

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Seán Haran & decd. members of the Haran & Lynn families
Tues. 11am James Brendan Kelly	8pm Jack, Maureen and Teresa Staunton, Brian Quinn, and Maureen Clancy Staunton
Wed. 11am Richard & Michael Connelly	8pm Tom-Joe & Agnes Donohue
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Gerard Raftery Senior & Mary Raftery
Fri. 11am Fidelma McDonnell	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Ann Keane M.M.	8pm Brendan Coy
Sun. 10am Criss & John Burke	12noon Gerard McLoughlin T.J. & Patsy Prendergast

Baptism: Please welcome into God’s family Sienna Denise Donohue, St. Laurence’s Fields, Loughrea.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kieran Maher, Carrigrohane, Co. Cork formerly Kincullia, Loughrea who died recently.

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Minister of the Word:</u>	
Sat. 31st Aug. 8pm: C. Bolton & H. Oliveira	Sat. 31st Aug. Sun. 1st Sept.	8pm: E. Harte 10am: J. Hayes 12noon: A. Cronin
Sun. 1st Sept. 10am: M. Connolly & E. Mahony 12noon: B. Mongan & J. Casserly	<u>Mass Servers</u> Sat. 31st Aug. Sun. 1st Sept.	8pm: Team D 10am: Team E 12noon: Team A
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,397		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Cora Robertson	10am Special Intentions
Tues. 8am Ann Keane	10am Ned & Teresa Murray
Wed. 8am Patrick Kelly	10am Richard & Michael Connelly
Thurs. 8am Decd. members of the Carmelite Order	10am Tom & Christina Sheehan
Fri. 8am Special Intentions	10am William & Nora Murphy and decd. family members
Sat. 8am Nora Elwood	10am Chrissie McMahan
Sun. 9am Mona Kelly	11am Tom, Sally and Bridie Callanan 6pm Kevin & Eileen Clynes

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 25th August 2024
	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: ‘Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others’ (*Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, No.10*)
2. ‘This teaching is difficult’, complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
3. ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.’ In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?
4. ‘The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life’. Recall the words and phrases of Jesus that are words of life for you.

John Byrne OSA (Intercom Magazine)

***Popes Intention for August
For Political Leaders***

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Bethany Bereavement Group 087 4906377	Society St. Vincent de Paul 086 0551134
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Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert

Lord of the Harvest,

Bless young people in the Diocese of Clonfert with the gift of
Courage to respond to your call of service.

Open their hearts to great ideals and wonderful things.

Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving;

For vocations blossom in the rich soil of faithful people.

Inspire priests and religious, all our parishioners and families

With the confidence and grace to invite our young people

To consider the exciting and noble path of life dedicated and consecrated to You.

Unite us to Jesus

Through prayer and sacrament,

So that we may cooperate

With you in building your kingdom of

Mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest or our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Aidan Costello to find out more, email: office@clonfertdiocese.ie or phone 091-841212.

Ministers of the Word If you would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office at 091 841212 or email: cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie

Keeping Connected

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

Experience Lourdes at home! The relics of Saint Bernadette will visit Galway Cathedral from 5th-6th September and Loughrea Cathedral from 7th -8th September. Visit www.clonfertdiocese.ie for the full schedule of events.

In preparation for the relics there will be a 9-day novena to St. Bernadette, which will begin on the 27th of August. The purpose of this novena is to prepare our hearts and minds for the visit of the relics, seeking St. Bernadette's intercession for our personal intentions and the spiritual renewal of our Diocese. During this period, I request that the novena prayer be recited at each Mass. There will also be petition slips available which will be taken to the Cathedral for onward forwarding to Lourdes.

St. Ita's National School will re-open on Monday, 2nd of September 2024. Pupils in junior infant classes will start at 9.30am on the first day. Pupils in all other classes will start at 8.50am.

Carmelite Abbey Day in Knock 8th Sept. 2024. Fare: €15.00. Bus leaving Mart Rd Car Park 10.30am. Bookings at the Mass office before Thursday 5th September.

St. Vincent de Paul, Loughrea are looking for Saturday volunteers in the shop. If you have 2 or 3 hours to spare on Saturdays and would like to give back to the community in a fun environment, please consider volunteering. Call 086 1360568 and speak to Claudia.

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 Tidy Towns needs you! We have entered the 2024 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition and the judges can visit up to the end of August. We need to be ready and we are asking you to please keep your area weed-free and litter-free. If everyone does a little, then no one does a lot!

Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre are looking for additional volunteers to help out with the delivery of the Loughrea Meals on Wheels service. No experience needed, full training offered, along with the support of the Meals on Wheels coordinator. Volunteers will be Garda vetted. Please contact the Meals on Wheels on mobile 086 1022082 or 091 871149.

Loughrea Family Resource Centre Messy Play & Sensory Tray sessions on Saturdays, September 7th & 21st, from 10:30-11:30 am. The age group is 18-36 months.

Kiltullagh Killimordaly Heritage Society's Heritage Week free event: Discover Kiltullagh's rich history with a guided walk led by local historian Kieran Jordan on Sunday, 25th August, at 11:30 am. Meet at Kiltullagh Church (H65 KC89) and enjoy tea and local information at the Community Hall (old school) afterwards.

A 2 day free event on Exploring County Galway's Ulster Heritage is taking place on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September in Woodford. Please email galwayroots@gmail.com or ring 0909749309 for more information.

East Galway Speakers Meeting - Do you need help with job interviews, work or college presentations or social speeches? The next East Galway Speakers meeting is on Monday 26th August, at Comworks, Loughrea, at 8 pm. Guests are very welcome. For further information see <http://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com> or follow the club on Facebook.

Temperance Hall Events

Karate Classes For beginners and members. Starting Monday 9th September 2024 and Wednesday 11th September 2024. Time: 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Venue: Temperance Hall. 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

Family Carers Ireland are holding a Carer Clinic in Temperance Hall, Loughrea on the second Thursday of each month from 10am to 12.30pm. Our Support Manager for Galway will be in attendance to answer any questions/queries you may have in relation to your caring role. The dates are 12th September, 3rd October, 14th November and 5th December.

All bookings for the Temperance Hall must be made through the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30 pm
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