

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Andy Maloney	<b>8pm</b> Breda & Tom Keating
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Mary & Donnie Cronin	<b>8pm</b> Paddy Blake
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Decd mbrs. of the Dillon family	<b>8pm</b> Mattie Donohue and Emma Reddington
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Tommy Fergus
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Kathleen Shaughnessy	<b>8pm</b> J.P. Cusack
<b>Sat. 11am</b> First Holy Communion – Gaelscoil Primary School	<b>8pm</b> Michael Blake
<b>Sun. 10am</b> First Holy Communion – St Brendan’s & St Ita’s Primary Schools	<b>12noon</b> Jim Staunton

<b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b> <b>Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> May 8pm</b> Tommy Flynn <b>Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> May 12noon</b> Marv Nix	<b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b> <b>Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> May 8pm</b> J. Beatty, P. O’Sullivan, G. Dervan <b>Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am</b> J. Fitzgerald <b>Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> May 12noon</b> M. Chambers, D. Fahy, C. Darcy
<b><u>Mass Servers</u></b> <b>Team C</b> Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> May 8pm <b>Team D</b> Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> May 10am <b>Team E</b> Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> May 12noon	
<b>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €925</b>	


**R.I.P** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Callanan, Roxboro, Kilchreest, (brother of Bernadette Callanan, Loughrea and Lucy McCormick, Cahercrea West, L’rea), John Ruane, Athenry, (nephew of the late Paul Healy, Donnellan Drive, L’rea), Mary Cronnelly, nee Murphy, Moan Baun, Athenry, (sister of Michael Murphy, Gort Rd., L’rea) and Patrick Dempsey, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, and formerly of Masonbrook, Loughrea, who died recently.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into God’s family Oliver Pio McDonagh, Carraig Alainn, Loughrea and Aidan Maloney-Kyne, St Brendan’s Court, Loughrea.

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

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

<b>Mon. 8am</b> James & Bridie Lyons	<b>10am</b> Fr Bernard
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Jim & Kathleen Quinn and deceased family members	<b>10am</b> Pat Joe Sheil
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Hanorah Grant & Albert and deceased family members	<b>10am</b> Bertha Heavey Costello
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Dudley, Mary & Bobby Mitchell	<b>10am</b> Pat & Mary O’Donnell
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Malachy, Nora, Geraldine, Paraic & Eireann Noone	<b>10am</b> Pat & Mary Dooley
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Patrick, Christina & Michael Kelly	<b>10am</b> Martin, Teresa & Tom Loughnane
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>11am</b> Bridie Callanan
	<b>6pm</b> Dennis, Mary & David Farrell



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
**The Presbytery 091 – 841212    The Abbey 091 – 841209**  
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**The Ascension of The Lord, Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**World Communications Day**

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS** Mark 16:15-20

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this, he commissioned them to bring the good news to the whole world. Witnesses to the good news do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement for us in this. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?

2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?

3. The Ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways: ‘The Lord worked with them’. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

**MUSINGS**

Today is World Communications Day. This prayer is often shared at social media gatherings and it is a useful reminder of the importance of the Church putting out into the deep of the internet:

Christ has no online presence but yours,  
 No blog, no Facebook page but yours.  
 Yours are the tweets through which love touches the world.  
 Yours are the posts through which the gospel is shared.  
 Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.  
 Christ has no online presence but yours.  
 No blog, no Facebook page but yours.

Meredith Gould, The Social Media Gospel (Intercom Magazine)

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

**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 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.

**9 Day Novena** to implore the miraculous protection of the unborn through the intercession of St. Pio, commencing May 17<sup>th</sup> and ends on St Pio's birthday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Novena in St Brendan's Cathedral daily after 8pm Mass and 12noon Sunday.

**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.

Bus from Station Rd., 10.30am, cost €15. Booking Michael O'Brien Main St., L'rea.

**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)

**Rosary and Prayers** will be held in Kilcooley Cemetery Tues., 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm

**5 Day Silent Retreat** in Esker Retreat Centre, July 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Cost incl. full board €380. For more details, contact Helen @ 086-1678027 / [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com)

**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)

**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.

**The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children** is currently recruiting young people to join the Children's Advisory Committee in Galway. If you are interested in learning more about children's rights, developing new skills and aged between 10 & 17 years old, please contact Charlotte Donnellan at 087-1464346 or by emailing [charlotte.donnellan@ispcc.ie](mailto:charlotte.donnellan@ispcc.ie)

**Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre** - Need help with your smartphone or tablet? Support available at the centre on Tuesdays, 10am-1pm. Contact 091-871149 for appointment.

**Sustainable Energy West** - Loughrea invite you to an Information Event in the Lough Rea Hotel and Spa, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm, on how our community thinks about ENERGY. All are welcome.

**Children's Poetry Reading** Renowned children's poet and author Gabriel Fitzmaurice will make a guest appearance in Loughrea library Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30am. He'll share his poems on topics ranging from silly to serious, sad to happy & naughty to nice! Great entertainment for children and adults.

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

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

**Monday Women's Circle** at Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, every Monday, 11am-1pm. Arts, Crafts, Social Connection, Tea & Coffee. Free to all.

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

**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: 9, 14, 18, 19. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €7,200.

### Temperance Hall Events

**Lost & Found** Smartphone found on hall grounds. Contact Parish office 091841212

**'Back to Fitness with Croi' Exercise Classes** Tea Room, Thursdays, 10am-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.** Meeting Monday at 7pm.

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.