

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon.	11am	Special Intention	8pm	Luke & Ita Kavanagh
St. Patrick's Day				
Tues.	10am	Norman & Geraldine Dowling	12noon	Personal Intention
Wed.	11am	Mary & William Woolley	8pm	May & Donie Cronin
Thurs.	11am	People of the Parish	8pm	Vincent Sheridan
Fri.	11am	Michael, Nelly & Liam Costello and Bridgie Ryan	8pm	Mary & Bodie Tierney
Sat	11am	Peggy Donnellan	8pm	John, Annie, Roseleen & Carmel O'Rourke
Sun.	10am	Tommy & Sarah Kelly and son Brian Kelly	12noon	Deceased members of MacCarthy family

These Masses will be offered privately in the Cathedral and will be available on live stream at www.loughreacathedral.ie and www.churchservices.tv.

Cathedral Collections: Offertory: €1325 Restoration: €645
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R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Glynn (nee Mannion) The Waterfront and late of Bride St., and Bailebane, Larchill, Loughrea who died recently.

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family Amie Doherty, Hazelwood, Loughrea and Billy Mahony, Danesfort Court, Loughrea.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon.	8am	Holy Souls	10am	Pat & Mary Anne Burke and deceased family
St. Patrick's Day				
Tues.	9am	Kevin Daniels	11am	Angela Casey nee Fergus & her son Mark
			6pm	Mary & Robert Floyd and Robert Jnr
Wed.	8am	Carmel, Patrick & Tim Fahy	10am	Martin, Teresa & Thomas Loughnane
Thurs.	8am	Holy Souls	10am	Anthony Kelly
Fri.	8am	Holy Souls	10am	Patrick Healy
Sat	8am	Donors Intention	10am	Larry (Frank) Smyth
Sun.	9am	Delia, John, Larry & Christie Moran	11am	Caroline Kelly
			6pm	Jim Haverty

These Masses will be offered privately in the Carmelite Abbey.

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Sunday 15th March 2020 - Third Sunday of Lent

Diocese of Clonfert

COVID-19 (coronavirus)

As of 12th March 2020

In order to comply with current Government advice and in the interest of the entire community especially those who are most vulnerable **the public celebration of all Sunday Masses and Weekday Masses (including St Patrick's Day) in the Diocese of Clonfert will be cancelled until further notice.**

During this time the obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sunday/Holy Day is suspended for everybody.

Priests will continue to celebrate Mass privately on weekdays and on Sundays. The faithful are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of these Masses in their own homes or by means of parish radio or web-cam or through television and radio broadcasts. For example, you may wish to join Mass from the Cathedral, Loughrea on www.clonfertdiocese.ie or from Knock Shrine at www.knockshrine.ie.

After the private celebration of Mass, each day churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will open for individual prayer until normal closing times.

Participation in **Funeral Masses and Services/Wedding Masses and Services and the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism** are to be limited to close family and friends not exceeding 100 people. During the liturgy additional health and safety measures will be in place. Your co-operation for the good of all is gratefully appreciated.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation/First Confession and First Holy Communion is postponed until further notice.

Confessions and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated as requested. However additional safety measures will apply.

As Christians we are called to generously play our part and work for the common good by reaching out, as appropriate, to practically assist those who are impacted by this situation. Please pray for those affected by the virus and for our civil leaders that they may make wise decisions. Pray also for all our health professionals, our carers and clergy who are working with those affected and for our scientists who are trying to understand what is happening.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Over the coming days and weeks updates will be issued in line with any new developments.

Bishop Michael Duignan

Temperance Hall Events

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 52nd 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 14th – 19th 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 or www.churchservices.tv

The Chapel of Adoration will remain open during these days.

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.

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade Cancelled: Because of the ongoing Coronavirus situation it is with regret that the Committee has decided to cancel this year's Parade due to health & safety considerations for those taking part and the general public.

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

Novena to Saint Patrick from 8th – 16th March. To download a copy of the novena and other resources for St. Patrick's Day visit www.padraignaofa.ie

Silent Retreat, Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, 13th – 19th 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, 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 3rd – 5th April 2020 at Redemptorist Centre Esker, Athenry. Contact Maureen 087 6646896 or Mary 087 9384446

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

Hurling Club Lotto: Winning numbers: 02, 03, 11, 13. Next week's Jackpot €7900.

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.

Loughrea Bingo Cancelled until further notice.

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

Irish dancing – Cancelled until further notice.

The Seumas O'Kelly Players – Cancelled until further notice.

Loughrea Activity Assoc. Cancelled until further notice.

Whist Cancelled until further notice.

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, www.clonfertdiocese.ie

The Deep End – 'Give me a drink!'

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful account of the woman at the well. We hear of physical thirst but also of a much deeper thirst, for connection and conversion.

During Lent, we are invited into the lives of Trocaire's partners in the global south. We meet Madris in Kenya, who walks around the dusty brown patch of land beside her small home, where she lives with her six children. There are no crops visible, just a few scraggy bushes. Madris tells us, 'I feel very bad when the rains don't come because all my plants depend on rainfall.' Water scarcity worldwide is being accelerated by the climate crisis. Scientists tell us that rain-fed agriculture will drop by 50% world-wide by 2030, due to global warming.

When we think of how we might help, we give, and that is good. But we must also be aware of a deeper conversion that is needed. Change is possible, solutions are there, and as faith communities we are invited into this journey of change. The woman in the Gospel today is so deeply affected by her encounter with Christ that she runs to tell the others. May we also be enthused and open to a real thirst for climate justice, aware that we are called to 'an ecological conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.'

(Laudato Si, 217)

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