

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Frank Greally	8pm Michael Carty & decd. family mbrs.
Tue 11am Patrick & Catherine Doherty	8pm Charles & Jane O'Neill
Wed. 11am Bro. Kenneth Fitzgerald	8pm Molly & Jack Keating
Thurs. 11am Decd. mbrs. Lee family	8pm Patrick Horgan
Fri. 11am Máire Mason	8pm June Brown (nee Lusted)
Sat. 11am Wojciech Kolacz M.M.	8pm Patrick Benson
Sun. 10am Ellen & James Tuohy	12 noon Tom Glynn

<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 28th April 8pm Michael Martin Sun. 29th April 12noon Mary Nix</p>	<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 28th April 8pm J. Beatty, G. Dervan, C. Darcy Sun. 29th April 10am J. Fitzgerald Sun. 29th April 12 noon A. Gardiner, M. Connolly, D. Fahy</p>
<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team A Sat. 28th April 8pm Team B Sun. 29th April 10am</p>	
<p><i>Cathedral Collection: Offertory: €1,186</i></p>	

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Blake Stefan Lawless, Mountpleasant, L'rea.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Mary & James Glynn	10am Maureen & Mick Garrett
Tues. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Donors Intentions
Wed. 8am James & Mary Jo Farrell	10am Vocations to the Carmelite Order and Ned, Grett and Mary Wade
Thurs. 8am Jack, Rita and Christy Shaughnessy	10am James & Nora Callinan
Fri. 8am Patrick Benson	10am Benson & Neary families
Sat. 8am Molly & Paddy Shaughnessy	10am John & Elizabeth Costello
Sun. 9am Carmel, John and Mary Ryan	11am John & Michael Mullins 6pm Margaret Gaffey

Sacrament of First Confession
The boys and girls from St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Primary Schools will receive the Sacrament of First Confession in St Brendan's Cathedral next Thursday, 26th April at 6.30 p.m.

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



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 22nd April 2018
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 10:11-18

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference that made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
2. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
3. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you? John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS:
 Family Vocation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Please help more young people to follow your example by giving their lives in service as priests and religious. If you are calling someone in our family to the priesthood or the religious life, please help them to say 'yes'. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**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.

World Meeting of Families 2018

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.

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

Volunteers Needed 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 volunteers@worldmeeting2018.ie

Senior Citizens' Club in the Convent hall on Thursday, 26th April at 8pm. All are welcome. For transport, please contact 091-841725.

Our Lady of Clonfert Masses and Devotions for May 2018. Evening Mass Monday to Saturday at 8pm. Also Mass each Friday at 12noon.

Further details, call (090)9675113 or email stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net.

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 or phone 090-9643573 for further details.

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 1st April to 24th May (Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians). Please join us. For more info., call Joan at 087-9141588.

Knock Shrine Annual pilgrimage of The Apostolate of Eucharist Adoration - Sun. 29th April Theme: "The family of Eucharist Adoration". All welcome.

Carmelite/Teresian Friars Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7 nights from Aug. 30th to Sept. 6th. 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, 5th May until Sunday, 30th September. 3 Day Pilgrimage from Friday, 1st June until Monday, 13th August. For more details, contact 071-9861518 or www.loughderg.org

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

Meeting for Survivors of Childhood & Adolescent Cancer Harbour Hotel, Galway, Tues. 24th April, 5.30-7.30pm. Call 086-2532819 for details.

Coffee Morning in aid of the Oncology Department, Portiuncula Hospital in Dessie O'Brien's, Kilrickle, - Sun., 29th April, 10am -12pm. Support appreciated.

The Abbey Craft Group every Monday at 8pm in the Abbey, Loughrea. New members welcome.

Loughrea Nature Watch Talk on conservation, Wed. 25th April @ 8pm in Loughrea Library. All welcome.

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

Study Hub, Loughrea Higher Level Leaving Cert Irish. Intensive 1 Day Course covering Papers 1 & 2. Teacher: Mary Linnane, State Examiner, will go through techniques and how to get maximum points. Sun. 13th May, 9am-2.30pm. Booking essential. Contact Breda 086-3792360.

Home Instead Senior Care are recruiting experienced Carers for Co.Galway incl. Loughrea. Positions: part-time and include evening & weekend calls. QQI qualification desirable but not essential. Full training provided. Own transport required. Email CV to recruit.galway@homeinstead.ie or call 091-384160.

Loughrea Medieval Festival AGM. Newly elected committee: Chairperson: Michael Maher, Secretary: Valerie Kelly, Assistant Secretary: Michele Mitchell, Treasurer: Mary Ida Kelly. Festival dates: 24th-26th August.

Loughrea Tennis Club Adult 4 session Taster Programme at the Club, April 26th and May 3rd all at 7.30pm. Free entry for all sessions.

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: 14, 9, 21, 31. Two Match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot: €6,900.

Temperance Hall Events

'Back to Fitness with Croi' Exercise Classes Tea Room on Thursdays, 10-11am, starting May 3rd. Pre-booking essential. Call Croi @ 091-544310

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 night, 23rd April.

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

Over 60's Healthy Spine Class every Wed. at 11.15am. Pay as you go class €10. Chartered Physiotherapist. Phone: 086 3329493.

Summer Line Dancing Classes Tea Room, Wednesdays at 8pm. Good exercise, meet new friends, everybody welcome. Contact Sean @ 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 - 7th-11th 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

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396

Society of St Vincent de Paul
086-0551134