

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

<b>Mon. 11am</b>	Lill & John Loughnane	<b>8pm</b>	Patrick & Nora Lake
<b>Tues. 11am</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>		
<b>Tues. 11am</b>	Tim Moylan	<b>8pm</b>	Kenny Grealley
<b>Wed. 11am</b>	Michael Murphy & decd. family members	<b>8pm</b>	Johanna & Patrick Doherty
<b>Thurs. 11am</b>	People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b>	Eileen Horgan
<b>Fri. 11am</b>	Fredda & Vincent Holland	<b>8pm</b>	Jackie Burke M.M.
<b>Sat. 11am</b>	Private Intention	<b>8pm</b>	Mary Quane
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	John Coen	<b>12noon</b>	Decd. members of the Killackey & McNamee families

These Masses are available on live stream at [www.loughreacathedral.ie](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie) and [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**R.I.P:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Reilly, Lincolnshire and formerly The Court House, Loughrea who died recently, brother of Angela Bane, Old Galway Road.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

<b>Mon. 8am</b>	Private Intention	<b>10am</b>	Sr. Mary Casey
<b>Tues. 9am</b>	Mary, Tommy & Jack Kelly	<b>11am</b>	Joe, Thomas & Agustin Fahy
<b>Tues. 9am</b>		<b>6pm</b>	Tom Shaw
<b>Wed. 8am</b>	Private Intention	<b>10am</b>	Nancy Wade
<b>Thurs. 8am</b>	Private Intention	<b>10am</b>	Gillie & Mary Frances Fox
<b>Fri. 8am</b>	Private Intention	<b>10am</b>	Vincent Kelly
<b>Sat. 8am</b>	Private Intention	<b>10am</b>	Christie Hynes
<b>Sun. 9am</b>	Jack, Anna & Margaret McInerney and decd. family members	<b>11am</b>	Martin & Mary Fergus, Angela Casey née Fergus and Mark
		<b>6pm</b>	Br. Declan Loughnane

**8am Masses are offered up privately and 10am daily Masses and 9am Sunday Mass is broadcast on 106.9FM**

**Donations** Sincere thanks to all who have continued to make financial contributions to the Parish. There is an online facility for contributions on

[www.loughreacathedral.ie](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie). It provides a secure payment option through PayPal.

Another option is to make a payment through your bank using the details below.

**ACCOUNT NAME: Cathedral Account, Bank of Ireland, Main St., Loughrea, A/c no.: 76373954 – S/C 90-38-91. IBAN: IE36 BOFI 9038 9176 3739 54 - BIC: BOFIE2D**

**Bethany Bereavement Group**  
087 9660309

**Society St. Vincent de Paul**  
086 0551134

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## **LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

**The Presbytery 091 – 841212      The Abbey 091 – 841209**

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent**



## **In Hopeful Expectation: Prayers at Home for Advent in a Time of Pandemic**

Each Advent, we are invited to set aside some extra time and space for prayer, reflection and good works. The restrictions in place because of the coronavirus mean that we may not be in a position to gather as usual for our religious services. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes. A guide to assist you in doing just that is now available.

Download it from [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or Twitter Account.

## **Preparing For A Christmas Like No Other**

In these days we are beginning the work or preparing for a Christmas celebration like no other. The Covid restrictions mean discussions need to be had and decisions made on:

- what Masses will be required taking account of reduced church capacity, the need to ventilate, clean and sanitise between Masses?
- what system will be put in place to manage congregation numbers eg. ticket system, allotting Masses to certain parish areas, online bookings, etc?
- what stewarding is needed?
- what ventilation, cleaning, sanitising routine is needed?
- how might the Sacrament of Reconciliation be celebrated safely?
- what other initiatives to make this Christmas Spiritually special might be undertaken?
- how and when arrangements are to be communicated to people who wish to attend religious services at Christmas?

Volunteers will be needed please make contact with your local Parish Priest to offer your assistance.

## **We Need Your Help**

In order to keep our churches open we need stewards present at every Mass and help with sanitising after each Mass. We also need more volunteers for Minister of the Word and Minister of the Eucharist. Thanks to those who have already volunteered, extra help is always needed especially for Christmas. Please contact the Parish office on 091 -841212 or by email [cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie).

## **Pope's Intention for December**

*Intention for evangelisation* – For a life of prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

### Parish Office

Open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30am to 5.30pm.  
Closed Tuesdays & Thursdays.

