centre. Applicants should, as a minimum, have completed an accredited Counselling Skills course. They will be required to be Garda Vetted for the position. Applications by email with CV to [counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie](mailto:counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie) by Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. For further information please visit [www.knockshrine.ie/counselling](http://www.knockshrine.ie/counselling)  
**Loughrea Rugby Football Club** are hosting a Table Quiz in McNamee's, on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 8pm. Tables of 4, €10 per head. Please support.  
**Easter Fairy Cake Camp** in the Cosy Teapot, L'rea, 24<sup>th</sup> Mar.-7<sup>th</sup> April. Decorating cup cakes/cookies, dress up, fun & games. Call in to book your place.  
**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  
**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 5, 15, 18, 24. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,100.

**Temperance Hall Events**

**The Seumas O'Kelly Players** present Big Maggie by John B. Keane on Thurs. March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sat. March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sun. March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien's, Main Street, Loughrea, €12 on the door. For further information, please contact 083 8633796.  
**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 Monday @ 7pm. New members welcome. 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.  
**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

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

