

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon.	11am	Dean Brown	8pm	John & Margaret Tannian
Tues.	11am	Special Intention	8pm	Patrick Milmo
Wed.	11am	Mary & John Cullinan	8pm	The Broderick family
Thurs.	11am	People of the Parish	8pm	Benny & Declan Maher and Mary Kenny
Fri.	11am	Pauline Conlan	8pm	Bridie Abourayya
Sat	11am	Amir & Omid Talebzadeh	8pm	Martin Flynn
Sun.	10am	Marie Smyth and her son Alan	12noon	Kathleen & Brendan Killackey

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

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Serena Williams, Loughrea who died recently.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon.	8am	Helen Keane	10am	Michael, Bridget & Liam Myers
Tues.	8am	Rita Breheny	10am	Carmel & Michael Stankard and Katie & Martin Maloney
Wed.	8am	Ned Kenny	10am	Michael & Josie Kenny
Thurs.	8am	Private Intention	10am	Mattie & Nancy Wade
Fri.	8am	Michael Forde	10am	The dead of the Order
Sat	8am	John McDonagh	10am	Michael & Susan Holland
Sun.	9am	Martin Flynn	11am	Mary, Michael & Patrick Burke
			6pm	Philomena Broder

These Masses will be offered privately in the Carmelite Abbey. 10am Mass is broadcasted on 109.6FM every morning.

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Sunday 22nd March 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



LOUGHREA LIONS CLUB

Loughrea Cathedral
Loughrea Gardaí
and
Loughrea Lions Club
**have launched a helpline for
the elderly and vulnerable
who are house-bound in the
Loughrea area due to Covid-19
and need practical help.**

Contact 087-2756079

Our Churches are Open –Call to Say a Prayer

Remember that during these days Churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will be open except during Mass times. Why not call to say a private prayer, light a candle or pick up the Parish Newsletter or other spiritual material that may be available.

Please obey the social distancing rule – keep at least two meters apart and don't congregate in close groups! If lighting a candle do so safely. Please pray for protection, pray for all those who are sick, pray for our medical staff who are working so hard, pray for our priests, pray for our civil leaders and pray for our scientists who are working to try and understand what is happening.

Diocese of Clonfert Prayers at Home when Gathering for Mass is not Possible

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, prayers are available for use at home. Copies may be available in your local church or they can be downloaded from the Clonfert Diocese Website – www.clonfertdiocese.ie.

While they can be prayed at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish.

If, as a faith community, we cannot be together physically let us join together spiritually!

Parishes Reaching Out

Bishop Duignan has urged all parish communities in the Diocese of Clonfert to organise themselves to reach out, as appropriate, to those in our community who are or who will be in need because of the current situation. It might mean mobilising groups of people to make appropriate contact with those who are living alone or isolated, offering to do some shopping, get medicines or run other errands or simply telephoning people to assure them that someone is there and cares.

Televised Mass or Mass via Webcam

Weekday Mass is available via Webcam at www.loughreacathedral.ie every day at 11.00am and 8.00pm and Mass is broadcast every day on RTE news now at 10.30am

Sunday Mass

Mass is available every Saturday evening at 8pm and Sunday at 10am and 12 noon from Loughrea Cathedral via webcam at www.loughreacathedral.ie

Galway Bay FM will broadcast Mass, celebrated, at 11.30am. www.galwaybayfm.ie

Shannonside Radio will broadcast Mass at 10.00am. www.shannonside.ie

Keeping Connected

Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow Clonfert Diocese on Twitter.

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:

1. The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you.
2. The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to seeing the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each attitude in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?
3. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

The Presidents of the two bodies representing the Bishops' Conferences of European Countries (COMECE and CCEE) have released a common prayer to God for help, comfort and salvation:

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!

May our blessing be with you,

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

The Chapel of Adoration will remain open during these days.