

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>11am</b>	May Broderick	<b>8pm</b>	Frank & Mary Winters
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>11am</b>	Anna Ward	<b>8pm</b>	Bridie & Joe Farrell
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>11am</b>	Anne Lavelle	<b>8pm</b>	Jimmy Conway
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>11am</b>	People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b>	Bridget Tully Barrett
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>11am</b>	Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b>	John Kelly
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11am</b>	Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b>	Mary-Kate, John & Teresa McHugh
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>10am</b>	May, John & Joseph Toohey	<b>12noon</b>	Ned Kenny

### Ministers of The Eucharist

<b>Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8pm</b>	G. Dervan, J. Beatty
<b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am</b>	D. Fahy, D. Quinn
<b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12noon</b>	M. Chambers, C. Darcy

### Ministers of the Word

<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8pm</b>	Frances Blake
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12noon</b>	Ann Flynn

### Mass Servers

<b>Team F Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8pm</b>
<b>Team D Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am</b>
<b>Team E Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. 12noon</b>

### Cathedral Collections

**Offertory: €1240**

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Sean Lyons, retired Parish Priest Abbey/Duniry formerly Shragh, Woodford and Gabriel Dillon, Rhode, Co. Offaly formerly Barrack St, Loughrea who died recently.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

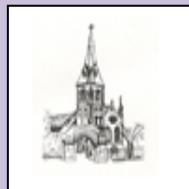
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>10am</b>	John Ryan
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>10am</b>	Peter Leahy
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy souls	<b>10am</b>	Carmel Hurley
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>10am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8am</b>	Private Intention	<b>10am</b>	Raymond & Delia Madden
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>10am</b>	Paddy, Josephine, John & Jimmy Crowe
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9am</b>	Patrick Nulty	<b>11am</b>	Thomas, Mary & Frank Fahy
			<b>6pm</b>	Patricia Monahan

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**Sunday 8th March 2020 - Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

1. The transfiguration experience was one that, for Jesus, clarified his relationship with his Father and strengthened him for the future. It was also a moment of deep revelation for the disciples. What have been the experiences, the moments of insight, which for you have clarified your sense of who you are, and what is your relationship with God?
2. On the mountain the disciples saw Jesus in a new way. His appearance changed. Sometimes in friendship there are moments of sharing in which we get to know a friend in a new and deeper way. Have you had that experience in human friendship, or in your relationship with God? Recall when that happened, and what it was like for you.
3. The clear vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah was followed by a frightening experience of being in a cloud and it was in the midst of the cloud that the disciples were instructed: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him.' Have you had the experience of learning the truth about life and about your relationship with God from moments of confusion as well as from times of joy?
4. After their special experience, the disciples came down the mountain again. We cannot live each day at the level of special spiritual experiences, but the memory of them can strengthen us in difficult times. What memories encourage you in time of trouble?

### **The Deep End – 'Listen to him'**

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times.

During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.

*'The entire material universe speaks of God's love ... Soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God ... From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine. Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'.*

*(Laudato Si, 84-85)*

**Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hungary** September 2020 Join Bishop Michael Duignan on the Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hungary from 15th – 21st Sept. Visiting Győr and Budapest for the 52<sup>nd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress. Cost: €845.00 per person sharing (single supplement applies). For more information or to book, contact Isabelle 091 - 841560. Places are limited, immediate booking advised.

**Annual Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2020. Under the Leadership of Bishop Michael Duignan. Medical & Nursing Care for: Assisted Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes. Includes: Insurance, Flights & Hotel, ex Shannon, 5 nights full board, all rooms en-suite. Cost €750, booking deposit €200. Return coach to and from Shannon Airport. More details contact Society Travel, Society St., Ballinasloe, 090 9645350

**Live Streaming Cameras** All our Masses are now live streamed. They can be viewed on the Cathedral website [www.loughreacathedral.ie](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Dev. Gathering** takes place Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm – 5pm at Scoil an Chróí Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe, H53 W603. Guest Speaker: Bishop Michael Duignan. Topic: "God Talk" Today – Raising the question of God within contemporary culture. More details at [www.creideamh.ie/gathering](http://www.creideamh.ie/gathering). All welcome.

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

**March Prayer Meeting** with Carmelite nuns is cancelled. We regret having to do this but think it might be in the best interests of us all. Let us pray to the good Lord to continue His loving Mercies to us all.

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

**Lenten Prayer** with St. Teresa of Avila every Thursday 7pm – 8pm from 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Carmelite Abbey. All welcome. For further info. contact 091 841209

**St. Padre Pio** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Mass and Devotions 8pm – 9pm.

**Loughrea Senior Citizens** will meet in the Abbey on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. New members welcome.

**Novena to Saint Patrick** from 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March. To download a copy of the novena and other resources for St. Patrick's Day visit [www.padraignaofa.ie](http://www.padraignaofa.ie)

**Bag Found** in the Grotto, please contact the Abbey Mass Office at 091 841209 or call into the office.

**Silent Retreat**, Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April. Theme "If you but knew the gift of God...", preached by Fr. Killian Byrne. Cost €380 full board. Contact Helen 00353 86 1678027/ [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com), [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)  
A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - who is love. Silence, prayers, teaching & liturgy of the Church.

**Beginning Experience** weekend for people who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at Redemptorist Centre Esker, Athenry. Contact Maureen 087 6646896 or Mary 087 9384446

**Brian Lynch's Fundraising Concert** featuring the talented students of Gort Community School and friends. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Sullivan's Hotel, Gort, in aid of Gort Cancer Support Group. Tickets €15 Adult/€10 Child. All support greatly appreciated.

**Manual Handling Training Course** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm – 8pm and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 11am - 1pm at Loughrea Family Resource Centre. Cost €50 per person. Call Lorraine on 087 9350425, spaces are limited.

**Looking for Host Families** for a group of Spanish Students who will be visiting Loughrea from 29<sup>th</sup> June - 27<sup>th</sup> July. The students attend St. Raphael's Mon. to Sat. from 10am to 5pm. For further info. please email: [maurawinters@givova.ie](mailto:maurawinters@givova.ie)

**Abbey Community Development Association** invite you to an information session with Clár IRD on Improving the Energy Efficiency of your Home, on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. in Abbey Community Centre at 9pm. This session will also provide assistance with applying for the 'Warmer Homes Scheme' Grant. All welcome

**Hurling Club Lotto:** Winning numbers: 13, 17, 20, 26. Next week's Jackpot €7800.  
**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.

**Morning Yoga Classes** on Mondays 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.

**Loughrea Line Dancers** Monday's, Beginners 7pm – 8pm, Advanced 8.10pm – 9.10pm. €8 per class. Phone 087 2649845

**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.

**The Seumas O'Kelly Players** presents their Spring Comedy, The Cripple of Inishmann by Martin McDonagh opening Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar with more shows Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea at 8pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien, Main St, Loughrea or €12 on the door. For further information please contact: 083 8633796

**Loughrea Activity Assoc.** Meeting Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. at 7.30pm in the Tea Room. New members welcome. Bowling Mon., 1.30pm-3.30pm, Tues., 11am-1pm.

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

**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

## HSE Coronavirus Guidelines

**Do's:** Wash your hands properly and often. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze. Put tissue into a bin and wash hands. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Try to avoid close contact with people who are not well. **Do not:** Touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

For further details visit: [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie), [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie)