

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Anne Toner	<b>8pm</b> Jack & Bridget Carroll
<b>Tues. 11am</b> St Ita's National School Mass	<b>8pm</b> John Joe, Agnes & Paddy Moran
<b>Wed. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> William Payne
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Kieran & Bridget Kelly
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Gerard Raftery
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Paul McNamee
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Nono & Phonsie Curley	<b>12noon</b> P.J. & Margaret MacCarthy

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b></p> <p><b>Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> June 8pm</b> Declan Joyce</p> <p><b>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> July 12noon</b> Anna Cronin</p>	<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b></p> <p><b>Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> June 8pm</b> M. Joyce, M. Healy, M. Doyle</p> <p><b>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am</b> A. McTigue</p> <p><b>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> July 12noon</b> A. Gardiner, M. Murphy, E. McKiernan</p>
<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b></p> <p><b>Team E</b> Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> June 8pm</p> <p><b>Team F</b> Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am</p> <p><b>Team D</b> Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> July 12noon</p>	
<p><b><i>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1,015</i></b></p> <p>The <b>Second Basket</b> collection this weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection (the Annual Pope's Collection)</p>	

**R.I.P** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Boland, formerly of Moore St., Loughrea and Killimor, who died recently.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into God's family Lucy Rae Allen Curley, Carraig Álainn, Loughrea and Marie Mary Connors, Leamcom, Aille, Loughrea.


**Wedding Congratulations** to Diarmaid Moran and Karen Kavanagh who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

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

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

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Kay O'Loughlin	<b>10am</b> Bodie Tierney & deceased members of the Tierney family
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Mark Carr
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Joseph & Mary Mulryan	<b>10am</b> Patrick & Sr Eugénias Kiely
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Donors Intentions
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Bridget McKeever
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Holy souls
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Gerry Hughes	<b>11am</b> Nancy & Tommy Hope
	<b>6pm</b> Mary O'Malley & deceased family mbrs.

<p><b>Bethany Bereavement Group</b> 087-2109396</p>	<p><b>Society of St. Vincent de Paul</b> 086 - 0551134</p>
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**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

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**Sunday, 24th June 2018**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 1:57-66, 80**

1. The birth of John the Baptist was an occasion of great joy for family and friends. Recall occasions when you celebrated the arrival of a baby. What thoughts and feelings did you have? Use the memory to reflect on the wonder of your own life and give thanks for it.
2. There is often a story behind the name given to a child. What story lies behind your name? Perhaps it says something of the hopes your parents had for you, or the memories they wanted you to retain.
3. 'What will this child become?' The Baptist was to become a herald pointing the way to Jesus. In our turn we are also called to point people towards a better way of life.
4. The child grew and the hand of the Lord was with him. As you look back on your own growth and development, were there things that happened about which you now say 'the hand of the Lord was with me there'?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

**THE DEEP END: Nativity of John the Baptist**

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

*'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'*

Michel de Verteuil (Intercom Magazine)

**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.

Thank you for supporting last weekend's National collection for  
the World Meeting of Families 2018

**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) It is important to register immediately if wishing to attend at Pastoral Congress in RDS and it is now necessary to register for Pastoral Congress, also, to obtain tickets for Festival of Families and Papal Mass. Tickets for Papal Mass only, in Phoenix Park, will be available on-line from 25th June. Tickets for Pope Francis' visit to Knock will also be available on-line from 25th June.

**The Carmelite Abbey – Graveyard.** Volunteers are requested to assist with the care of this graveyard and your assistance would be appreciated. Cemetery Sunday will be Sun., 12<sup>th</sup> August, with outdoor Mass at 6pm. Caretaker: Gerry 087-9022592

**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.

**Mountpleasant Graveyard Committee** are reminding everyone that Prayer Service is in 5 weeks, on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm. Please clean up graves and remove rubbish.

**Icon Painting Workshop Knock** - October 8th to 13<sup>th</sup>. Alexian Brothers Knock, [theodoreicons@gmail.com](mailto:theodoreicons@gmail.com)

**Clonfert Pilgrimage to Lourdes** August 28<sup>th</sup> - Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. 5 nights, hotel, full board, insurance, air fare, coach, €725. Booking with Society Travel [090 964 5350](tel:0909645350).

**Esker Monastery Family Fun Day/Dog Show** will be held in the Monastery Grounds this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, commencing at 1.30pm. All welcome.

**A Pro-life Mass** will be celebrated in Emmanuel House on Wed., June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Celebrant Fr. Pierre Pepper CC, Banagher. Guest Speakers will attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Galway Hospice Sunflower Day** A sincere word of thanks to all those who contributed to the Sunflower Day held Fri., 8<sup>th</sup> and Sat., 9<sup>th</sup> June. The amount collected was €3,147.66 and all money raised goes directly to the Galway Hospice. Thanks also to those who gave freely of their time to help with the collection.

**Loughrea Family Resource Centre** - 1:1 help with smart phone or tablet, Tuesday mornings by appointment. Phone 091-871149 for details. Also head massage or reflexology appointments available Thurs., 28<sup>th</sup> at a reduced cost €20. Proceeds to support the Family Resource Centre Counselling Service. 091-871149

**Applications** are invited for the BA (Hons) in Religious Studies at GMT, commencing in September. Further details, [091-742472/](tel:091742472) [barry.mcmillan@gmit.ie](mailto:barry.mcmillan@gmit.ie)

**Monday Women's Circle** - Craft Exhibition, Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-1pm at Loughrea Family Resource Centre. All welcome, refreshments will be served.

**The Irish Men's Shed Association (IMSA)** Carrabane/Loughrea wishes to set up a list of people/members and supporters in the Kilconieron/Clostoken and Loughrea area who wish to become involved in setting up and getting involved in their new local Men's Shed. For more details, contact 086-1093974 or email [decshy@eircom.net](mailto:decshy@eircom.net)

**Gaeilge Locha Riach's** Irish language summer camp for primary school children from 6 to 13 years in Kilcooley National School – July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Further info., on Eventbrite and Facebook / [polmaglionain@pdst.ie](mailto:polmaglionain@pdst.ie) / text: 0876430207

**The Battle of Aughrim Interpretive and Visitor Centre** has reopened for the Summer Season. Opening hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:30am-4.30pm and Sundays: 2:00pm-5:00pm. Tel: 09096 73939/ [battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie)

**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.

**Yoga:** Tues., 10.30am-12pm, Wed., 7-8pm at L'rea Boxing Club. €40 for any 5 classes. Everything provided, all welcome. Call Kate to book @ 085-7504420

**Summer Yoga Classes** Monday night at 8pm in Loughrea Youth Theatre. Contact, 086-2608039 for details.

**Hurling Club Lotto** Winning numbers: 2, 4, 15, 25. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €7,800.

**Lost/Found** Sincere thanks to the person who found a lady's watch and handed it into the Carmelite Abbey. The owner is very grateful.

### Temperance Hall Events

**BRAVO Theatre Group** Proudly Presents 'The Little Mermaid' Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June with performances at 2pm & 7pm. Tickets are available from Loughrea School & Office Supplies. Don't miss it!

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

**Loughrea Bingo Summer Madness Bonanza** starts Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June. Jackpot is increased to €10,000 in 46 numbers for 10 weeks. Each player gets free entry into a draw for a years free bingo and many more prizes. Draw takes place 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**Loughrea Bingo** every Friday night @ 8.30pm, jackpot €10,000.

**Loughrea Activity Assoc.** No Meeting until September. Enjoy the summer. Bowling on Mondays, 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 11am-1pm.

**Karate Classes** Beginners & members, Mon. & Wed. 7.30-9pm. Ladies, gents and children over 8 years of age are welcome.

**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.

Sincere thanks for the donation received from the Loughrea Activity Association  
towards the cost of producing the weekly Newsletter