

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am	The Conniffe family	8pm	Gemma Daniels
Tues. 11am	Seamus & Fr. Tom Kennedy	8pm	Liam Herlihy
Wed. 11am	Peter & Gertrude Egan	8pm	Sean & Maude Hannon
Thurs. 11am	People of the Parish	8pm	Teresa & James McDonald
Fri. 11am	Personal Intention	8pm	Michael Feeny
Sat. 11am	Joe & Carmel Maher	8pm	Jimmy & Margaret Levis and Patrick & Mary Dolan
Sun. 10am	Raymond & Josephine Muldoon	12noon	Brendan Daniels

<u>Ministers of The Eucharist</u>	<u>Mass Servers</u>
Sat. 8th Feb. 8pm G. Dervan, J. Beatty	Team A Sat. 8th Feb. 8pm
Sun. 9th Feb. 10am D. Shaughnessy, D. Quinn	Team B Sun. 9th Feb. 10am
Sun. 9th Feb. 12noon D. Fahy, M. Chambers	Team C Sun. 9th Feb. 12noon
<u>Ministers of the Word</u>	<u>Cathedral Collections</u>
Sat 8th Feb 8pm Ann Flynn	Offertory: €1410
Sun 9th Feb 12noon Anna Cronin	Restoration: €520
The Second Basket Collection this week is for the Annual Clonfert-Lourdes Fund	
Candlemas Day Sunday 2 nd Feb. Blessing of candles for church and home use will take place at all Masses Sat. 1 st Feb. 8pm and Sun. 2 nd Feb. 10am & 12noon.	
Blessing of Throats Mon. 3 rd Feb. Feast of St. Blaise, after 11am and 8pm Masses.	

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Lyons (nee Joynt) Newtowndaly, Loughrea, Co. Galway who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am	Theresa Mullen	10am	Dympna Kelly
Tues. 8am	Brigid Ennis	10am	Teresa Hardiman
Wed. 8am	Sarah O'Hanlon	10am	Dora & Michael Casey
Thurs. 8am	Maureen Hynes	10am	Joe and Nora Geary
Fri. 8am	Annie & Lizzie Moran and Teresa Cunningham	10am	Peggy & Pat McDermott
Sat. 8am	Anne Mahoney & Michael Monahan	10am	Martin & Beasie Fahy
Sun. 9am	Willie Joe & Rita Kelly	11am	Mark Madden
		6pm	Michelle Kelly

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Sunday 2nd February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord – World Day for Consecrated Life

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. It was a day that started without an expectation of anything unusual. Simeon and Anna set about making a visit to the Temple that had become part of their daily routine. Joseph and Mary were going to make the presentation of their child in the Temple, an optional but common practice of God-fearing parents. What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, or advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?
3. Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God?
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life?
John Byrne osa Intercom Magazine

The Deep End – Unexpected Moments

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the new-born Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.
Triona Doherty Intercom Magazine

Please note the new Parish email address is:

cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie

Newsletter Items:

loughreacathedralnewsletter@eircom.net

Live Streaming Cameras All our Masses are now live streamed. They can be viewed on the Cathedral website www.loughreacathedral.ie or www.churchservices.tv

John Paul II Award Scheme, if there are any Transition, 5th/6th Year students interested in this scheme, please contact your local priest or Ms Marie Burke: 087 2048683 for details.

Clonfert Diocese's Schools Public Speaking Competition in St. Raphael's College, Loughrea, 7.30pm – 10pm Tuesday 4th February. All welcome. More info: www.creideamh.ie/youth.

Time to Ponder The Lord's Prayer? Short course begins in the Family Centre, Ballinasloe, 8pm – 9.15pm, Sun. 2nd Feb. see www.creideamh.ie/prayer.

The Legion of Mary meets each Monday at 8.30pm in the Presbytery.

New members most welcome. For further information, contact 091 870327.

St. Padre Pio 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass and Devotions 8pm – 9pm.

Enrolment at St. Ita's N.S. 2020. St. Ita's N.S. are currently accepting enrolments for September 2020. Parents/Guardians who wish to enrol a child may do so by calling to the school to collect enrolment documents on any of the following dates and times: Mon. 3rd to Fri. 7th Feb. from 9.30am – 3.30pm and Wed. 5th Feb. 6pm – 8pm. For more info., please phone 091841605 during school hours.

ACCORD Ballinasloe provide professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. Contact 090 9643573 for appointment or email ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

Our Lady of Clonfert Church is closed to accommodate extensive renovations. The Statue of Our Lady of Clonfert will reside in St. Brendan's Church, Eyrecourt, for the duration of the works (Eircode H53 XV25). The newly renovated Church will reopen on Sunday 26th of April 2020. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 090 9675113.

