

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Private Intention	8pm Sean Sweeney
Tue. 11am Frances & Michael Martyn Paddy Power	8pm Angela Casey & Mark Casey
Wed. 11am Bridie & Jack Cusack and Martha Callanan	8pm May & Christy McNamee and their son Christy Junior Gerry Reilly Patricia & Noel Finnegan
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Maureen, Paddy and Anthony Connaire
Fri. 11am Mary Kennedy	8pm Margaret Maher M.M.
Sat. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Noreen Burns
Sun. 10am Personal Intention	12 noon Friends and Benefactors of the Cathedral

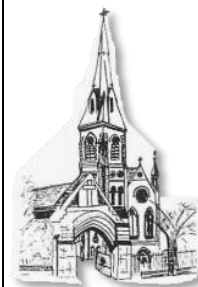
Wedding Congratulations to Jamaica Tiro and Daniel Cresswell who were married in the Cathedral recently.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>	
Sat. 18th Apr. 8pm: D. Fergus, M. Barrett and C. Bolton	Sat. 18th Apr.	8pm: E. Harte
Sun. 19th Apr. 10am: K. McKenna, M. Ryan and I. Costello	Sun. 19th Apr.	10am: 6 th Class Children
12 noon: M. Connolly, P. Sousa and M. O'Brien	Mass Servers	12 noon: A. Cronin
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €3,025	Sat. 18th Apr.	8pm: Team A
	Sun. 19th Apr.	10am: Team B
		12 noon: Team C

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Holy Souls	10am Mary O'Neill
Tues. 8am Sean & Mairead Mahon	10am Carmel & Laddie Hession
Wed. 8am Fr Peter Cryan	10am Brigid & Patsy Power
Thurs. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Nora & Patrick Coleman
Fri. 8am Donors Intentions	10am PJ Forde
Sat. 8am Maureen Keary	10am Willie Monaghan
Sun. 9am Claire, John & Peggy Butler	11am Fr Ambrose McNamee 6pm Mick & Maureen Garrett

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.
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LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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Sunday 12th April, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert

Lord of the Harvest
today we ask that you continue to inspire
with faith, courage and insight
faithful followers of your Gospel
to step forward for formation as Priests
for the harvest is surely very great in this diocese
and the labourers are surely very few.
We also sincerely pray that the upcoming
Vocations Afternoon on May 10th
will be a source of grace and joy for all participants
and for both our diocese and our sister diocese.

Lord hear us.

"With, the people of this diocese, I give thanks to God for your generosity in saying "Yes" back then. I thank God for your selfless ministry since. Through your hands you have been there for the People of God. There, in good times. There, in sad times. By your example and words, you invite them to believe and to strengthen their belief in God. Through your human friendship you support and guide them. Through your celebration of the sacraments, you gift them with the very special presence of God often, at those times in their lives, when they most need to feel his closeness. Although, not without its challenges, the life of a priest is a most blessed and wonderful life indeed. On a day like today, it is only right that we thank God for the gift of our priesthood and for the gift of each and every one of our priests." (Bishop Michael, Chrism Mass 2026)

If you feel that you may be called to follow Jesus as a Priest in this diocese, contact Fr Ian O'Neill, our Diocesan Vocations Director, to find out about the upcoming **Diocesan Priesthood Vocations Afternoon** on Sunday, May 10th, 2026.
Email: priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie or phone 087 2048497.

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

Society St. Vincent De Paul
086 0551134

The Relics of St. Thérèse and her parents St. Louis and St. Zelig Martin will visit St. Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea on Saturday 18th of April and Sunday 19th of April, 2026.

Veneration will take place on Saturday at 11am Mass and the Relics will remain in the Cathedral until after the 8pm Mass. Veneration will take place on Sunday at the 10am Mass and the Relics will remain in the Cathedral until after the 12pm Mass.

All are Welcome.

Trócaire – The annual collection for Trócaire will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support of those in need through this worthy charity. Ways to donate include using the Trócaire box or envelope or online at trocaire.ie

Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th in the Carmelite Abbey Loughrea at 2.30pm Blessing & Veneration of the Divine Mercy image, Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, Confessions followed by Holy Mass at 3.30pm approximately.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Galway Cathedral on Sunday the 12th of April (Second Sunday of Easter). Devotions begin at 2.00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Join this year's Young Adult Camino Pilgrimage (ages 18–35), 11th – 20th July 2026. Walk the final 100km from Sarria to Santiago with Bishop Michael Duignan. Step out in faith and experience the grace of the Camino. Includes flights, accommodation and visit to Finisterre.

Contact youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.ie

Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 18th April - Catechism of the Catholic Church - Adult Studies. The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "The Church as the People of God, a priestly, prophetic and royal people" (see paragraphs CCC781 - CCC786).

40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 6pm on Friday 1st May to 10am on Sunday 3rd May in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe (H53 NX59). A time to give thanks and to invoke God's help and blessing as we enter Summer 2026. Everyone welcome. For more information www.creideamh.ie/40-hours

Calling Young Adults to Join the 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes Between the ages of 18 and 25? Interested in joining the Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 as a member of pilgrimage staff? Become part of the vibrant team assisting pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable and enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29th June to 4th July. For further information, staff rates and application forms, contact Darina, mob. 085 2288043 or email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie or contact your local Parish Priest.

A Youth 2000 day retreat takes place on April 25th at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16 – 35 yrs) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith and meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & games. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

HopeSpace supports children and young people (4-17 years) grieving the loss of someone they love. We provide a free one-to-one in person listening service in a confidential, caring and supportive environment. Contact Áine at support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566/087 4667506 for more details.

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

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme have a vacancy for a General Operator position ref #CES 2436130, closing date 12/4/26. 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@loughreaparishecouncil.ie

Darkness into Light will take place on Saturday, May 9th commencing from the Courthouse at 4.15am. This is the 10th DIL walk in Loughrea and we wish to acknowledge with gratitude the support received over the years. Registration is now open on www.darknessintolight.ie

East Galway Speakers meeting, Monday 13th April, Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56, 8pm and online via Zoom. Excellent preparation for wedding speeches, job interviews and work presentations. For further information see <http://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com> or email

ccollins.toastmaster@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Meals4Health information session at Loughrea Library (H62 EV61) on Wednesday, 15th April at 11.30am - 12.30pm with public health nutritionist Siobhan.

Meals4Health is a social enterprise of COPE Galway, supporting older adults to live well at home through fresh, affordable, nutritious home delivered meals and meaningful social connection.

Loughrea Lions Club is running a CPR and AED course in Lough Rea Hotel and Spa on Tuesday, April 28th from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. To attend please contact Loughrea Lions Club by email to loughrealionsclub@gmail.com or text Brendan 086 1758066. Early booking is essential as places are limited.

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57-71 years. See www.hse.ie/bowelscreen

Temperance Hall

Loughrea Activity Association Meeting 7pm Monday 13th April. 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 Adult class on Tuesday from 7pm - 8pm and Children's class on Friday 4.30pm - 5.30pm. For further information, contact 087 9597560.

Latin Zumba Vibes Classes on Thursdays from 7pm – 8pm. Contact Laura Ibanez on 086 7833006.

Bingo Every Friday night from 8pm, also online via zoom www.loughreabingo.ie
Yoga Classes on Mondays morning yoga 10.30am and evening class at 8.10pm. Contact Julia Sayers 086 2608039.

The Club-Óige/Irish Language Youth Club continues to meet every Wednesday, at Youth Work in the Temperance Hall from 7pm - 8.30pm, providing a fun and informal space for teenagers to use their Irish.

**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**