

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

<b>Mon. 11am</b> Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b> Tommy & Bobby Carty
<b>Tues. 11am</b> Brian Greally	<b>8pm</b> Elizabeth & John Lambert
<b>Wed. 11am</b> Thomas Derham	<b>8pm</b> Stan O'Flaherty
<b>Thurs. 11am</b> People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b> Personal Intention
<b>Fri. 11am</b> Nora Ruhan	<b>8pm</b> Tom Hynes
<b>Sat. 11am</b> Kathleen Murphy, Bridget Beatty and Eileen Mannion	<b>8pm</b> Michael (Mickey) Healy
<b>Sun. 10am</b> John Joe Moran	<b>12noon</b> Gerry Holohan

<p><b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u></b></p> <p><b>Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8pm</b> M. Doyle, A. Gardiner  <b>Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am</b> M. Joyce  <b>Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12noon</b> D. Shaughnessy, E. McKiernan</p>	<p><b><u>Mass Servers</u></b></p> <p><b>Team E</b> Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8pm  <b>Team F</b> Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am  <b>Team D</b> Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12 noon</p>
<p><b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b></p> <p><b>Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8pm</b> Mary Nix  <b>Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12 noon</b> Declan Joyce</p>	<p><b><u>Cathedral Collections:</u></b></p> <p><b>Offertory:</b> €1,133  <b>Restoration:</b> €665</p>

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ena Kelly, Athenry Road, Loughrea who died recently.

**Fr Bernard Cuffe 1 year anniversary Mass will be held on  
Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in The Abbey.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

<b>Mon. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Arthur & Agnes Wellwood
<b>Tues. 8am</b> Donors Intentions	<b>10am</b> Lizzie Moran
<b>Wed. 8am</b> Michael Donohue	<b>10am</b> The Dead of the Carmelite Order
<b>Thurs. 8am</b> Paddy & Josephine Crowe	<b>10am</b> Paddy Loughnane
<b>Fri. 8am</b> Sean, Phyliss & Essie Cleary	<b>10am</b> Donors Intentions
<b>Sat. 8am</b> Mattie Healey	<b>10am</b> Michael & Micky Healy
<b>Sun. 9am</b> Joe Greene and deceased members	<b>11am</b> Pat & Paddy Finnerty and deceased members of Sheehan family
	<b>6pm</b> John, Mary-Anne, Alfie and Lucy Callanan

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**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

### **SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 2:1-11**

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
2. John uses a number of images (marriage, wine, feast, etc.) to symbolise the abundance of God's love. Do you have a favourite image, or metaphor, that reminds you of the abundance of God's love and blessings?
3. The hour of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed. Even so, something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us, also, the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the signs that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.
4. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had initially been disappointed?

*John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)*

### **THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'**

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

*Jane Mellett (Intercom Magazine)*

**An Ecumenical Prayer Service** will take place on Monday, 21st Jan. at 4pm in Mount Carmel Chapel. The theme of the service is Justice. All are welcome.

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

**Remembrance Service** for bereaved parents will be held in Portiuncula Hospital Chapel on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

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

**Knock Shrine** Day of Prayer at St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10am-5pm by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Holy Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Talks. Contact Helen: 086-1678027. [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) or [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages** April-Oct. 2019. 7 nights B&B and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. For further info. and to book, call 01-4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**Beginning Experience** 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April, Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation. For more details, contact Gerry @ [086-3855090](tel:086-3855090) or Maureen @ [087-6646896](tel:087-6646896).

**Parish Heart Screening Offer** Pulsewave Ireland Heart & Artery screening in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. Normal cost of screening is €50 per person, cost €30 per person. Appointments available from 11am to 8pm daily. Call 087-7151623, spaces are limited.

**Western Alzheimer's Befriender Service** - to support people at the early and later stages of dementia. Meeting Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January in Menlo Park Hotel, Galway, 11am-1pm. Full training and induction provided. Contact the office at 091-565193 for more details.

**Study Theology Online** by distance learning. To register: [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) or call: 01-4048124.

**Irish Conversation Hour** every Wed. 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.

**Atlantic Hearing Services** A hearing clinic will be held in Brogan's Pharmacy, Loughrea, by appointment, on 087-9622244. Hearing tests are conducted free of charge. People have the opportunity to try out hearing aids for a trial period.

**Reflexology** at Lakeshore Medical Centre, Loughrea, 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, L'rea Family & Community Resource Centre. More info., 091-871149.

**St Brendan's Education Centre:** Train the Trainer Course QQI Level 6 places available, also for March intake for Tourism QQI level 5. If we get sufficient numbers we will run a Full Level 6 Childcare in March. Phone 091 841387 or email [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie)/[john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie)

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

**Loughrea Gaelic Football Club's** membership/registration evening is to be held Monday, 21st January from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Loughrea Hotel and Spa. New members welcome.

**Loughrea Pipe Band** are looking for new members. What about giving it a try or if you know of anyone young or old that would like to play the pipes or drums, please contact Joe @ 087-2745093 or Paul @ 086-0816889.

**Progressive 25** card game run by St. Raphael's College Parents' Association in the Loughrea Hotel & Spa on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Top prizes, raffle, tea & coffee. Tickets €10 and are available at the door. All are welcome.

**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.

**Loughrea Hurling Club Race Night Fundraiser** in The Auld Triangle Bar, Fri., Jan., 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Horses can be purchased from any committee member.

**Hurling Club Lotto:** Winning numbers: 4, 14, 25, 31. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €10,700.

**Yoga Classes** starting in Loughrea Youth Theatre on Monday & Thursday nights @ 8pm. Call Julia: 086-2608039.

**Vinyasa Yoga Classes** with Liz Kirby, every Wednesday evening at Loughrea Family Resource Centre, please call [087-6314581](tel:087-6314581) for details & to book a place.

**Yoga at Loughrea Boxing Club** Gentle yoga practice for everyone. €40 for ANY five classes. Tues: 10.30am-12noon. Wed: 7-8pm. Everyone welcome and everything provided for you. Call Kate on 085-7504420.

**Chair Yoga at Loughrea Family Resource Centre.** Relaxing Chair Based Yoga: Thurs. 10.30-11.30am. €30 for 3 Classes. Everyone welcome and everything provided for you. Call Kate 085-7504420.

## Temperance Hall Events

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

**Loughrea Activity Assoc.** Next meeting 21st January, 2019 @ 7pm. New members welcome. Bowling Mon, 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays, 11am-1pm.

**Karate Classes** for beginners and members, Monday and Wednesday, 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 in the tea room every Wednesday at 8pm. All are welcome, fee €5. Contact Sean @ 087-9761692.

**Whist** on Thursdays at 8pm. New members welcome.

**Social & Ballroom Dance Classes 2019** every Tuesday at 8.30pm, in the main hall. Learn to jive, waltz, quick step, foxtrot. All are welcome. Fee €8 Contact Sean @ 087-761692 for details.

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087-2109396

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

