

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon. 11am</b>	Decd. members of the Cotter family	<b>8pm</b>	Christopher O'Loughlin Martin & Mary Connolly
<b>Tues. 11am</b>	Annie Raftery & Bridie Kelly	<b>8pm</b>	Personal Intention
<b>Wed. 11am</b>	Jim Ward & Joe Ward Teresa Burns and Christina D'Cruz	<b>8pm</b>	Personal Intention
<b>Thurs. 11am</b>	People of the Parish	<b>8pm</b>	Maidie Burke
<b>Fri. 11am</b>	Patrick O'Shea Maureen Sayers	<b>8pm</b>	Joy Lally M.M.
<b>Sat. 11am</b>	Personal Intention	<b>8pm</b>	John & Mary Anne Niland Gerard King
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	Eamon Dillon Owen & Anna Dwyer	<b>12noon</b>	Richard & Josephine Mooney Patrick, Bridie and Aidan Kavanagh

**Baptism:** Please welcome in to God's family Bláthna Leona Rigney, Cosmona, Loughrea.

**Wedding Congratulations** to Ciara Holohan and Max Parry who were married in the Cathedral last weekend.

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Seán Regan, Craughwell & Kilrickle, Loughrea, and Niamh Grealey, (née Glennon) Oranmore and Gurtymadden, Loughrea, who died recently.

<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Ministers of the Word:</u></b>	
<b>Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b> <b>8pm:</b> G. Dervan & C. Bolton	<b>Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b> <b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>8pm:</b> M. Quinn <b>10am:</b> Confirmation Candidates <b>12noon:</b> J. Hayes
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b> <b>10am:</b> A. Gardiner & K. McKenna <b>12noon:</b> M. O'Brien & M. Connolly	<b><u>Mass Servers</u></b> <b>Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b> <b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.</b>	<b>8pm:</b> Team D <b>10am:</b> Team E <b>12noon:</b> Team A
<b><u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u></b> <b>€1,325</b>		



**LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY**

**Loughrea Faith Community Area**

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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Seeing Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

1. John objected when a person, who was not in their group, cast out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus himself had no problems with this. Jealousy can poison our outlook even when what is done by another is good. 'S/he is invading my patch'. Perhaps you have seen, in yourself or in others, the contrasting positive effect of being able to rejoice that good is being done, irrespective of the person doing it.
2. In strong terms Jesus condemns those who are destructive of the life of others, particularly the 'little ones'. Just as Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full, we likewise are here to make a positive difference to others. What was it like for you when you were able to do something that was helpful to another? One of the ways in which we can do much harm is by adopting a superior, dismissive or judgemental attitude toward people whose lifestyle, spirituality or devotional practices differ from ours. Rather than setting ourselves up to judge others, would it not be better to see what we can learn from them?
3. Rather dramatically Jesus tells us to cut off a hand, or tear out an eye, rather than harm another. It is not to be taken literally but it does mean that we should not be casual about efforts to live a good life that is respectful of others. When have you experienced the benefits of an element of seriousness in your approach to life?

**Pope's Intention for September  
For the Cry of the Earth**

*Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.*

Mass bookings in the Cathedral for 2025 will be taken from **Monday, September, 30<sup>th</sup>**  
We will accept more than one intention for Masses in order to facilitate people who are trying to have Anniversary Masses on a particular date.

The Feast Day of **St. Francis of Assisi** is celebrated on Friday, October 4th. St Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of animals and ecology. We are inviting you to have your animals blessed outside the front of the Cathedral on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> after 11am Mass.

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<b>Mon. 8am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>10am</b>	Bertha Heavey Costello
<b>Tues. 8am</b>	Mrs Mary Webb	<b>10am</b>	Katie Hagney
<b>Wed. 8am</b>	Tony Blake	<b>10am</b>	Annie Raftery, Bridie Kelly and Jack & Lena Kennedy
<b>Thurs. 8am</b>	Mary Anne, Jimmy and Paddy Daniels	<b>10am</b>	Ellen Forde
<b>Fri. 8am</b>	Decd. members of the Carmelite Abbey	<b>10am</b>	Julie Monaghan
<b>Sat. 8am</b>	Decd. members of the O'Connor family	<b>10am</b>	Pat McMahan
<b>Sun. 9am</b>	Holy Souls	<b>11am</b>	Kathleen, Patrick & Michael Barrett and Margaret Rabbitte
		<b>6pm</b>	Bridget & Thomas O'Rourke

## Keeping Connected

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

**The National Vocations Office** will hold open days for adult men who wish to explore a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood - Dublin - UCD Chaplaincy - October 12<sup>th</sup>, Galway - Chapel of St. Columbanus - October 26<sup>th</sup>, Thurles - Pallottine College - November 10<sup>th</sup>. Further details and information on the registration process is available on [vocations.ie/exploring](http://vocations.ie/exploring).

