

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am	Slawomir Gorecki	8pm	Deceased members of the Fallon family & Maura Liffey
Tues. 11am	Alister Adams Kelly	8pm	Nan & Thomas Scully
Wed. 11am	Mary & David Perry and deceased family members	8pm	The Byrnes family
Thurs. 11am	Nan O'Meara	8pm	Mary Burke
Fri. 11am	The Burns family	8pm	Eric Flaherty M.M.
Sat. 11am	Eileen Fahey M.M.	8pm	Bridget & Thomas Moylan
Sun. 10am	Brian Regan	12noon	Kathleen Reilly

These Masses are available on live stream at www.loughreacathedral.ie and www.churchservices.tv

R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Forde, Kilnadeema, who died recently

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am	Patricia O'Herne Daly	10am	Christy Kelly
Tues. 8am	Michael & Katie Coughlan	10am	John, Anne & Paddy O'Neill
Wed. 8am	Private Intention	10am	Sadie & James Headd
Thurs. 8am	Private Intention	10am	Thomas Geoghegan
Fri. 8am	Private Intention	10am	Jarlath, Carmel & Clodna Benson
Sat. 8am	Niamh Davison	10am	Joe, Jim & Patsy Kennedy and Mona Devine
Sun. 9am	Ned, Bridie & Dennis Maloney	11am	William Loughnane
		6pm	Mickie & Hubert Tierney

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

Carmelite Mass Office

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

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. 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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Sunday 13th December 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

Message from the Parish Priest

The Cathedral and the Abbey have scheduled **extra Masses for Christmas**. Between the two churches there will be 16 Masses in the parish to accommodate adherence to the Covid-19 restrictions on numbers and social distancing. We will accommodate people on a 'first come' basis. **There will not be a ticket or booking system.** I suggest that the early Masses on Christmas Eve 4p.m. 6p.m. and 8p.m. might suit families with young children. If families attend Mass together they can all sit together. If people attend as individuals they must sit in the designated space for 2 metre social distancing. **It is essential that people cooperate with the stewards.** When the church has reached its capacity based on Covid-19 social distancing restrictions the door will be closed and nobody else can be admitted. There will be an outside loudspeaker for those who remain outside. All are asked to wear face covering, use the hand sanitisers provided at the doors and adhere to social distancing inside and outside the church. When receiving Holy Communion, we ask you to remain in your place and receive Holy Communion on the hand. If you cannot receive Holy Communion on the hand the priest will accommodate you after Mass. If you are bringing Holy Communion to the sick you will be accommodated after Mass. Please do not present a pyx for taking Holy Communion to the housebound until after Mass. **Thank you for your cooperation and sincere thanks to our stewards and cleaners without whom we would not be able to provide this number of Masses for Christmas.**

Monsignor Cathal Geraghty, P.P.

Christmas Mass Times in the Cathedral

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th
4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm and Midnight
Christmas Day Friday 25th
8am, 10am and 12noon

These Masses are available on live stream at www.loughreacathedral.ie and www.churchservices.tv

Christmas Mass Times in the Abbey

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th
4pm, 6pm, 8pm and 10pm
Christmas Day Friday 25th
7.30am, 9am, 11am and 12.30pm

8pm and 10pm Masses on Christmas Eve, 7.30am and 9am Masses on Christmas Day are broadcast on 106.9FM

Carol Service

Instead of the traditional Carol Service which we cannot have this year, because of Covid-19 restrictions, Loughrea Lions Club are holding a free virtual 'Christmas Concert of Hope' on Sunday 20th December at 7pm performed by individual musicians and singers. It can be viewed through www.loughreacathedral.ie or www.churchservices.tv/loughrea. Facebook live from Loughrea Lions Club page and Loughrea Community Radio.



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 Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or Twitter Account.

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.

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 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 or 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 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

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.

Online Holy Hour for Refugees & Asylum Seekers, 8 to 9 pm, Monday 14th December. See www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer. All welcome to participate.

Christmas Retreat please join us for an hour of Seasonal Prayer and Reflections from The Chapel of St Columbanus at NUI, Galway through ZOOM, Wed. 16th Dec. from 8 – 9pm. Please book your place before Tues. 15th Dec. by emailing:

ben.hughes@nuuigalway.ie

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@loughreaparishcouncil.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications: 18th 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. 20th January, 6.30 to 9.30pm.

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

QQI Level 5 Nutrition commencing on Thur. 14th January, 1.30 to 4pm

and Infection, Prevention and Control on Thurs 25th February 1.30 to 4pm.

QQI Level 5 Spreadsheets Fri. 15th January 9.30am – 1pm (a few places left)

QQI Level 5 Care Skill 9.30am - 1pm and Care Support 1.30 – 4.30pm on Mon. 18th January (a few places left)

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, phone 087 9332033

or freda.murphy@gretb.ie or call 091 841387.

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

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

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

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, www.clonfertdiocese.ie