

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Private Intention	<b>8pm No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Bertha Heavey-Costello	<b>8pm</b> Merci Cunnanne
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Fitzgerald family	<b>8pm</b> Charlie Keane
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Carty family, The Hill
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Martha, Jim, Joe, Ita & Ann McLoughlin	<b>8pm</b> Breeda Sweeney
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Gretta Hennigan	<b>8pm</b> Whelan family
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Phyllis, Michael & Pat Burke	<b>12 noon</b> Pat Duddy

**No 8pm Mass in the Cathedral on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

<b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b> <b>Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May 8pm</b> Anna Rose/Lisa Shaughnessy <b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May 12noon</b> John Hayes	<b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b> <b>Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May 8pm</b> P. O’Sullivan, M. O’Brien <b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am</b> D. Shaughnessy <b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> May 12noon</b> J. Fitzgerald, A. McTigue, M. Chambers
<b><u>Mass Servers</u></b> <b>Team B</b> Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> May 8pm <b>Team C</b> Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10am <b>Team D</b> Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup> May 12noon	
<b><i>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1,066 Restoration: €630</i></b> The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> this weekend is for the Clonfert Priests Retirement Fund	

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

**R.I.P** Please pray for the repose of the soul of May Quinn, St. Laurence’s Fields, Loughrea, formerly of Peterswell, who died recently.


**Baptisms:** We welcome into God’s family Isabella Corrado, Danesfort Court, Loughrea and Adam McPartland, Waterview Drive, Loughrea.

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

**Please note 8am Mass Intentions are now in Mount Carmel**

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Pete Leahy	<b>10am</b> Nancy Leahy
<b>Tues. 8am</b> John Ryan	<b>10am</b> Bertha Heavey Costello
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Dan Lyons	<b>10am</b> Mary Kate GIBLIN
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Mamie, Katie, Dolly and Ursula McGuinness
<b>Fri. 8am</b> John & Michael Healy	<b>10am</b> Tommy Lally
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Bernadette Duffy	<b>10am</b> Margaret McDonagh
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Martin, Margaret and Peggy Daniels	<b>11am</b> Joe Grace
	<b>6pm</b> Paddy, Philomena & Patrick Hannon

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



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
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**Sixth Sunday of Easter, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 ICON VISIT**

As part of the ongoing preparations for the World Meeting of Families in August of this year our Diocese will be blessed with the visit of the Icon of the Holy Family which was especially commissioned as part of the ongoing prayer for families. The Icon will arrive in Clonfert Diocese on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May and depart on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Parishes may wish to visit the Icon as a group. The purpose of the visit is to encourage reflection and prayer as part of the journey of preparations to WMOF 2018. The Icon is accompanied by a petition box, where families can write their intentions and prayer. Our Carmelite Sisters in Loughrea will pray for the intentions collected. The intentions will also be brought to the final Mass on August 26<sup>th</sup> which will be celebrated by the Holy Father Pope Francis. All families are invited to visit the Icon during it’s time among us located in the three towns on the following dates:

- 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May - St Brendan’s Cathedral, Loughrea
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May - St Brigid’s Church, Portumna
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May - St Michael’s Church, Ballinasloe

**MUSINGS**

Jesus’ light is a humble light. It is not a light that imposes itself, it is humble. It is a gentle light, with the strength of meekness; it is a light that speaks to the heart and it is also a light given by the cross. If we, in our inner light, are gentle people, we hear the voice of Jesus in our heart and look fearlessly at the cross in the light of Jesus ... We must always distinguish: where Jesus is there is always humility, gentleness, love and the cross. We will never find Jesus without humility, without gentleness, without love and without the cross. He was the first to travel this path of light. We must walk fearlessly behind him, because Jesus has the strength and the authority to give us this light.

*Pope Francis, Homily at Domus Sanctae Marthae, 3 September 2013*

Bishop John Kirby’s pastoral message on the sanctity of human life, We Love Both, is available in all churches in the diocese this weekend and also on the diocesan website [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

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

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sister 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 your 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, ceremonies as usual, Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm, followed by Mass and the Rosary Procession.

**May Prayer Meeting** with the Carmelite nuns, Wed., 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.45pm in Mount Carmel Chapel. We pray to Our Lady and for Ireland to choose God's ways.

**Registration for all WMOF2018** Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress, from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Register at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**Volunteers Needed** WMOF2018 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, or email [volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie)

**Our Lady of Clonfert Masses and Devotions for May 2018:** Evening Mass, Monday to Saturday at 8pm. Also Mass each Friday at 12noon. For further details, contact 0909-675113 or email [stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net](mailto:stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net)

**The 8<sup>th</sup> 54-day Novena Rosary** 1<sup>st</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May (Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians). Please join us. For more details, call Joan at 087-9141588.