We can be contacted via email: [cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie) or phone 091-841212.

### Carmelite Mass Office

Monday – Friday 11am – 4pm  
Saturday 11am – 2pm

### **Televised Mass or Mass via Webcam**

**Weekday Mass:** Broadcast by webcam every day from St Brendan's Cathedral Loughrea at 11am and 8pm and on RTÉ 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](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv/loughrea](http://www.churchservices.tv/loughrea)

**Radio Maria Ireland** – Listen via TV on Saorview – Channel 210

**Keeping Connected** - Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow Clonfert Diocese on Twitter or visit [www.loughreacathedral.ie](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie) for the latest information and updates.

### **Renewing Our Commitment to Promoting the Dignity of Human Life**

Loving Father!

You are the source of all that is:  
our beginning and our end.

Pour out your Spirit upon us.

Form in us the mind of Christ.

Give us a greater appreciation for the precious gift of life.

Renew in us a commitment to building a community where every human life is welcomed and valued

from the moment of conception

to the moment of natural death.

Draw near to those who are sick or dying.

Help those who love them and care for them.

Bless us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**Esker Annual Healing Mission 2020** Due to Covid-19 restrictions our annual healing mission will be held online this year. It will commence this coming Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> and continue until Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, daily at 8pm. For further information [www.redemptoristsesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie) or 091 844549. To log into webcam [www.eskerreds.ie](http://www.eskerreds.ie) or <https://www.churchservices.tv/esker>

**Online Holy Hour for Refugees & Asylum Seekers**, 8 to 9 pm, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. See [www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer](http://www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer). All welcome to participate.

**Loughrea St Vincent De Paul Annual Appeal** Due to COVID-19 Level 5 Restrictions, we are unable to hold our annual Appeal or church Gate collection to raise vital funds. We are seeking your support to raise much needed funds by donating to us directly through your bank using the following details:

**Account Name:** Loughrea St Vincent De Paul, Bank of Ireland, Main St., Loughrea.

**BIC:** BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE68 BOFI 903891 2462 0968.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am – 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Cope Galway** Our Domestic Abuse Service & Refuge remains open during the COVID-19 crisis. We are available to women who are experiencing domestic abuse. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call our 24-hour confidential helpline – 091 565985. We have COVID-19 prevention and social distancing measures in place to protect our clients and staff, ensuring all stay safe whilst accessing the service.

**Loughrea Parish Council CLG** Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancy for general operative. If interested, contact your local Intreo/Social Welfare Office (Reference Number #CES-2162669) for eligibility. For more info., contact Parish Office: 091 841212 or email: [francisbyrne@loughreaparishecouncil.ie](mailto:francisbyrne@loughreaparishecouncil.ie). Closing date for receipt of applications: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**Courses St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea:** We have places available on the following courses commencing in the New Year 2021:

QQI Level 5 Communications commencing on Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30 to 9.30pm.

QQI Level 5 Safety and Health commencing on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30am to 1pm.

QQI Level 5 Nutrition commencing on Thur. 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30 to 4pm

and Infection, Prevention and Control on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> February 1.30 to 4pm.

QQI Level 5 Spreadsheets Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 1pm.

QQI Level 4 Culinary Skills & Level 5 Hospitality Operations in February: days, date and times to be confirmed.

Please email John Melville [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie), phone 087 9332033

or [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie) or call 091 841387.

**Loughrea Lions Club Christmas Concert of Hope** We are holding a free virtual concert on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm it can be viewed through [www.loughreacathedral.ie](http://www.loughreacathedral.ie) or [www.churchservices.tv/loughrea](http://www.churchservices.tv/loughrea). Facebook live from loughrealionsclub and Loughrea Community Radio.

### **Go Fund Me Fundraiser in aid of Children's Health Foundation Crumlin,**

I, Ciara O'Rourke will be running 10km a day for 10 days commencing December 16<sup>th</sup> and finishing on Christmas Day. To donate, please go to

<https://ie.gofundme.com/f/run-for-eoin>

**'The Sublime Round Tower; An Iconic call to Contemplative Prayer'**, a book by Sr. Kathleen Lynch (Franciscan) for sale @ €10 each, proceeds to be forwarded to the African Missions. The message of the book is a comparative and contemporary reflection on Jesus' teaching from the Gospel Luke's 14:28-33. Please contact, 086 8791745

### **HSE Coronavirus Guidelines**

**Do's:** Wash your hands properly and often. Wear a face covering. 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)