

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Gerard & John Flynn and decd. mbrs. of Flynn family	8pm Margaret King
Tues. 11am The Holy Souls	8pm Jacko, Nora & Shaun Kelly
Ash Wednesday	
Wed. 11am Betty Forde	8pm Aggie & Paddy Duffy
Thurs. 11am Liam Herlihy	8pm Florence Mahony
Fri. 11am May Broderick	8pm Christopher Daniels MM
Sat. 11am Noel Colleran	8pm Frank Winters
Sun. 10am Personal intention	12noon Kathleen & Brendan Killackey

<u>Ministers of the Eucharist:</u> Sat. 9th Mar. 8pm P. O'Sullivan, M. O'Brien Sun. 10th Mar. 10am J. Fitzgerald. Sun. 10th Mar 12 noon M. Joyce, A. McTigue	<u>Mass Servers</u> Team E Sat. 9 th Mar. 8pm Team F Sun. 10 th Mar. 10am Team D Sun. 10 th Mar. 12noon
<u>Cathedral Collections:</u> Offertory: €945	<u>Ministers of the Word</u> Sat. 9th Mar. 8pm Alina Soji Sun. 10th Mar. 12 noon Declan Joyce
The Second Basket Collection next weekend is the Diocesan Lenten Collection. Please support as this money is used to meet the administrative costs of the Diocese	

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Ben Thomas Regan, Carraig Mór, Loughrea and Lily Donnellan, Cois Furain, Loughrea.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Maughan, St Laurence's Fields, Loughrea and Teresa Kelly, Ashlawn, Loughrea, who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Teresa Hannify	10am The Dead of the Carmelite Order
Tues. 8am Paddy Watson	10am Mass for Vocations
Ash Wednesday	
Wed. 8am Martha Callinan	10am Sheanon & Leonard families
Thurs. 8am John & Mary Howley and decd. family	10am Andrew & May Gardiner
Fri. 8am Jack & Margaret Lyons	10am Mary, Thomas & Frank Fahy
Sat. 8am Patrick Nulty	10am Seamus Lyons
Sun. 9am Maria Costello	11am Martin, Annie & Nancy Wade
	6pm James Haverty

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Sunday, 3rd March 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Day of Prayer for Temperance

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed after 11am and 8pm Masses on Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food that we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement. Those over 18 are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of the sixtieth year whole and all over fourteen years are bound by the law of abstinence.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8pm Mass.

Remember to use your Trocaire Boxes. They are available at the back of the Cathedral and will also be distributed through the schools. With the support of people in Ireland, Trocaire will deliver humanitarian aid to over two million people in crisis.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

Day of Prayer for Temperance

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
2. If we want to help other people we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
3. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit. This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends. (*Intercom Magazine*)

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-2109396

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
086 – 0551134

Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering, Sun. 10th March, 2.30–5.15 pm, Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Society St., B'sloe. Speaker: Fr. Aidan Ryan (Ardagh & Clonmacnois). Topic: *The call to holiness in today's world – reflecting with Pope Francis*. All welcome. Free Adm. Raffle to raise funds for faith related projects.

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 @ 083-8791745 for details.

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

Stations of the Cross Outdoor veneration of the Stations of the Cross on Ash Wednesday, 6th March at 5.30pm in St Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey Parish. Everybody is welcome to this special event.

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: 01-5053028, mobile: 086-7710533. Up to twelve sessions available, no fee.

Redemptorist Retreat Centre, Athenry Beginning Experience weekend for people who have lost a spouse through death, divorce, or separation, 5-7th April. Details contact Gerry 0863855090 Maureen 0876646896

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2019: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person sharing. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further information and to book the dates that suit you. Tel. 014434510 or e-mail reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Special Loughrea Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June and **Special Loughrea Medjugorje Pilgrimage for Youth Festival August 2019** both ex Dublin. Payments by instalments acceptable. Contact James Treacy 086-0572216.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019 Fr Benny McHale (Athenry) pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Mon. 24th June to Thurs. 4th July 2019. As occupancy fills up very quickly, it is advisable to contact him as soon as possible: 091- 844227.

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).

Fostering Awareness Fortnight Fostering & Adoption Information Morning at Loughrea Family Resource & Community Centre, Tues.5th March 10am - 1pm.

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.

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.

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

Found – a walking stick in the Cathedral also rosary beads. Please ring the Parish office @091- 841212 for details.

St Brendan's Boys' National School Fundraising: – New School Hall under construction. If you are a past student or have any connection with St Brendan's Boys' school, would you consider making a donation either directly to the school or through our website www.stbrendansbns.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Sun.17th March, starting at Barrack Street at 1pm. This year's theme is "**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**" - prizes for best window display & fancy dress on the day, depicting the theme. Entry forms from Mary at Florabunda Flower Shop. Closing date for entries: March, 11th. Parade followed by a party with DJ & treats for the kiddies in the Temperance Hall. Volunteers urgently needed for stewarding at the Parade. To volunteer, contact 086-0513209.

BAFFLE Poetry Group Annual General Meeting Tues. 12th March at 7.30 pm in Harney's Bar, Barrack Street. Everybody is very welcome to attend.

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

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.

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.

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

Hurling Club Lotto: Winning numbers: 11, 15, 20, 32. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot €11,300.

Temperance Hall Events

Friends For Life Loughrea Pro Life Group Meeting Mon. March 4th at 7pm. New members welcome. Tel. Lidia 085-1396886 for more details.

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

Loughrea Activity Assoc. No Meeting Monday. New members welcome. Bowling Mon, 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays, 11am-1pm.

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present their final two performances of their popular Comedy, *A Wake in the West* by Michael J. Ginnelly, Sat. & Sun. 9th and 10th March at 8pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien, Main St., €12 on the door. For more info., contact 083-8633796.

Karate Classes for beginners and members, Mon. & Wed. 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome, ladies & gents and children over 8yrs of age. For details, 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 every Tuesday at 8.30pm, in the main hall. Learn to jive, waltz, quick step, and foxtrot. All are welcome. Fee €8. Contact Sean @ 087-9761692 for details.