**Carmelite/Teresian Friars Pilgrimages to Lourdes**, 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.- 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018. Staying in 4\* Hotel Roissy, 5 minutes from the Grotto. For more details, contact Ann @ 087-2919078 or Pilgrimages Abroad @ 01-6359033.

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2018** One Day Retreats commencing Sat., 5<sup>th</sup> May until Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> September. 3 Day Pilgrimage from Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June until Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> August. For more details, contact 071-9861518 or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Darkness into Light Loughrea**, Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, at 4.15am. Please register online at 'darknessintolight.ie'.

**Nationwide Public Rosary** for Ireland, Sat., 12<sup>th</sup> May, Main Street, (opposite Hope's Bakery) at 12noon. Please join us. For more details call 085-1591714.

**Chapel of Adoration** - looking for volunteers to give an hour of their time to the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider this invitation and contact the Parish Office at 091-841212 or one of the Chapel of Adoration co-ordinators.

**Garrybreeda Cemetery Trust – Graveyard.** Volunteers are requested to assist with the care of this graveyard. Cemetery Sunday will be Sun., 29<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm. Volunteers will attend the graveyard every Wed., at 7pm during the summer. Donations appreciated.

**Prostate Cancer** information evening on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm-9.30pm in Cancer Care West, 72 Seamus Quirke Rd., Galway. Ph:091-893318

**Stand Up For Life:** Final Rally before the vote, Sat., 12<sup>th</sup> May, at 2pm, Merrion Sq., Dublin. Anyone interested contact 087-2040826/087-2561521 087-9422356.

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

**Senior Citizens' Club** in the Convent hall on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All are welcome. For transport, please contact 091-841725.

**Parish Heart Screening Offer** Pulsewave Ireland Heart & Artery screening on Tues., 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa. Normal cost of screening is €50 per person, Parish offer is €30. Appointments available 11am to 8pm. Call 0877151623  
**Un-decided voters** Fr. Bill Dailey, Catholic Priest and Notre Dame law professor is coming to Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May and will celebrate the 8pm Mass in Clonfert. Fr Bill will re-deliver his insightful and important message about the need for a NO VOTE, to save the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which protects the lives of the unborn children of Ireland.

**Loughrea Lions Club** is currently taking applications for Senior Alert/Personal alarm. For further information, please contact a member or call 086-1758066.

**Monday Women's Circle** at Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, every Monday morning, 11am-1pm. Arts, Crafts, Social Connection, Tea & Coffee. Free to all.  
**St Raphael's College** Talent Show takes place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Assembly Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm. Adults €10, students €5. An amazing night of talent by the students of St. Raphael's College.

**The Abbey Craft Group** every Mon., 8pm in the Abbey, L'rea. New members welcome.

**Free Waste Electrical Goods Collection** at SuperValu Car Park, L'rea, between 10am & 4pm, Sat., 12<sup>th</sup> May. Anything with a plug or battery accepted free of charge.

**Sean Nós Dancing** Family Resource Centre. Call Bernie @ 086-3731547.

**Set-Dancing Classes** Family Resource Centre, Thurs. 6.30-8pm for children, 8.30-11pm for adults. Call Bridie @ 087-6202451 before 5pm.

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 2, 20, 21, 25. No winner. Next week's jackpot €7,100.

**Temperance Hall Events**

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

**Drama Workshop** for over 55's, Thursdays, 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 and coffee. Great night out for all the family.

**Loughrea Activity Assoc.** No Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Bowling: Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 11am-1pm.

**Over 60's Healthy Spine Exercise Class** every Wednesday at 11:15am. €10 pay as you go class. Chartered Physiotherapist. Phone 086-3329493

**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. Pay as you go. Ph. 087-9379563.

**Charity Whist Card Game** a fundraising night on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, at 8pm in the supper room, in aid of Niamh Davison, a 6 year old girl suffering with cancer. All proceeds will support Niamh's family.

**Whist** Every Thurs. at 8pm in the Supper Room. New members welcome.

**Summer Line Dancing Classes** Tea Room, Wednesdays at 8pm. Good exercise, meet new friends, everyone welcome. Tel: Sean @ 087-9761692.

**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

**Parent and Toddler** Every Wed., 10am-12pm. €3 per family. All welcome.

**Fraughen School Of Irish Dancing** Mon., & Fri., 5-6pm juniors and 6-7pm seniors. Adult class Tues., 7-30pm. Class also in St Ita's school Wed., 3-4pm.

