

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

**Mon. 11am** Mary Burke  
**Tues. 11am** Maurice & Elizabeth Barrett  
**Wed. 11am** Bridget & Thomas Moylan  
**Thurs. 11am** People of the Parish  
**Fri. 11am** Joe & Ellen Lambert  
**Sat. 11am** Mary Sheridan M.M.  
**Sun. 10am** John Coen

**8pm** Fallon family & Maura Liffey  
**8pm** John & Mary Naughton  
**8pm** Anne Tully  
**8pm** Kathleen Reilly  
**8pm** Eugene Mannion M.M. and Brian Regan  
**8pm** John & Ann Scully  
**12noon** Henry & Mary Gormley

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| <p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b><br/> <b>Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> J. Beatty, G. Dervan<br/> <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10am</b> D. Fahy<br/> <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12noon</b> M. Chambers, M. Murphy<br/> <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm Christmas Eve</b><br/> M. Doyle, A. Gardiner, D. Shaughnessy<br/> <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b><br/> A. McTigue, E. McKiernan, M. Joyce<br/> <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> J. Fitzgerald, P. O’Sullivan<br/> <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</b><br/> M. O’Brien, M. Connolly, A. McTigue</p> | <p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b></p> <p><b>Team F</b> Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm<br/> <b>Team D</b> Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10am<br/> <b>Team E</b> Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12 noon</p> <p><b>Team A</b> Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm<br/> <b>Team B</b> Midnight Mass<br/> <b>Team C</b> Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am<br/> <b>Team D</b> Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon</p> |
| <p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b><br/> <b>Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> John Hayes<br/> <b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Mattie Quinn<br/> <b>Christmas Eve Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm</b> Mary Nix<br/> <b>Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass</b> Michael Martin<br/> <b>Christmas Day Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am</b> Declan Joyce<br/> <b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon</b> Tommy Flynn</p>  | <p><b><u>Cathedral Collections:</u></b><br/> <b>Offertory: €1,420</b></p> <p>The <b>Second Basket Collection</b> this weekend is the <b>Christmas Collection</b> for the support of the clergy</p>  |

Chapel of Adoration will be closed on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December.

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

**Mon. 8am** Donors Intentions **10am** Mike Tierney  
**Tues. 8am** Donors Intentions **10am** Mary Wade & Sean Shea  
**Wed. 8am** Donal & Bridie Ryan **10am** Christy Hynes  
**Thurs. 8am** Annie May Mullaney **10am** Niamh Davison  
**Fri. 8am** Owen & Anna Dwyer **10am** Joe Kenny  
**Sat. 8am** Jim & Nelly Fergus and decd. members Fergus & Broderick family **10am** May Callinan  
**Sun. 9am** Thomas & Lily Keary and deceased family **11am** Michael & Mary Newell  
**6pm** John, Annie and Rosie O’Rourke



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

**The Presbytery 091 – 841212    The Abbey 091 – 841209**  
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**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

**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: Cathedral & Abbey**

**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. 2-3pm

**Abbey:** Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Confessions after 10am Mass  
 10.30am-11am  
 Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Confessions after 10am Mass 10.30am-11.00am  
 12noon-1pm and 3.30-4.30pm  
 Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Confessions after 10am Mass 10.30-11.00am  
 12noon-1pm, 3.30-4.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm  
 Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Confessions 4.00-5.00 pm.  
 Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. (Christmas Eve): Confessions after 10am Mass 10.30am-5pm.

**Christmas Mass Times in the Cathedral**

**Christmas Eve, Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**8pm & 12 midnight**

**Christmas Day, Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**10am & 12 noon**

**St Stephen’s Day, Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**11am only**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Christmas Mass Times in the Abbey**

**Christmas Eve, Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**10am and 9pm (Vigil Christmas Mass)**

**Christmas Day, Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**9am & 11am only**  
**No 6pm Mass on Christmas Day**

**St Stephen’s Day Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
**10am only**  
**Masses 10am for the rest of the week.**

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kenneth Greally, Athenry Road, Loughrea, Angela Hoey, (sister of Sr Louis Marie, Mercy Convent, Loughrea), Teresa (Bobbie) Walkeden, nee Connaire, Australia, originally from Beech Hill, Woodlawn (sister of Kitty Smyth, Mount Pleasant) and Margaret King, Coorheen, Loughrea, who died recently.  
**Baptisms:** We welcome into God’s family Odhran James Killeen, Beechwood Close, Loughrea.

**The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 and will reopen on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at 9.30am.**

**The Carmelite Abbey Office is closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 2nd January except briefly after the 10am Mass in an emergency.**

### **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 Group** would like to thank all who donated spot prizes and money towards their annual Christmas Party. We also wish to thank the Musicians, Dancers and Singers who helped to make Sunday a very enjoyable day. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New year.

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

**All Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith and Life**, Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 Feast of Mother of God. Venue: Dáil Eireann, Merrion Square, Dublin at 12 noon. All welcome. Contact 086-3207466 for details.

**John Paul II Award Scheme**, If there are any Transition, 5th or 6th Year students interested in this scheme, please contact your local priest or Ms Marie Burke at 083-8791745 for details.

**Loughrea Lions Club Food Appeal Fundraiser** The annual Fun-Run/jog/walk, organised by L'rea Lions Club will be held on St. Stephen's Day at 12 noon, starting at the A.I.B, Main St. This is a vital part of the fund-raising campaign for the Christmas Food Appeal. Hot drinks will be provided at the finish and a draw for spot prizes will be held for all finishers. All funds raised will be used locally.

**Loughrea Lions Club Annual Christmas Concert** Tues. 18th 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.

**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.

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

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

**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)

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

**Intensive Christmas Courses and Study** for Junior and Leaving Cert students in Study Hub L'rea, 2nd to 5th January in Higher Level Irish, Mathematics and French. Courses are run by highly experienced teachers that are exam focused.

**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.

**Dance Classes** with Gerry Tynan in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa will resume again in mid-February. Gerry would like to wish all a very Happy Christmas.

**Hurling Club Lotto:** Winning numbers: 9, 18, 27, 30. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €10,300.

### **Temperance Hall Events**

**BRAVO Theatre Group Juniors** proudly present their annual concert 'Winter Wonderland' on the 15th & 16th December. Tickets will be available from December 1st from Loughrea School and Office Supplies.

This year the raffle is in support of Niamh Davison Rehabilitation Fund. Little Niamh is a friend of some of our BRAVO members and she is currently undergoing treatment for Stage 4 Brain Tumour and we are hoping our raffle proceeds help a little towards the fund.

**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 Activity Assoc.** Wish all their members a happy and peaceful Christmas. Next meeting 14th January, 2019. Bowling Mon, 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays, 11am-1pm.

**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.

**Line Dancing Classes 2019** Line dancing classes starting in the tea room on Wed.16<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 8pm. All are welcome. Contact Sean @ 087-9761692.

**Whist** 8pm. New members welcome.

**Social & Ballroom Dance Classes 2019** starting Tues., 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 8.30pm in the main hall. Learn to jive, waltz, quick step, foxtrot. All are welcome. Contact Sean @ 087-761692 for details.

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087-2109396

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

