

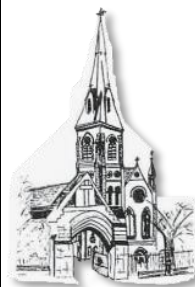
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am	Eileen Ryan	8pm	Private Intention
Tue. 11am	Alice Fahy Annie & Paddy Conway	8pm	Mary & Martin Connolly
Wed. 11am	Maureen Spellman	8pm	Mary & John Naughton Bridget & Thomas Moylan
Thurs. 11am	People of the Parish	8pm	Anne Tully Madeline Curley
Fri. 11am	The Burns family	8pm	Martina Regan M.M.
Sat. 11am	Ann Doheny	8pm	Kathleen Reilly
Sun. 10am	Brian Regan	12noon	Mary, Michael and Richard Ward

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>
Sat. 20th Dec. 8pm: M. Ryan & H. Oliveira	Sat. 20th Dec. 8pm: M. Quinn
Sun. 21st Dec. 10am: A. Gardiner & E. Mahony 12noon: I. Costello & C. Bolton	Sun. 21st Dec. 10am: 6 th Class Children 12noon: J. Hayes
Wed. 24th Dec. 6.30pm: M. Ryan & B. Mongan 10pm: M. Connolly & H. Oliveira	Wed. 24th Dec. 6.30pm: Boys School 10pm: E. Harte
Thur. 25th Dec. 10am: A. Gardiner & T. Kennedy 12noon: C. Bolton & M. O'Brien	Thur. 25th Dec. 10am: J. Hayes 12noon: A. Cronin
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,580	<u>Mass Servers</u>
	Sat. 20th Dec: Sun. 21st Dec: 8pm: Team A 10am: Team B 12noon: Team C
	Wed. 24th Dec: 6.30pm: Team D 10pm: Team E
	Thur. 25th Dec: 10am: Team F 12noon: Team G

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon 8am	Nan Scully	10am	Christy Kelly
Tues. 8am	Fintan Connaire	10am	Tomas Geoghegan
Wed. 8am	Luke & Ita Kavanagh and Mary Feeney	10am	Mary Cahalan
Thurs. 8am	Paddy, Leo and Sadie Gannon	10am	Michael, Kathleen and Patrick Flaherty
Fri. 8am	Ann, Bridget & Pat Mahony	10am	Adrian Freeman
Sat. 8am	Eileen Ryan and decd. family members	10am	Ned and Theresa Murray
Sun. 9am	Anne, Jack and Anita Hynes	11am	Bill & Christine Reynolds & decd. members of the Reynolds & Casey families
		6pm	Michael Loughnane & decd. members of the Loughnane family



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

Loughrea Faith Community Area

The Presbytery 091-841212 The Abbey 091-841209

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Live stream: www.loughreacathedral.ie/www.churchservices.tv/loughrea

Sunday 14th December, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

St John of the Cross

CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Will take place on Sunday 14th December at 7pm, sung by boys and girls from St. Ita's and St. Brendan's Primary Schools.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday 15th – Saturday 20th December after the 11am and 8pm Masses and Christmas Eve from 2pm – 3pm.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass at 11am; Vigil Masses at 6.30pm (Children's Mass) and 10pm; Christmas Day Masses at 10am and 12 noon.

FINAL CALL! Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Schools in our Diocese. The Department of Education survey asks whether your school should remain a Catholic school or change its patronage. It takes only a few questions. Please participate by 16 December 2025. <https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference - Loughrea Conference
The annual collection (Second Basket) will be taken up at all Masses in the Cathedral and the Carmelite Abbey on Sunday, 21st December. All funds collected will be used by the Society to assist less fortunate families over Christmas and during 2026. Please give generously.

Society St. Vincent De Paul
086 0551134

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Kennedy, (née Daniels), Tinageera, Kilnadeema, Loughrea who died recently; Sean Hession, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe who died recently, brother of Merlie Kelly, Hazelwood, Loughrea; Bridie Hyland, Clifden, Co. Galway who died recently, sister of Kathleen Mitchell, Lakeside Park, Loughrea.

