

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Personal Intention **8pm** Friends & Benefactors of the Cathedral
St. Patrick's Day Vigil Mass

Tue. 10am William & Mary Wooley **12noon** Norman & Geraldine Dowling
St Patrick's Day **8pm** No Evening Mass

Wed. 11am Personal Intention
8pm Vitally Keryn & The Chuyashova family
 Bridie & Martin Conroy

Thurs. 11am People of the Parish **8pm** John, Annie, Raymond, Roseleen and Carmel O'Rourke

Fri. 11am Personal Intention **8pm** Personal Intention

Sat. 11am Personal Intention **8pm** Joe Cahalan
 Amir & Omid Talebzadeh

Sun. 10am Ned Kenny **12noon** Kathleen & Brendan Killackey
 Thomas (Tommy) Linnane

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>
<p>Tues. 17th Mar. St. Patrick's Day 10am: T. Kennedy, B. Mongan and K. McKenna 12noon: I. Costello, A. Wade and M. Connolly Sat. 21st Mar. 8pm: D. Fergus, M. O'Brien and M. Mulkerrins Sun. 22nd Mar. 10am: A. Gardiner, E. Mahony and P. Sousa 12noon: M. Barrett, M. Connolly and T. Kennedy</p>	<p>Tues. 17th Mar. St. Patrick's Day 10am: M. Martin 12noon: J. Hayes Sat. 21st Mar. 8pm: M. Quinn Sun. 22nd Mar. 10am: 6th Class Children 12noon: A. Cronin</p>
	<p>Mass Server Tues. 17th Mar. St. Patrick's Day 10am: Team D 12noon: Team E Sat. 21st Mar. 8pm: Team F Sun. 22nd Mar. 10am: Team G 12noon: Team A</p>
<p><u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,615</p>	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Joseph & Maureen Griffin **10am** Barbara, Blana, Tony & Oliver Connaughton
St. Patrick's Day Vigil Mass

Tues. 9am Kevin Daniels **11am** Mary, Tom & Paddy Hoarty
St Patrick's Day **6pm** Michael & Mary Mitchell

Wed. 8am Patrick & Carmel Fahy & decd. members of the Fahy & Halloran families
10am Sr De Sales

Thurs. 8am Holy Souls **10am** Tom, Frank & May Fahy and Mary & Sean Casey

Fri. 8am John & Mary Hawley & decd. family members **10am** Ellen, Paddy & Colie Burke

Sat. 8am Mary & Donal O'Sullivan **10am** Larry & Tess Smith

Sun. 9am Martha Callanan **11am** Patrick, Katie, Mary, Bennie, Pauline & Eileen Carty and Ann Mahoney
6pm Anthony Kelly



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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Sunday 15th March, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ within me,
 Christ below me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right hand,
 Christ on my left hand,
 Christ in my sleeping,
 Christ in my waking,
 Christ in the heart of all who think of me,
 Christ in the mouth of all who speak of me,
 Christ in every eye that looks at me,
 Christ in every ear that listens to me.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father (3 times)

Happy St Patrick's Day and God's blessings on you and all your families. Bishop Michael Duignan

St Patrick's Day Migrant Collection Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that goes to support the work of Irish Chaplaincies abroad and Pastoral Outreach for Irish Emigrants around the world.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Lenihan (née Fahy), Slehane, Cappataggle, Ballinasloe and Loughrea who died recently.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8pm Mass.

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

Diocese of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026, led by Bishop Michael Duignan departing from Shannon 29th June for 5 nights. Further enquiries, contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe at 090 9645350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800.

The Committee of the Adoration Chapel would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Naomh Breandan Credit Union, Loughrea for their generous funding towards improving the facilities in the Adoration Chapel. Your support helps to provide a welcoming warm environment for all who come to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026, in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 KR84. For single women between the ages of 18 - 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524.

Carmelite Abbey Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 from 23rd August to 28th August for 5 nights, flights ex. Dublin and returning to Knock. 5 nights full board at Hotel Roissy. For further details, contact The Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway at 091 841209.

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme launched in March 2024 following the Government agreed actions arising from the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and certain related matters. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/ Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack) All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

"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 www.fostering.ie to learn more."

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) to develop their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & 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.

Annual Pioneer Primary Schools & Teenage Youth & Sporting Clubs

Quiz Night takes place in the Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe on Friday 20th March, 8pm – 10 pm. See www.creideamh.ie/ptaa-quiz for more information. Teams must pre-register. All are welcome.

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

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@loughreaparishcouncil.ie **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

Tea dance in aid of Galway Hospice in Treacy's, Killimor on Saturday 21st March. Music by Sean Brennan. Admission €10. Refreshments served. Doors open 9pm. Music starts at 10pm.

Taking the Past Forward A unique, free heritage training course is being made available by Galway Rural Development through the LEADER programme. The course will be of interest to community heritage groups, tidy towns groups, men's sheds, women's sheds, CE Schemes and all those interested in their local heritage. Any individual or group are warmly welcome to attend. The five-week course starts on Wednesday, March 25th, at 10am in Kiltullagh Community Hub [H65 KC89]. To book your place, email zenahocor@gmail.com by March 20th.

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
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Temperance Hall

Loughrea Set Dancers St Patrick's Day Céilí on Saturday 14th March from 8pm - 11pm.

Loughrea Activity Association No meeting on Monday 16th March. 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 will return on March 19th 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

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