

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Michael Murphy & decd. Murphy family	<b>8pm</b> Eileen Horgan
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Patrick & Johanna Doherty	<b>8pm</b> Patrick & Nora Lake
<b>Wed. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Mary Quane
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> Loughrea Mental Health Services	<b>8pm</b> Ward family
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Fr Aidan Murray & Sr Mary Murray	<b>8pm</b> Joseph (Josie) Moran M.M.
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Sean Leahy M.M.	<b>8pm</b> Helen Morris
<b>Sun. 10am</b> Lizzy Moran & Lily Burke	<b>12noon</b> Agatha Manton

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b>  <b>Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> M. Doyle, M. Joyce  <b>Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> A. Gardiner  <b>Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> D. Shaughnessy, E. McKiernan  <b>Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> J. Beatty, G. Dervan  <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10am</b> D. Fahy  <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> M. Chambers, M. Murphy  <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm Christmas Eve</b>  M. Doyle, A. Gardiner, D. Shaughnessy  <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b>  A. McTigue, E. McKiernan, M. Joyce  <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> J. Fitzgerald, P. O’Sullivan  <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b>  M. O’Brien, M. Connolly, A. McTigue</p>	<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b>  <b>Team C Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b>  <b>Team A Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b>  <b>Team B Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b>    <b>Team F Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b>  <b>Team D Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10am</b>  <b>Team E Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b>    <b>Team A Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b>  <b>Team B Midnight Mass</b>  <b>Team C Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b>  <b>Team D Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b></p>
<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>  <b>Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> Ann Flynn  <b>Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Anna Cronin  <b>Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> John Hayes  <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Mattie Quinn  <b>Christmas Eve Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> Mary Nix  <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b> Michael Martin  <b>Christmas Day Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> Declan Joyce  <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Tommy Flynn</p>	<p><b><u>Cathedral Collections:</u></b>  <b>Offertory: €1,080</b>    The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> next weekend is the <b>Christmas Collection</b> for the support of the clergy</p>

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

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Christy Kelly
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Hugh & Susan Fehan
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Paddy, Ann & John O’Neill
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> John & Ellen Hession
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Larry Lee
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Thomas Geoghegan
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>11am</b> Martin Fergus
	<b>6pm</b> Joe Fahy & Thomas



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**  
**The Presbytery 091 – 841212    The Abbey 091 – 841209**  
*Website – loughreacathedral.ie    clonfertdiocese.ie*  
*Newsletter online: loughreacathedral.ie    clonfertdiocese.ie*  
**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**Carol Service**

The boys and girls of St. Brendan’s and St Ita’s Primary Schools will sing the annual carol service in the Cathedral on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7pm.  
All are welcome to attend.

**Confession Times for the Cathedral**

**Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. and Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.** after 8pm Mass.  
**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** 2pm-3pm

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Kate Sweeney, Dublin, (sister of Michael McNamara, Rosedale Lodge, Dublin Rd., Loughrea), Maura McDaid (née Kelly), Caheronaun Park, Loughrea and Michael (Mikey) Donohue, Dolphin Street, Loughrea, who died recently.

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

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Luke 3:1-6**

1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall in detail the time and the circumstances of particularly significant moments in your life?
2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc.
3. Behind the quotation from Isaiah lies the practice of preparing festival routes for religious celebrations. Isaiah visualises such a celebration to celebrate the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem. Can you recall a particularly memorable Advent? What happened? Think of what you can do this Advent.

*John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)*

## Trocaire Christmas Appeal

**'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.'** Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) to find out more.

**Loughrea Senior Citizens** Christmas Party will take place in the Lough Rea Hotel on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Mass at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

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

**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. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 11am in St. Brendan's Cathedral. All are welcome.

**Loughrea Lions Club Annual Christmas Concert** Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 8pm in the Lough Rea Hotel. Entertainment by members of The Bravo Theatre Company. Tickets €10 from Keary Auctioneers, Lough Rea Hotel, or any Lions Club member.

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

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

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

**Community Games** Volunteers needed in setting up community games in L'rea for 2019. If interested, call Emma @ 085-1316716 or [emmacallanan@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ce.supervisor@youthworkgalway.ie)

**Loughrea Parish Council CLG** Community Employment Scheme have the following vacancies: General Operative and Clerical position. If interested contact local Intreo office for eligibility. For more info., contact Parish Office: 091-841212. Closing date for receipt of applications: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**St Brendan's Education Centre**, Places available in QQI courses in Healthcare level 5, Childcare level 5 & 6, Hairdressing level 5, Fashion Media & Make up level 5, Horticulture level 4 & 5, Info., Technology Level 4 & 5, Tourism Level 5 and Train the Trainer. Family History non accredited course. Ph: 841387 or [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie)

**Reflexology** at Lakeshore Medical Centre, L'rea, safe/natural therapy for all ages, suitable to use alongside conventional medical care. Contact Sandra: 083-8498311 or [sandradunhamtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:sandradunhamtherapy@gmail.com)

**Pulsewave Ireland** Heart screening clinic, Lough Rea Hotel & Spa Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Appointments available from 11am-8pm. Spaces limited. Call 087-7151623.

**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](http://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](mailto:sandradunhamtherapy@gmail.com)

**Hurling Club Lotto:** Winning numbers: 6, 8,19,31. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €10,200.

**Lost** Lady's Purse. If found please contact the Parish Office: 091-841212.

**Found** Relic. Please contact the Parish Office: 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.

**Loughrea Youth Project's "Giving Tree"** Call into our project, take a tag off the tree, it will have a gift written on it. Gifts: €2 - €10. Buy the gift/wrap/drop it back in to us with the tag attached. Gifts will be given to various charities/organisations in the Loughrea area. Ph. 087-7814882, or "@LoughreaYouthProject".

**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.** AGM meeting Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7pm. Bowling on 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.

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087-2109396

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
086 - 0551134

