

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Margaret, Michael & Agnes Fahy and deceased family members.	8pm Mary Madden MM
Tues. 11am Con Mahony	8pm Aggie & Paddy Duffy
Wed. 11am Mary & Gerard Mahony	8pm Florence Mahony
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm May Broderick
Fri. 11am Lena & Thomas Hardiman	8pm Frank Winters
Sat. 11am Maureen Hehir MM	8pm Decd. mbrs. of Flynn family
Sun. 10am Nora O'Loughlin	12 noon Michelle Kelly MM

<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 10 th Mar. 8pm Frances Blake Sun. 11 th Mar. 12 noon Tommy Flynn	<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 10 th Mar. 8pm D. Fahy, P. O'Sullivan, D. Quinn Sun. 11 th Mar. 10am M. O'Brien Sun. 11 th Mar. 12 noon M. Murphy, A. McTigue, M. Chambers
<u>Mass Servers</u>	
Team F Sat. 10 th Mar. 8pm	
Team A Sun. 11 th Mar. 10am	
Team C Sun. 11 th Mar. 12noon	
<i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,125</i>	

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Aoibheann Murphy, Kincullia, Loughrea and Luke Galligan, Castledaly, Loughrea.


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 over two million people in crisis.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Fr Jimmy McCaffrey	10am Martin, Mary Anne & Martin Donohue
Tues. 8am Martin, Maureen and Bridget Newell	10am Tom, May & Frank Fahy
Wed. 8am Fr Jimmy McCaffrey	10am Michael Carr
Thurs. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Ned & Margaret Noone
Fri. 8am Mai Broderick	10am Fr Jimmy McCaffrey
Sat. 8am Dolores Dillen	10am Michael & Angela Finnerty
Sun. 9am Kevin Daniels	11am Peggy Morgan, Bill & Mick Madden
	6pm Bridie & Joe Farrell

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	



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY
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 The Third Sunday of Lent – 4th March 2018

“How much longer will you set on a victim, all together, intent on murder, like a rampart already leaning over, a wall already damaged?” Psalms 62:3. Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire’s partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so. To find out more on Trócaire’s work visit www.trocaire.org

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 2:13-25

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God’s presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
2. But we are the body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others)?
3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God’s presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?
 John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS

‘No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. This is a never-ending vocation born of the full communion of the Trinity, the profound unity between Christ and his Church, the loving community which is the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the pure fraternity existing among the saints of heaven. Our contemplation of the fulfilment which we have yet to attain also allows us to see in proper perspective the historical journey which we make as families, and in this way to stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come. It also keeps us from judging harshly those who live in situations of frailty. All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse.’
 Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia (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

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

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 14th. 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 patrickqbuckley44@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.

Lourdes Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage 28th Aug.-2nd Sept. 5 nights, hotel, full board, insurance, air fare, coach, €725. Book with Society Travel @ 0909645350

Féileacáin (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland) is holding their Spring Remembrance Service in the Church of the Holy Family, Mervue, on Sunday 4th March at 3pm. All are welcome. For further info., ph: [085-2496464](tel:085-2496464).

'Mothers Prayers' Annual Weekend In Knock 9th-11th Mar. For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren, bringing them to Jesus who loves them so much and can change things that we cannot change. For info., please phone 087 6184110 or email: ireland@gmail.com

Spiritual Transformation - Operation Transformation for the Soul

The Operation Transformation programme on television is very successful in how it inspires people of all ages to live healthy lives. Fr Seán Maguire, Kilmore Diocese, has developed a Operation Transformation for the Soul, which caters for the holistic well being of the person. For more information, please log into the website www.spiritualtransformation.ie.

Transition Year students at St. Brigid's College, Loughrea are hosting a coffee morning in aid of Cystic Fibrosis, Galway, on Fri, 9th March, 10am- 1pm in the college. Please come along and support this great cause.

Free Bus to Pro Life march, for retention of the 8th amendment, in Dublin on Sat. 10th March. Pick-up in Loughrea @ 7.30am, (opposite the Cathedral) and Tynagh @ 8am, will collect in surrounding areas. To book, call 087-9422356, 087-2561521/087-2040826. Second bus from L'rea at 10am, ph: 087-7514387

Social Bridge in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa, Mondays @ 11am

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Irish language week, Mar. 5th-17th. Gaeilge Locha Riach are holding a Scrabble Night as Gaeilge for adults in Dawdy Kenny's Mar. 8th at 8pm, a family quiz night as Gaeilge Tues. Mar. 13th at 7pm in the Library and a Club Leabhar event Wed, Mar. 14th at 8pm in McNamee's. All welcome/ Fáilte roimh chách. Annual prizes too for best Irish Language Window display from shops and businesses in the town for Lá 'le Pádraig. Gaeilge Locha Riach info on Facebook & www.bailelochariach.ie

Loughrea and District Mental Health Association are having a Table Quiz in McNamee's on Thursday, 8th March at 8pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

St Patrick's Day Parade - Sat 17th March at 1pm. Theme 'The Wearing of the Green'. Entry forms available from Mary @ Florabunda - Phone 091-842535

Loughrea Family Resource Free 5 week health & wellbeing course for mothers of school age children starts on Tues. Feb. 27th. The course will continue for 5 Tuesdays from 10.30am -12.30pm. Call us on 091-871149 to secure a place.

Loughrea Rugby Club: Due to bad weather the Table Quiz has been rescheduled for Thurs. 15th Mar. at 8pm in McNamee's. Tables of 4, €10 per head. Please support.

Easter Fairy Cake Camp in the Cosy Teapot, L'rea, 24th Mar.-7th 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: 21, 23, 31, 32. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,200.

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: Monday 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.