**Season of Creation Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 - 'To hope and act with Creation' –** for further details and suggestions on how to mark this important time visit [www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/season-of-creation-2024/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/season-of-creation-2024/)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA is a process for adults interested in the Catholic faith, or desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office at 091 841212 or email [cathedral@clonfertdioocese.ie](mailto:cathedral@clonfertdioocese.ie) or the Clonfert Diocese 091 841560 or [office@clonfertdioocese.ie](mailto:office@clonfertdioocese.ie) for further information.

**Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."** Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo, October 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Cost: €540 full board Contact: Helen : 086 1678027/ [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

**A New Saint for Ireland? The heroic life of the Servant of God Fr Willie Doyle SJ.** Talk by Patrick Kenny, Fr Willie Doyle Association on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in Clonfert Family Centre, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. Individual blessings will be available with Fr Willie's personal crucifix.

**'As the deer yearns for running streams ...'** retreat opportunity in Ballinasloe on the evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and morning of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome but places limited. See [www.creideamh.ie/retreat](http://www.creideamh.ie/retreat) for more details.

**Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers** If you would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office at 091 841212 or email: [cathedral@clonfertdioocese.ie](mailto:cathedral@clonfertdioocese.ie)

**The Carmelite Abbey Feast of Therese of Lisieux, Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>.** A preached Triduum at the 10am Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Mass on the Feast Day, Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm with the Blessing of the Roses.

**Anam Cara's October Parent Support Evening** will take place on Wednesday 2nd Oct at 7.15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briar Hill. We also offer a monthly online support meeting for bereaved parents. This month's online meeting will take place on Wednesday Oct 23rd at 7pm. To register or find out more, please email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) Have you other questions about our support or upcoming events? Call us on 085 288 8888 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

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**Loughrea Tidy Towns** wish to thank everyone who purchased a Window Box from us. If you are not going to re-plant your box we can collect it from you. Recycle today for a better tomorrow! Please call/text 086-3530397.

**Loughrea Hurling Club Lotto Results** numbers 5,15,21 & 28. No Jackpot Winner. Next week's draw is on 30/9/24, in the Arch Bar at 9pm. Jackpot €7,750.

**Mary's Meals** Many thanks to all who supported our recent church gate collection on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September at the Carmelite Abbey Church for Mary's Meals, €750 raised.

**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.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Upcoming community workshops running for a total of 8 weeks with the Regari Recovery College in Ballinasloe Town (Clonfert Family Centre). Starting on Wed., 2nd Oct 24 until Wed., 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 24, (1:30- 4:30pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt on (087) 622 1335 or Email: [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com). Registration fee of €5, then all Modules are free to attend. All voices welcome.

**Line Dancing** Wednesday nights at 8pm, set dancing Thursday nights at 8.30pm and children dance classes Fridays, under 8yrs from 6 to 7pm and over 8yrs from 7pm to 8.30pm in Loughrea Youth Theatre.

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

## Temperance Hall Events

**Loughrea Activity Association group** A talk on healthy nutrition with Honor Geraghty will take place on Monday next 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

**Chair based Healthy Spine Class** starting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September for women over 60's. Chartered Physiotherapist led, contact 086 3329 493.

**Karate Classes** For beginners and members on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30 – 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](http://www.loughreabingo.ie)

**Whist** on Thursdays at 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Tea room. New members welcome.

**Yoga Classes** on Monday morning at 10.30am, chair yoga at 11.45am and Monday evening yoga 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 – 5.30 pm  
Phone: 091 841212 or Email: [cathedral@clonfertdioocese.ie](mailto:cathedral@clonfertdioocese.ie)