

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Maura Benson	8pm John & Mary Ann Burke
Tues. 11am Richard & Michael Connelly	8pm Adelaide & Sean Naughton
Wed. 11am James Headd	8pm Sean Haran and decd. mbrs. of the Haran & Lynn families
Thurs. 11am Alice Daniels	8pm George Mannion
Fri. 11am Michael Whelan	8pm People of the Parish
Sat. 11am Tim Lynch	8pm John Casey & Rosie Bowley
Sun. 10am Criss & John Burke	12noon Dick Mooney

<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 1st September 8pm Mary Nix Sun. 2nd September 12noon Mattie Quinn	<u>Mass Servers</u> Team D Sat. 1st Sept. 8pm Team E Sun. 2nd Sept. 10am Team F Sun. 2nd Sept. 12noon
<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 1st September 8pm J. Beatty, P. O’Sullivan, G. Dervan Sun. 2nd September 10am J. Fitzgerald Sun. 2nd September 12noon M. Chambers, D. Fahy, C. Darcy	<u>Cathedral Collections:</u> Offertory: €1,260 Restoration: €250

Baptisms: We welcome into God’s family Javier Davoren Rios, The Hill, Loughrea, and Skyler Leigh Hogan, Old Galway Road, Loughrea.


Wedding Congratulations to William Loughrey and Leanne Buckley who were married in the Cathedral last week.

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mavis Blackford, mother of Chris Blackford, who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Una O’Reilly
Tues. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Michael & Teresa Flynn
Wed. 8am Michael Ryan & decd. family mbrs.	10am May Carr
Thurs. 8am Lourdes Pilgrims	10am Hugh & Susan Feehan
Fri. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Martin, Nora & Tommy Burke
Sat. 8am William Hays	10am Chrissy McMahan
Sun. 9am Donors Intentions	11am Sally & Tom Callanan
	6pm Maureen Haverty

Society of St Vincent de Paul: 086 0551134	Bethany Bereavement Group 087-2109396
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Sunday, 26th August 2018
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 6:60-69

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: ‘Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others’ (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, n.10).
2. ‘This teaching is difficult’, complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.’ In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to belief because, like Peter, Jesus offered you a more hopeful message than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
4. ‘The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.’ Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

MUSINGS

‘Like Saint Patrick, I too have heard “the voice of the Irish” calling to me, and so I have come to you, to all of you in Ireland. As I stand at this moment, a pilgrim for Christ to the land from which so many pilgrims for Christ went out over Europe, the Americas, Australia, Africa, Asia, I am living a moment of intense emotion. As I stand here, in the company of so many hundreds of thousands of Irish men and women, I am thinking of how many times, across how many centuries, the Eucharist has been celebrated in this land. How many have found in it the spiritual strength to live, even through the times of greatest hardship and poverty, through days of persecutions and vexations...’

Saint John Paul II, Phoenix Park, Dublin, September 1979
(Intercom Magazine)

As people from across the country and across the world gather in Dublin today with Pope Francis, we offer a prayer for the Holy Father and for all families:

Bless us all with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Protect all families with your loving care.

Amen.

THE DEEP END: Why is it, Lord?

I once heard the following reflection read out at a first communion:

‘Why is it, Lord, that parents see puddles and think wellies, and our children see magic mirrors waiting for a pebble-plop to ripple into smiles?’

‘Why is it, Lord, that parents see snow and think gloves, and our children see sleds and slides and the tingle of snowflake’s farewell kiss upon the palm?’

‘Why is it, Lord, that parents see toys and think tidy, and our children see the endless possibilities for fantasy and play?’

Sometimes it can be difficult to look beyond the practicalities and see the possibilities. It depends on all sorts of things, from our circumstances to how willing we are to be open to the beauty and deeper meanings in life. We all need a reminder that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists.

Some of Jesus’ followers in today’s gospel are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. Jesus has been teaching them that he is the living bread. But it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as ‘intolerable language’, and some of them even walk away. But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: ‘You have the message of eternal life.’ Some of the disciples are able to see beyond the obvious.

Tríona Doherty (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.

RTE will broadcast comprehensive live coverage of Pope Francis’ visit to Ireland throughout Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August, across RTÉ One, RTÉ2, RTÉ News Now and RTÉ Radio.

Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat takes place at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, from 17th - 23rd September. Cost: €380 full board. Contact Helen @ 086-1678027, email: hellywilliams@gmail.com or www.foyerofcharity.ie

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage, Sept., 9th, Knock Shrine, 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages.

Knock Shrine: Knock Counselling Centre is running a 6-evening Anger Management Programme starting Thursday, 13th September. Contact Peter Devers at 09493-75032 for details.

Anam Cara Galway the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wed., 5th Sept. at 7:30pm in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tues., 4th Sept. or call the Information Line 085-2888-888.

Family Carers Ireland: Nominations are being sought for the CarePlus Pharmacy Carer of the Year and Young Carer of the Year 2018. If there is a Family Carer who you feel should be recognised and rewarded please fill in the nomination form online at www.familycarers.ie by 14th September or call Family Carers Ireland, Barrack Street, Loughrea on (091) 880418

Galway’s Hidden Heritage Lecture Series 2018 – The Battle of Aghrim Visitor Centre will host free lectures discussing a variety of interesting topics relating to East Galway. The Talks take place at 2pm Friday, 7th September. All are welcome.

For more details, call 09096-73939 / BattleofAghrim@galwaycoco.ie

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme has a vacancy for General Operative. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for Community Employment Schemes. Please contact the Parish Office, 091841212 for further details.

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

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

Jive Course with Eamonn Cunniss in Ringo’s, Thurs., 8.30pm. Pay as you go, €10.

Yoga Sona le Maria - Children's Yoga Workshop, Tuesdays in Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre. 10-12 year olds, 11am-1pm. 6-9 year olds, 2-3pm. Please contact Maria @ 087-2145434 to book, places are limited.

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

Summer Yoga Classes starting Monday, 3rd September in Loughrea Youth Theatre. Contact Julia at 086-2608039 for more details.

Concertina Lessons in Loughrea. Contact Muireann @ 087-1484617

Hurling Club Lotto Winning numbers: 10, 12, 13, 31. No winner. Next week’s jackpot is €8,700.

Temperance Hall Events

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

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

Karate Classes for beginners and members, starting Mon. 3rd and Wed. 5th Sept., 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome, ladies & gents and children over 8yrs of age. For more details, contact 087-6133297

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Bowling on Mondays, 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 11am-1pm. **Summer Line Dancing Classes** resume on Wednesday, Sept., 5th at 8pm in the tea room. All are welcome. Tel: Sean @ 087-9761692 for details.