

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Mary Houlihan	<b>8pm</b> Nancy McMahon (nee O'Loughlin)
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Peggy Donnellan	<b>8pm</b> John & May Fahey
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Patrick Nulty	<b>8pm</b> May & Christy McNamee
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Brendan Reilly
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Vincent Sheridan	<b>8pm</b> John & Carmel Duffy
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Noel Colleran MM	<b>8pm</b> Barrett family
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Sheila Doyle	<b>12 noon</b> Pdraig Connor

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> April 8pm</b> Frances Blake  <b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> April 12noon</b> Tommy Flynn</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> April 8pm</b>                  D. Shaughnessy, M. Healy, A. Gardiner   <b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> April 10am</b>                  M. Doyle   <b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon</b>                  E. McKiernan, A. McTigue, M. Joyce</p>
<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b>  <b>Team E</b> Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> April 8pm  <b>Team F</b> Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> April 10am  <b>Team A</b> Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> April 12noon</p>	
<p><b><i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,776</i></b></p> <p>The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> taken up this weekend will be for Trocaire.</p>	

St Padre Pio Mass & Devotions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, from 8-9pm

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

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Jo & Chris Corry	<b>10am</b> Brendan Donnellan
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Patrick, Mary, John & Brendan Duane
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Thomas Casey & Nelly	<b>10am</b> Michael & Maura Hunt and Bridget O'Halloran
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Fr Bernard Cuffe	<b>10am</b> Vera Broderick
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Anna Carroll
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Patrick & Catherine Flynn
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Son & Delia Murray	<b>11am</b> Gerry Fahy <b>6pm</b> Mary Conlon

<p><b>Bethany Bereavement Group</b> 087-2109396</p>	<p><b>Society of St Vincent de Paul</b> 086-0551134</p>
<p><b><u>World Meeting of Families</u> Ireland, For more info., <a href="http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie">www.worldmeeting2018.ie</a></b></p>	



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

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**Second Sunday of Easter 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 20:19-31**

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
3. Note the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. He did not give out because he doubted. He took him where he was and led him along to see the truth of his resurrection. Who has been that kind of a teacher for you, gently taking you where you were and leading you on to a deeper knowledge of some truth about life? For whom have you been that kind of teacher?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.' That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner? John Byrne OSA (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

### **MUSINGS: The Seasons of Our Love**

In the springtime of our marriage grant us growth and hope.

In the summertime grant us warmth and celebration.

In our autumn grant us harvest and affirmation.

And in our winter grant us closeness and support.

In all the seasons of our marriage be our constant companion,  
the guest invited to our wedding who has remained faithful and ever present.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

by Stephen Cummins taken from The Family Prayer Book (Intercom Magazine)

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** monthly meeting Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm in the Presbytery.

**April Prayer Meeting** with the Carmelite nuns, Wed., 11th Apr. @ 7.45pm in Mt. Carmel Chapel. It is just after the great Feast of God's wondrous Mercy.

**Feast of Mercy**, Carmelite Abbey, Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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> August. Register at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**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](mailto:counsellingteam@knockshrine.ie)

**The 8th 54-day Novena Rosary** 1<sup>st</sup> April to 24th May (Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians). Please join us. For more info., call Joan at [0879141588](tel:0879141588)

**Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert** - Family Day 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Carmelite/Teresian Friars Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 7 nights from Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Staying in 4\* Hotel Roissy, 5 minutes from Grotto. For details, contact Ann @ 087-2919078 or Pilgrimages Abroad @ 01-6359033

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage** One Day Retreats, commencing Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. 3 Day Pilgrimage from Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June until Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. For more details, contact (0)71-9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Fundraising** (Wax & Shave night) on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in The Auld Triangle, in aid of Niamh Davison, a 6 year old girl diagnosed with brain cancer.

**Public Information Meeting** on safeguarding children and young people, takes place on Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm in Loughrea Family Resource Centre. For more details, contact 091-871149 or 086-3449950.

**Meeting for Survivors of Childhood & Adolescent Cancer** in the Harbour Hotel, Galway, Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30-7.30pm. Call 086-2532819 for details.

**Burren Outdoor Retreat** Fri. 18th to Sun. May 20<sup>th</sup>. Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Contact Mary @

[087 970 1130](tel:0879701130) or Nóirín [087 9459 151](tel:0879459151)

**Senior Citizens Club** in the Convent hall on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. All are welcome. For transport please contact 091-841725

**Time For A New Challenge** Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service? Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education. Please contact ACCORD:

email:[ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net) or phone 090 9643573 for further info,.

**St. Raphael's College** are organising the recycling of unwanted clothing, shoes, 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 & 4.30pm. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Loughrea Medieval Festival** will hold their AGM on Thursday, 12th April at 8pm, in Lough Rea Hotel & Spa. A new committee will be elected, and volunteers required for festival weekend 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> August.

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

**Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre** - 6 Week Free Creative Writing course starts Thurs., April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 9, 20, 29. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,700.

### **Temperance Hall Events**

**Drama Workshop** for over 55's commencing Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Meeting Monday at 7pm.

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.

**Starcamp 2018** - 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August, (Tues.-Sat.) 9.30am-2.30pm each day. It is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. For more info., 021-4377900