

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Frank & Bridget Clancy	8pm Tom Ryan
Tues. 11am Thomas Derham	8pm Personal Intention
Wed. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Personal Intention
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Tommy & Ena Kelly
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Anne Doheny M.M.
Sat. 11am Pat Maher	8pm Edmond Treston
Sun. 10am Personal Intention	12noon Alan & Michael Healy & decd. family members Sean, Nancy & Dorothy Leahy and Winnie Monaghan

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerry (Gerald) O'Brien, Tullahill, Loughrea, Joe Kelly, Monaghan Town, formerly of Moore Street, Loughrea, who died recently, brother of Lucy Connaughton, Tom O'Loughlin, Kilkenny, formerly of Loughrea, who died recently, brother of Christy O'Loughlin.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word:</u>	
Sat. 25th Jan. 8pm: G. Dervan & H. Oliveira	Sat. 25th Jan.	8pm: A. Toohey
	Sun. 26th Jan.	10am: Confirmation Candidates
		12noon: M. Connolly
Sun. 26th Jan. 10am: A. Gardiner & K. McKenna 12noon: J. Casserly & M. Connolly	<u>Mass Servers</u> Sat. 25th Jan.	8pm: Team A
	Sun. 26th Jan.	10am: Team B
		12noon: Team C
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,465		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Holy Souls	10am Tom Hynes
Tues. 8am Paddy, Josephine, John and Jimmy Crowe	10am Pat Joe & Mary Shiel
Wed. 8am Sr Martha Murphy & Fr Tommy Murphy	10am Seamus O'Malley
Thurs. 8am Emer Geraghty, Basil Regan & family members	10am Michelle Kearney
Fri. 8am Dympna McDonagh	10am Sally Walton
Sat. 8am Fr Bernard Cuff	10am Richard O'Brien
Sun. 9am Rita Burke	11am Pat & Paddy Finnerty 6pm William & Mary Conlon

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: 92656428 – S/C 90-38-91. IBAN: IE33 BOFI 9038 9192 6564 28 BIC: BOFIE2D**

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Sunday 19th January 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of The Gospel

1. The story is a story of abundance, the abundance of the blessings God gives us. How have you been aware of the abundance of God's blessings? Let the memories lead you to prayer of thanks and praise for the times in your life when that joy and fulfilment have been very real to you.
2. The *hour* of Jesus had not yet come when the glory of God would be fully revealed, yet even so something of the glory of God was revealed in the sign that took place. For us also the revelation of the full glory of God lies in the future, but we do get glimpses along the way. Recall some of the *signs* that have revealed to you something of the glory of God, e.g., nature, art, friendship, etc.
3. Mary/Jesus. It is interesting to note that despite the apparent rebuff, Mary is the first person in the narrative to show (at the level of the action of the story) that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is to trust in him. When have you trusted in the word of Jesus like that? What relationships do you have that you can trust like that? Do you recall times when your trust was rewarded even when you had been initially disappointed?

Pope's Intention for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Sunday, 19th January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2025. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ.

Society St. Vincent de Paul
086 0551134

Jubilee Year of Hope – Pilgrims of Hope 2025

Loving Father,
we come before you,
in this Jubilee Year.

Our hearts are full of longing.
Now is the time to lay the past to rest.
Today is the day for a new beginning.
Breathe on us Spirit of God.

Inspire us.

Strengthen us.

Help us to follow ever more closely
the example of Jesus, your Son.
Help us to love you with all our heart.
Help us to care for one another.

In a world upset by war and discord,
we beg for the gift of lasting peace.

With Mother Mary by our side,
may we journey together
as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.

We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty-five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained.

www.galwaydiocese.ie www.clonfertdiocese.ie

Celebration of the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation 2025 We remember in our prayers those who are beginning to prepare for the celebration of the important Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.

Laudato Si' Movement Prayer is a practice that makes a real difference. Prayer is "powerful and effective," as St. James tells us, and your prayers are needed now to protect our common home. Please join us in lifting up prayers for creation in a 10-hour vigil for the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si'. Create hope in 2025 by joining our sisters and brothers in this profound act of the spirit on Saturday, January 25th. The vigil will begin at 7.00 am. You can join us for the 10 hours or at any time you wish. Please see the website for further information.

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you: are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, then Accord wishes to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie

'Live Life' National Youth Retreat at Knock Shrine. On May 8th students from all over the country will gather in Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message - to 'Live Life!'. If you are interested in learning more about the day or registering a group, please email youthministry@knockshrine.ie.

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme have vacancies for General Operator (Ref. No.: CES-2372828) and Office Assistant (Ref. No.: #CES-2372832), closing date 17/2/2025. Participants must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for a minimum of 12 months. If interested, contact your local Intreo/Social Welfare Office for eligibility and quote reference number.

For more info., email francisbyrne@loughreaparishcouncil.ie

St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey Street, Loughrea H62T262: Limited places available in the following courses: Hairdressing Level 3, Culinary Skills Level 3,4 and 5, Train the Trainer, Information and Administration, Business Law and Legal Practice and Procedures all at Level 5: For more information please ring John on 091 841387/087 9332033/email john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie

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Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500.

Gamblers Anonymous – Want to stop Gambling Helpline 086 349 4450. Weekly Meetings Tuesday GELS Room, Main Street Ballinasloe H53 RC95 @ 8pm.

Loughrea Hurling Club Lotto Results Numbers 5,17,19,20. No Jackpot Winner. No match 3s. Next week's draw is on 20/1/25 in Dawdy's Bar at 9pm. Jackpot €8,500.

Temperance Hall Events

Loughrea Activity Association No meeting this week.

Contact Mary Ida Kelly on 086 2602282.

Chair based Healthy Spine Class for women over 60s. Chartered Physiotherapist led, contact 086 3329 493.

Karate Classes For beginners and members on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm – 8.30pm. For: ladies, gents and children over 8 years of age. For more information, contact 087-6133297.

Loughrea Bowls every Tuesday & Wednesday 11am – 1pm.

Latin Zumba Vibes Classes every Thursday from 7.40pm – 8.40pm.

Contact Laura Ibanez on 086 7833006.

Bingo Every Friday night from 7.15pm, also online via zoom

www.loughreabingo.ie

Whist on Thursdays at 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Tea Room.

Yoga Classes on Monday mornings at 10.30am, chair yoga at 11.45am and Monday evening at 8.15pm. For more information, contact Julia 086 2608039.

All bookings for the Temperance Hall must be made through the Parish Office
Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm
Phone: 091 841212 or Email: cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie