

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Charlie Ward	8pm Christy McCormack
Tues. 11am The Byrnes family	8pm Julia & Martin Connelly
Wed. 11am Laurence & Mary Conway	8pm Christina, Mary & Mikey Joe Tully
Thurs. 11am Brother Kenneth Fitzgerald	8pm Margaret McDonnell
Fri. 11am William O' Halloran	8pm Vincent Maher
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Declan McCormack
Sun. 10am Tom O'Brien	12noon John Murphy

<p><u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 23rd Feb. 8pm J. Beatty, G.Dervan. Sun. 24th Feb. 10am D. Fahy Sun. 24th Feb. 12 noon M.Chambers, M.Murphy</p>	<p><u>Mass Servers</u> Team D Sat. 23th Feb. 8pm Team E Sun. 24th Feb 10am Team F Sun. 24th Feb. 12 noon</p>
<p><u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 23rd Feb. 8pm Ann Flynn Sun. 24th Feb. 12 noon Mark Connolly</p>	<p><u>Cathedral Collections:</u> Offertory: €1,215 Restoration: €556</p>
<p>The second basket collection in the Parish next weekend is the Annual Mission Appeal by the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Assumption. They would greatly appreciate any support you can give to their missionary work, among some of the poorest people of today's world, particularly in Latin America.</p>	

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marzena Kotowska, Danesfort Court, Loughrea and Carmel Bowyer nee Healy, Liverpool, formerly of Athenry Road, Loughrea who died recently.

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Sophia Grace O'Loughlin, Old Galway Rd Loughrea.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Gerry & Roseleen Connolly	10am Leo Donnelly
Tues. 8am Mr & Mrs Rohan	10am Pat & Nancy Flynn
Wed. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Thomas Long
Thurs. 8am Peggy & Pat McDermott	10am Michael Keane & deceased family members
Fri. 8am Maureen Hynes	10am John & Jimmy Crowe
Sat. 8am Brendan & Myra Sweeney	10am Tom & Agnes O'Brien
Sun. 9am Patrick & Nora Elwood	11am Burke & Kennedy family decd. 6pm Teresa & Michael Flynn

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Sunday, 17th February 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

1. We are told that Jesus 'fixed his eyes on the disciples' before speaking. This suggests that he was about to say something that he really wanted them to take in. Surprisingly he then tells them it is no bad thing for us to be poor or hungry. But perhaps you have recognised the truth in what St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.'
2. 'Blessed are you who weep' is not an encouragement to be miserable. Rather it is an affirmation of the importance of loving relationships in life. We are blessed to have such people in our lives, but there may also be pain. Yet is it not true that the blessing of loving and being loved is worth the price you pay?
3. Jesus said that his followers would be open to opposition and ridicule because of him, and that they are blessed when this happens. Unpleasant it may, but have you not been grateful on those occasions when you had the courage to stand by something that you believed in?

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

The Deep End • How happy

What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever. Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include:

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Triona Doherty (Intercom Magazine)

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

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533. Up to twelve sessions are available there, is no fee.

Beginning Experience 5th-7th 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).

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.

English & Irish Grinds/Home Tuition available for secondary school students from 1st Year to Leaving Certificate. Ph: 085-7622367 for further details.

Business Studies Grinds for Junior and Leaving Cert Students. One-to-one basis, available evenings and weekends. Call Ashling @ 083-4774675.

Study Hub L'rea Leaving Cert HL Irish & German oral preparation course 18th Feb. To book, contact Breda @ 086-3792360 or via www.studyhubloughrea.ie

Loughrea Community Preschool, Barrack Street, now enrolling for September 2019. Free ECCE places available. Contact 087-7660687 for more details.

French Mid-Term Oral Examination Course 19th, 20th and 21st February. One to one basis, experienced teacher. Contact Ann Dempsey 087-6712487.

Lost and found. Glasses and case found in cathedral grounds. Please contact Parish Office 091-841212.

St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St. Loughrea 091 841387. Work Experience and Safety & Health at work, end of February/start of March. Understanding Mental Health will begin in March if we get sufficient numbers and Childcare Level 6. If interested email john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie or phone the above number.

Hurling Club Lotto: Winning numbers: 6, 18, 19, 32. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot €11,100.

Loughrea Tennis Club are running Junior Coaching at the club Wed. and Thurs. evenings (in 5 week blocks) ages 5-16years, to book a place, contact [0868514356](tel:0868514356). Adult Coaching lessons Sunday evenings 7.30pm to 8.30 pm to book a place contact [0868216207](tel:0868216207). Open to members and non members. All coaching provided by fully qualified Tennis Ireland Coaches.

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

You Can Be An Artist. Grinds for Leaving Cert, Portfolio Preparation for College/University, Portrait & Drawing Lessons one to one. Experienced Artist/Tutor BA Hons. Kilnadeema, Loughrea. Enquiries -[083-1874638](tel:083-1874638)

Bank Of Ireland Community Mortgage Event-Information evening BOI Loughrea, Wed. 20th Feb. 6-8pm. Open to public - email emer.conway@boi.com for further information.

SEAI Information Event in Loughrea Hotel & Spa Monday, 18th February at 8pm. All welcome. Free event. Hear from SEAI, Irish Rural Link and Churchfield Contractors about which grants you may be entitled to. If you are in receipt of certain social welfare payments you may even be entitled to some of these measures for free.

Loughrea Medieval Festival has won the Le Chéile san Eoraip award at the National Heritage Awards, which took place at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin on Wednesday, 6th February. Thanks to Colman Shaughnessy and Joe Loughnane for accepting the award for the 2018 event, '*A Taste of the Past: Exploring Our European Connections*'.

BAFFLE Poetry Group are holding their Annual General Meeting on Tue 12th March at 7.30 pm in Harney's Bar, Barrack Street, Loughrea and everybody is very welcome to attend.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre places available on its Rainbows Separation Programme. Level 1 - age 7 & 8 yrs, Level 3 ages 11 & 12 years. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact Aine at 091-871149. Thank you

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.

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.

Temperance Hall Events

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present their Spring Comedy, A Wake in the West, by Michael J. Ginnelly, on Saturday Feb 23rd and Sunday Feb. 24th at 8pm. Tickets are €10 in advance from T. L. O'Briens, Main St., €12 on the door. For more details, contact 083-8633796.

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

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Meeting Monday at 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 @ 087-9761692 for details.

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