Keeping Connected

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

Priests Christmas Collection Sunday December 14th Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that supports the payment of your Priest.

This year's Advent Talks are in Áras Naofa, St Oliver Plunkett Church, Renmore, H91 YV52

Wednesday 17th December – Bishop Michael Duignan “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:4)

Talks are approximately 45 Minutes long, with questions and tea/coffee after.

Talks are free but a voluntary collection is taken to help with speakers' expenses.

www.clonfertgalway.ie

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending, please email womendiscern@corkandross.org

St Brendan's Education Centre: 091 841387 Places still available in Healthcare, Business/Admin, Information Technology (Computers) and Childcare related modules for day time courses starting in January.

Email: john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie

Enrolment at St. Ita's N.S., Loughrea. St. Ita's N.S. will be accepting Junior Infant enrolments for September 2026 between Wednesday, 22nd October, 2025 and Wednesday, 14th January, 2026. Enrolment forms can be downloaded and completed on the school website at www.stitaloughrea.com or the link to enrolment can be requested by email from info@stitaloughrea.com or in writing from the school. For further queries, contact 091 841605.

“Have you ever thought about fostering?” Change a child's life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit _____ to learn more.”

If you are 65 or older and would like to apply for a personal alarm, under the Seniors Alert Scheme Grant, for your safety and peace of mind, please call Galway Contact at 091 867892 or email galwaycontact@gmail.com

Loughrea Family Resource Centre Christmas Craft Fair 14th Dec. 2025 from 10am-4pm, Piggot Street, Loughrea. Raffle tickets available at the Family Resource Centre and on the day. Please Support.

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.**

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NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

Dignity Funeral Care Loughrea – Ph: 091 847030 / 087 1427271

PARKING IN CATHEDRAL GROUNDS: The current situation has to be addressed. The Cathedral Grounds are available for use by people accessing the Cathedral or Parish Office, however others are using the grounds for day long or even overnight parking. This is causing problems at Mass times and at the time of Funerals and Weddings. There are signs saying “Parking for church use only” but these are widely ignored. If you have any ideas to resolve this problem we would welcome them at the Parish office.
Email: cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie

The Temperance Hall Defibrillator The defibrillator outside the Temperance Hall is **NOT** in service at the moment. The locations of the closest available defibrillators in the town are outside the AIB on Main Street and outside the Credit Union on Dunkellin Street.

St Vincent de Paul have been a terrific support to some of our families recently. They have asked for people to get in contact with them if the financial struggle of Christmas becomes too much in this particularly expensive year. If you feel that you need extra support this Christmas, please contact them directly, in complete confidence, on 087 3650922 or email request to info.west@svp.ie

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme have a vacancy for a General Operator ref: #CES-2423638, closing date 15/1/2025. 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 Brigid's College Annual Carol Service takes place on Monday, 15th December at 7.00pm in the Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea. Proceeds on the night to SVP. All welcome.

Temperance Hall

Loughrea Activity Association Meetings finished until January. Contact Mary Ida Kelly on 086 2602282.

Karate Classes For beginners and members. Classes every Monday and Wednesday from 7.30pm–8.30pm. For ladies, gents and children over 8 years of age. For more information, contact 087 6133297.

Fraughen School of Irish Dancing Classes finished until January. For further information contact 087 9597560.

Latin Zumba Vibes Classes every Thursday from 6pm–7pm. Contact Laura Ibanez on 086 7833006.

Bingo Every Friday night from 7.15pm, also online via zoom www.loughreabingo.ie

Yoga Classes Classes finished until January. Contact Julia Sayers 086 2608039.

Club Óige An Irish Language Youth Club aimed at Junior Cycle students every Wednesday from 7pm-8.30pm in Youth Work, Temperance Hall, Loughrea. Organisation: Gaeilge Locha Riach. For more information contact 087 406 5259.

**For all enquiries regarding the Temperance Hall, please contact the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm
Phone: 091 841212 or Email: cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie**