

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

**Christmas Eve**

**11am** Bridget Ann (Ciss) Sweeney

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Tues. 10am** Martin Fahy

**Wed. 11am** Alice Fahy

**Thurs. 11am** Fr John Higgins

**Fri. 11am** Martin O'Regan & Mamie O'Regan

**Sat. 11am** Anna Grant

**Sun. 10am** Griffin & Leahy family

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**8pm** Declan Duffy

**Midnight Mass** People of the Parish

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**12noon** Rafal Niedzialek

**No Evening Mass**

**8pm** No Evening Mass

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**8pm** Edward McKeon

**12noon** Cyril Connaughton

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm Christmas Eve**

M. Doyle, A. Gardiner, D. Shaughnessy

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass**

A. McTigue, E. McKiernan, M. Joyce

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am** J. Fitzgerald, P. O'Sullivan

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon**

M. O'Brien, M. Connolly, A. McTigue

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm** G. Dervan, J. Beatty

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am** M. Murphy

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon** D. Fahy, M. Chambers

**Mass Servers**

**Team A** Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm

**Team B** Midnight Mass

**Team C** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am

**Team D** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon

**Team E** Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm

**Team F** Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am

**Team A** Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon

**Ministers of the Word**

**Christmas Eve Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm** St Brendan N.S.

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Midnight Mass** Michael Martin

**Christmas Day Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am** Declan Joyce

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon** Tommy Flynn

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm** Jane Doheny

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12noon** Ted McDonnell

***Cathedral Collections:***

**Offertory: €1,105**

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jo Costello, Leitrim Mór, Loughrea, who died recently.

**Baptisms:** Please welcome into God's family Sophia Christina Loughnane, Barrack Street, Loughrea.

**Confession Times: The Cathedral** - Christmas Eve Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2.00-3.00pm

**The Abbey** - 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.

**Chapel of Adoration will be closed on Monday, 24th December, Tuesday, 25th December and Wednesday, 26th December.**



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

The Presbytery 091 – 841212 The Abbey 091 – 841209

Website – [loughreacathedral.ie](http://loughreacathedral.ie) [clonfertdiocese.ie](http://clonfertdiocese.ie)

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**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

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

**Christmas Eve**

**8am** Ned & Theresa Murray

**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**8am** Kelly & Elwood families decd.

**Wed. 8am** Paddy Watson

**Thurs. 8am** Anna, Albert & Honorah Grant and deceased family members

**Fri. 8am** Donors Intentions

**Sat. 8am** Jimmy, Eileen & John Kelly

**Sun. 9am** John & Angela Egan

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am** Martin Leahy

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am** Tom Shaw

**10am** Mary Kate Kelly & deceased Kelly family members

**10am** Jacky & Teresa McLoughlin

**10am** Dermot & Ciss Sweeney and decd. family

**10am** William Loughnane

**11am** John & Kate Barnicle and deceased family members

**6pm** Bill Reynolds & decd. family of Reynolds & Casey family

**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.**

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

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

***Happy Christmas from Bishop Kirby,  
Monsignor Cathal, Fr Augustine, Fr Aidan  
and the Priests of the Carmelite Abbey.***

### 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.

**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.

**Mass & Blessing of St. Dominic's Well** in Esker on the 5th & 6th January at 11am. This is a tradition for many years where people come to take home the blessed water to sprinkle on their homes and farms. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**Anam Cara Galway**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening Wed., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan., at 7:20pm in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**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 Icebreakers Christmas Day Swim**, in aid of CASA Loughrea, takes place on Christmas morning at 11.30am at the Long Point, Loughrea. Anyone wishing to participate can register on the morning from 11am. All monies raised will be used to sustain activities of CASA Loughrea, a voluntary organisation supporting people with disabilities.

**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.

**Thanks** to all who contributed to Liz Keane Coffee morning in aid of Jack & Jill. Total collected was €657.50, so sincere thanks to all.

**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: 7, 17, 19, 23. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €10,400.

### 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 Activity Assoc.** Wish all their members a happy and peaceful Christmas. Next meeting on 14th January, 2019. Bowling: Mondays, 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. Call 087-6133297 for more details.

**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 Thursday nights except 27<sup>th</sup> Dec., Whist at 7pm. 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

