

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Holy Souls	8pm Martin Maher
Tues. 11am Holy Souls	8pm Violet & Frank Reid
Wed. 11am Holy Souls	8pm Bernie & Andy Griffin
Thurs. 11am Holy Souls	8pm Holy Souls
Fri. 11am Holy Souls	8pm Mark Casey
Sat. 11am Mary McGarry	8pm Sadie Griffin
Sun. 10am Pakie, May and Paddy Connolly	12noon May Kennerney

<p>Ministers of the Eucharist: Sat. 1st Dec. 8pm M. Joyce, M. Doyle Sun. 2nd Dec. 10am A. Gardiner Sun. 2nd Dec. 12noon D. Shaughnessy, E. McKiernan</p>	<p>Mass Servers Team B Sat. 1st Dec. 8pm Team C Sun. 2nd Dec. 10am Team A Sun. 2nd Dec. 12noon</p>
<p>Ministers of the Word Sat. 1st Dec. 8pm Michael Martin Sun. 2nd Dec. 12noon Declan Joyce</p>	<p>Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1,091 Restoration: €575</p>

Baptisms: We welcome into God’s family Conor McHugh, Eden Park, and Tristan Giles, New Zealand.

Wedding Congratulation to Sarah Haran and Pierce Madden who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Gately, Australia, formerly of Westbridge, (brother of Seán and Gerry Gately) and Eugene Mannion, Masonbrook, Loughrea, who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Mary & Patrick Lynch	10am Holy Souls
Tues. 8am Joe & Delia Queally	10am Holy Souls
Wed. 8am Donal O’Sullivan	10am Holy Souls
Thurs. 8am Ann, Jack & Thomas Mahoney	10am Holy Souls
Fri. 8am Thomas Keavney, and deceased mbrs. of Keane & Keavney families	10am Holy Souls
Sat. 8am Michael & Margaret Quirke	10am Patsy & Jim Kennedy and Mona Devine
Sun. 9am Mick & Nora Keavney	11am William, Mary & Eileen Gunter and Josephine Pembroke
	6pm Tom Heagney

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396

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086 0551134



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Sunday, 25th November 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 18:33-37

1. The feast we have today, and the Gospel, give us an opportunity to reflect on the different ways in which we, and others, exercise influence and leadership. The authority of Pilate came from position and power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. Recall leaders you have known whose influence was like that of Jesus.
2. The values of the kingdom of God cannot be imposed. It is never a matter of fighting battles, or forcing others into compliance. Perhaps through experience you have learned the limitations of the use of force, as a parent, a teacher, a group leader. What has been the good news, the learnings for you, in this?
3. Jesus came to bear witness to the truth that we are all created for a purpose. What do you believe is the purpose of your life? Recall times when you have been able to bear witness to this. What fruit has this witness had for yourself and/or others?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

THE DEEP END: ‘So you are a King?’

Today is the Feast of Christ the King and this Gospel certainly gives us an opportunity to lay aside a lot of cultural baggage we may have about kings, leaders and kingdoms. The Jewish leaders want Jesus executed and so they bring him to Pilate who engages in a debate with Jesus on ‘kingship’. Jesus is accused of claiming to be a ‘king’ and this passage plays on both the political and religious meaning of that word. Pilate is concerned with whether or not Jesus poses a threat to Roman rule, while the Jewish religious leaders are worried about the type of ‘Messiah king’ Jesus claims to be. Through his ministry Jesus has shown them that His kingdom is unlike the one that Pilate, or many other earthly leaders know. It is a kingdom built on love, service, justice, reconciliation and peace. Few ‘kings can measure up to this. Jesus is a servant King, a beacon light for today’s world. Who do you know in our world today who is the more living example of this type of kingship? When you look at the world’s political leaders, do they shine like a beacon light striving for peace, justice and care for the earth? On this Feast of Christ the King we celebrate a type of kingship that is a display of radical love. What a different world we would have if all those who hold power and authority led in such a way. Let us pray today that all leaders will be open to listening to the Spirit and strive for a more just world.

Jane Mellett (Intercom Magazine)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference – Loughrea Conference

The annual collection (**Second Basket**) will be taken up at all Masses in the Cathedral and the Abbey next weekend, 1st & 2nd December.

All funds collected will be used by the Society to assist less fortunate families over Christmas and during 2019. Please give generously.

The Legion of Mary meet each Monday at 8.30pm in the Presbytery. New members most welcome. For further information, contact 091-870327.

All-Night Vigil at Knock Shrine, Fri. 7th-Sat. 8th Dec. commencing with Confessions, from 10pm-Chapel of Reconciliation. Vigil at 12 Midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr Brendan Walsh SCA. Concelebrated Mass at 4am with His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Information on organised coaches to the vigil at www.knockshrine.ie

Esker Healing Mission Mon. 3rd Dec.- Fri. 7th Dec. Daily 10am, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm. An ideal way to prepare for Christmas. All welcome.

Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Development Gathering Sun. 9th Dec. 3-5pm, Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society St., B'sloe (beside Barrett's Hardware). Guest Speaker: Fr. Benny McHale. Topic: The Holy Land as the Fifth Gospel. All welcome.

Anam Cara Galway the organisation that supports bereaved parents, Parent Evening, Wed. 5th Dec. at 7.20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Old Monivea Road, Ballybrit. Free event and open to all bereaved parents, regardless of age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more info., Email anamcara.ie or call 085-2888 888.

Galway Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree of Life celebration on the grounds of Hospice, Sun. 2nd, Dec. @5pm. All are very welcome to attend. Music by Country Star, Mike Denver, Kiltulla Community Choir. Lights switched on by RTE, Daithí O' Sé. Refreshments at Hospice. Please join us to light up the winter sky with memories.

Positive Mental Health Loughrea Mental Health Services together with St Raphael's College Transition Year Choir will have their annual Mental Health Mass on Thurs. 13th Dec. @ 11am in St. Brendan's Cathedral. All are welcome.

St Raphael's College, Loughrea Christmas Fair, 8th Dec., 10am-5pm. If interested in displaying/demonstrating/selling at the fair, contact the school on 091-841062 or email tcunniffe@saintraphaels.ie by Mon. 3rd December.

Christmas Craft Fair in Seven Springs Day Centre, St Brendan's CNU, Lake Road, Sun. 2nd Dec., 11am-2pm. in association with St. Brendan's CNU and Loughrea ICA.

Kilnadeema N.S. are holding a Christmas Fair on Sunday, 25th November, 1- 4pm. Santa Grotto €8/child, craft stalls, bric-a-brac stall, baked goods and much more.

Christmas Bazaar Loughrea Golf Club, Sun. 2nd Dec. from 12 noon. Sale items include fuel, silage, vegetables, homemade cakes etc.

Western Alzheimer's Carers Group Meeting Tues. 27th Nov. in the Lough Rea Hotel & Spa from 7.00-8.30pm.

Loughrea Library Galway's Great Read, Wed. 28th Nov. at 7pm. "The art of the Epoch: Irish Art & Revolutionary Women – Then and Now" by Dr. Éimear O'Connor.

Irish Conversation Hour every Wednesday at 11am at Loughrea Gaeilge office, Old Galway Road. 'Cúpla focail'. Contact Maurice Sweeney @ 086-2031323.

Loughrea Athletic Club AGM in the Clubhouse at Bushfield on Mon. 26th Nov. @ 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Loughrea Tennis Club Annual family table quiz, McNamee's Bar, Thurs. 29th Nov. @ 8pm. Table 4 €40. A fun night/lots of spot prizes. Support appreciated.

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

East Galway Family History Society Heritage event at the Woodford Heritage Centre, Fri. 7th Dec. @ 7.30pm. Free event supported by Galway County Council.

Community Games Volunteers needed in setting up community games in Loughrea for 2019. If interested, call Emma @ 085-1316716/emmacallanan@hotmail.com

Community Employment Scheme Vacancy Youth Work Assistant with Loughrea Youth Project. Applicant must be eligible for DSP – contact local Intreo office to confirm. 19.5 hours p/w. DSP CE Rates of Pay. Contact Noreen Connolly, CE Supervisor: 087-2346943 or ce.supervisor@youthworkgalway.ie

Galway County PPN Plenary/Gathering, Wed. 28th Nov. @ 6.30pm in the Claregalway Hotel. Free Networking event with over 20 info. stands for community groups & volunteers. Contact Denise Feeney, PPN Resource Officer @ [087 9455722](tel:0879455722).

Hairdressing Taster Course (six weeks) started Thurs., 22nd Nov. 1.00-3.30pm. Phone Maureen Shea (087)7742074, 091-841387 or email maureen.shea@gretb.ie

Abbey Arts & Crafts Group weekly craft classes in the Abbey Monastery, Monday evenings 8-10pm. New members are always welcome.

Reflexology at Lakeshore Medical Centre, Loughrea, safe and natural therapy for all ages, suitable to use alongside conventional medical care. Contact Sandra @ 083-8498311 or sandradunhamtherapy@gmail.com

Homeopathy Clinic with Gráinne Hammond, Homeopath, second Fri. of every month, Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre. More info., 091-871149.

Ultra flex School of Dance weekly classes in Freestyle Acro & Hip Hop from ages 4 years to teens. Every Wednesday & Saturday in Loughrea Youth Theatre Studio. Places limited. Contact Kim @ 087-7799489 www.ultraflexschoolofdance@yahoo.com

Zumba & Dance Classes for all levels and abilities, Thursdays at 6:30pm in the L'rea Youth Theatre. €8 per class or €40 for a 6 week term. Call Merli @ 0831177277

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.

Modern Jive Country & Western Dance Classes with Gerry every Wednesday in the Lough Rea Hotel & Spa, 8.30pm-10.30pm. No partners required. €10 per class.

Yoga in Force Fitness, Loughrea, helps to reduce stress and rebalance our body & mind. For details, call Sandra @ 083-8498311 or sandradunhamtherapy@gmail.com

Hurling Club Lotto: Winning numbers: 5, 7, 27, 28. No match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €10,000.

Found Sum of money. Contact the Parish Office on 091-841212.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Bingo every Friday night @ 8.30pm, jackpot €10,000. **Huge Christmas Promotion** continues every Friday until the grand draw on 21st. Fantastic prizes to be won including a Year's Free Bingo.

Karate Classes for beginners and members, Mon. & Wed, 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome, ladies & gents and children over 8yrs of age. For details, call 087-6133297

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Monday, 26th Nov. @ 7pm. Bowling Mondays, 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays, 11am-1pm.

Autumn Line Dancing Classes every Wednesday, 8pm in the tea room. €5 per class, pay as you go. New beginners welcome. Tel: Sean @ 087-9761692 for details. **Whist** 8pm. New members welcome.

Ballroom & Country Dance Classes every Tuesday at 8.30pm. Absolute beginners and improvers welcome. Partners not necessary. Learn to quickstep, foxtrot, waltz, tango, jive, swing, & cha cha cha. €8 per class. Contact Sean Casey @ 087-9761692.