The Annual Service of Remembrance for parents who have experienced bereavement through the loss of their baby or child will be held in Portiuncula Hospital Chapel on Monday 3rd February at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancy for general operative. If interested contact local Intreo/Social Welfare Office (Reference Number #CES2084033) for eligibility. For more info., contact Parish Office: 091 841212. Closing date for receipt of applications: 14th February 2020.

St. Brendan's Education Centre Abbey St., Loughrea are holding a Word Processing Level 5 (basic MS Word processing required) starting 8th Feb. 9.30am – 1pm. Phone 091 841387 or email freda.murphy@gretb.ie for bookings.

Free Computer & Internet Classes for Beginners and Farmers with Galway Rural Development and Irish Rural Link in a venue near you. If you are working in the rural community, farming, a senior citizen, unemployed or part time employed then this course is for you. Contact Anne Cassidy, GRD Rural Resource Officer on 087 7685711 or email: acassidy@grd.ie

Grinds starting in January, Leaving & Junior Cert. German and French. Contact Ursula 086 3830710.

"Invitation" to an Evening of Music & Prose in the Loughrea Library on Sun. 2nd Feb. at 7pm sharp. In aid of Carers Association (Loughrea Branch). Featuring The Grey Lake Quartet, Jonny Pollock & Tony Callanan. Adm. Free. All donations appreciated. Wine & finger food served. Please support this worthy Charity.

Can you spare 2-3 hrs per week? Western Alzheimers are looking for volunteers for their befriending service. Meetings will be held in: Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam 4th Feb. at 11am, Menlo Park Hotel, Galway 5th Feb. at 11am and Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe 6th Feb. at 11am. For further details, please contact 091 565193.

Family Carers Ireland is actively recruiting to build on its existing team of Home Care Workers in Loughrea and surrounding areas. Excellent remuneration rates and flexible working hours available. QQI Healthcare Award including Care Skills and Care of the Older Person desirable. For further information, please telephone 091 885030 or email galway@familycarers.ie

P.A.L.S. is a new Autism Support Group for parents, guardians and carers of people with Autism, offering info., support and meeting weekly in the Loughrea Family Support Centre on Tues. 9.30 am (gathering for coffee) and 10-11am for meeting. Go to Facebook P.A.L.S. Autism Support Group or contact Paula on 085 7156031.

Sean Nós Dancing Family Resource Centre, commencing on Monday nights. Call Bernie at 086 3731547. Everyone welcome.

Set Dancing Family Resource Centre, Thursday nights Adults 8.30pm–10.30pm and Friday evenings Children 5.30pm–8.30pm. Call Bridie on 087 6202451.

Hurling Club Lotto: Winning numbers: 05, 15, 17, 27. Next week's Jackpot €7300. Two match three winners.

Yoga Classes on Mondays at 6.30pm and 8pm in the new Loughrea Youth Theatre, Unit 3 Bride Street.

Morning Yoga Classes on Monday's at 10am in the new Loughrea Youth Theatre, Unit 3 Bride Street. Contact Julia at 086 2608039.

Easy Seated Pilates Classes (Stiffness/Injured/Senior). Every Wednesday at 12pm in Loughrea Youth Theatre. Contact Malvina 083 4040137, booking essential.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Bingo every Friday night at 8.30pm. Jackpot €10,000.

Irish dancing for children age 4 and upwards 5pm Monday and Friday advanced class 6pm. Adult class Tuesday evenings 7.15pm. All classes in Temp Hall. For further info. contact Mary Fraughen Barrett T.C.R.G at 087 9597560. Class also in St Ita's School hall Wednesday at 3pm.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Bowling Mon., 1.30pm-3.30pm, Tues., 11am-1pm.

Whist on Thursdays at 8pm. New members welcome.

Children's Art & Crafts 6 week's course, starting Tuesday 11th Feb. 4pm – 5.30pm 5 – 10yrs. Cost: €65, if interested please contact Grace 086 8919963

Karate Classes for Beginners Mondays & Wednesdays in Temperance Hall at 7.30–9 pm. For adults and juniors over 8yrs of age. Contact for info., 087 6133297. Black belt instructors.

Karate Classes for children, boys and girls 5, 6 and 7 yrs. old every Wednesday 7-8pm. Black belt instructor. Phone 087 6316793.

Yoga-Dance Fusion for improving posture and flexibility Tuesdays at 7pm for Beginners and Thursdays at 7.15pm for Intermediate. To Book call 087 3340217

Bethany Bereavement Group
087-9660309

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086 – 0551134