

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Stephanie Casey	8pm No Evening Mass
Tues. 11am Michael, Nellie & Liam Costello, Bridge Ryan and Tommie & Katie Harrison	8pm Carmel O'Rourke
Wed. 11am Peter, Nellie & Dora Plower	8pm Patricia Ann Blake
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Karen McCormack Ryan
Fri. 11am Pdraic Keane	8pm Pauline Conlon
Sat. 11am Fr Fergus Prendergast MM	8pm Mattie Raftery
Sun. 10am Bridget Reynolds	12 noon Catherine Murphy & the Murphy family

No 8pm Mass in the Cathedral Easter Monday, 2nd April 2018

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 7th April 8pm Ted McDonnell Sun. 8th April 12noon Anna Cronin</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 7th April 8pm G. Dervan, C. Darcy, J. Beatty</p> <p>Sun. 8th April 10am D. Fahy</p> <p>Sun. 8th April 12 noon M. Chambers, M. Murphy, J. Fitzgerald</p>
<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team D Sat. 7th April 8pm Team E Sun. 8th April 10am Team F Sun. 8th April 12noon</p>	
<p><i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,025</i> Second Basket Collection this weekend is the Easter Collection for the support of the clergy. The Second Basket Collection taken up next weekend will be for Trocaire.</p>	

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Seamus Mitchell, Danesfort Court, Loughrea.

Wedding Congratulations to Hazel Burke and Peter McGuinn who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Martin & Teresa Loughnane
Tues. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Alfie, Mai & Sean Broderick
Wed. 8am Barbara, Blana, Tony and Oliver Connaughton	10am Deceased mbrs. of McDonagh and Carty families
Thurs. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Delia Burke
Fri. 8am Maura Glynn	10am Nancy Hynes
Sat. 8am Maisie & Vincent Fahy	10am Celia & Gerry Harte
Sun. 8am Margaret Kelly	9am Private Intentions
11am Eileen & Paddy Morrissey	6pm Mary, Robert & Robert Jnr. Hyde



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Easter Sunday – 1st April 2018

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 20:1-9

In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover, comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?
2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'? Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS: Be a person who sings life!

Be people who sing life, who sing faith. This is important: don't just recite the Credo, recite faith, know faith, but sing faith! That's it. Tell faith, live faith with joy, and this is called 'singing faith'. And it's not me saying it! Saint Augustine said it 1600 years ago: 'sing faith'!
 Pope Francis, Address, 3 May 2014 (Intercom Magazine)

Bishop Kirby and the Priests of the Cathedral and the Abbey would like to wish all our parishioners a very Happy Easter

**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

Feast of Mercy, Carmelite Abbey, Sunday, April 8th at 3pm. Blessing & Veneration of Divine Mercy Image with Examination of Conscience before Sacramental confessions and Mass 4.15pm.

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 August. Register at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat - April 2nd-8th, in Esker Retreat Centre. Cost incl. full board €380. For details, call 086-1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com

36th Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage will take place on April 8th. Ceremonies begin with Divine Mercy Devotions at 12.45pm with Fr Mark Byrne, SOLT and concelebrated Mass at 3pm with Chief Celebrant and Homilist His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio. For more information see www.knockshrine.ie or call (094) 93 88100.

Knock Counselling Centre is hosting two evening seminars for parents of primary school and post-primary school children and adolescents. Topics covered will include cyber bullying, safe use of Apps and the safety settings on your home Wi-Fi. Dates: Mon. April 23rd - Parents of Primary School Children, Tues. April 24th - Parents of Post-Primary Children. Time: 7-9pm Cost: €15

To book, call **094 9375032** or email counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie

The 8th 54-day Novena Rosary begins 1st April (Easter Sunday) and ends 24th May (Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians). Please join us. For info. call Joan @ [0879141588](tel:0879141588)

Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert - Family Day 22nd April 11am-5pm. Supervised activities for children. Introduction to Cana Ireland and information on the upcoming World Meeting of Families. Please bring a packed lunch. To book a place call Mary @ 087-9101451 or Emmanuel House @ 057-9151552.

St. Raphael's College are organising the recycling of unwanted clothing, shoes (pairs), handbags and textiles such as sheets and pillow cases. Clothing items can be brought in refuse bags to the school Assembly Hall Mon. 9th & Tues. 10th April, between 8.30am and 4.30pm. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Brendan's Education Centre: Communications QQI Level 5 starting Tues. 10th April. For details, call John Melville 087-9332033/john.melville@gretb.ie

Loughrea Adult Learning Centre: Hairdressing Course for Beginners on Wednesday afternoons. If interested please ring Sheila on (087)2311483

Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre - 6 Week Free Creative Writing course starts Thurs., April 19th, 10.30am-12.30pm. Early booking recommended as numbers will be limited to 10 participants. Ph. 091-871149. Web Design, Digital Imaging/Photos, Touch Typing courses starting soon. Please call 091-871149 to register your interest.

Loughrea Tennis Club will host an Adult 4 session Taster Programme at the club on 8th, 15th and 26th of April and 3rd of May all at 7.30pm. Free Entry for all sessions. Why not try a new sport for the long evenings.

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, 25, 29. No winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,600.

Temperance Hall Events

Seumas O'Kelly Players return with their award winning show, 'Big Maggie' by John B. Keane, Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th April at 8pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien's, Main St., €12 on the door. For details, call 083-8633796

Drama Workshop for over 55's commencing Thursday, 15th March, from 11.30am-12.30pm. €8 per week. For more details, contact 091-375381

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 2nd April.

Bowling: Monday 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesday, 11am-1pm

Line Dancing Classes Tea Room (side entrance) on Wednesdays. Beginners class 7pm, main class 8pm. All 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.

Fr Sean Egan would like to thank all the people of the parish for your prayers and good wishes on his retirement and also for your kindness to him during his stay in the parish. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396

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086-0551134

World Meeting of Families Ireland, For more info., www.worldmeeting2018.ie

