

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon.	11am	Private Intention	8pm	No Evening Mass
<b>Feast of St Blaise on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Blessing of the Throats</b>				
Tue.	11am	Private Intention	8pm	Eoin & Margaret Stankard & decd. family members Mattie, John & Mary Healy & decd. family members.
Private Intention				
Wed.	11am	Private Intention	8pm	Special Intention Decd. members of the Moran family
Thurs.	11am	People of the Parish	8pm	Sean & Maudie Hannon
Fri.	11am	Patricia Grimes	8pm	Una Murphy M.M.
Sat.	11am	Francis Keane	8pm	Annette Connolly Sean Kelly & decd. members of the Kelly family
Sun.	10am	Joe & Carmel Maher Pearse & Michelle Kelly and Caroline Flaherty Kelly Bruce Hylton & John D'Cruz	12noon	Ted O'Doherty

### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>8pm:</b> M. Connolly & M. Harris
<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>		
<b>10am:</b> K. McKenna & A. Wade	<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>8pm:</b> M. Quinn
<b>12noon:</b> C. Bolton & M. Barrett		
<b>Cathedral Sunday Collection</b>	<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>10am:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Children
<b>€1,870</b>	<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>12noon:</b> M. Martin

### Ministers of the Word

<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>8pm:</b> M. Quinn
<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>10am:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Children
	<b>12noon:</b> M. Martin
<b>Mass Servers</b>	
<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>8pm:</b> Team G
<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>10am:</b> Team A
	<b>12noon:</b> Team B

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon.	8am	Private Intentions	10am	Dymphna Kelly
<b>Feast of St Blaise on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Blessing of the Throats</b>				
Tues.	8am	Private Intentions	10am	Tommy & Gemma Daniels
Wed.	8am	Henry, Michael & Bridie McMahon	10am	Bridie & Michael Forde
Thurs.	8am	Mattie Healy	10am	Thomas & Mary Coleman
Fri.	8am	John Twomey	10am	Tim Crowe
Sat.	8am	Theresa McDermott	10am	Ann McMaguire Flynn
Sun.	9am	Anthony Kelly	11am	Mark Madden
			6pm	Margaret Sheanon

**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.

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St Brigid's Day

### 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 Ian O'Neill to find out more, email  
[vocations@galwaydiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@galwaydiocese.ie) or phone 091-798741.

### Candlemas Day

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February traditionally is the day that candles are blessed for  
use in church or at home. If you would like to donate candles for use on  
the altar during the year, please leave them in the box provided at Our  
Lady's altar. Candles for home use and church use will be blessed at the  
11am Mass.

### Feast of St Blaise

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Blessing of the Throats will take place after 11am  
and 8pm Masses at the **Cathedral** and at the **Carmelite Abbey**, Blessing  
of the Throats will take place after 8am and 10am Masses.

### Society St. Vincent De Paul

086 0551134

**World Day for Consecrated Life.** We give thanks for the gift of those who live out their Christian calling in religious orders and religious communities. Their life, witness, work and prayer among us is deeply appreciated. Bishop Michael will host a special Gathering for All Religious in the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in Galway Cathedral at 12.30pm.

### Keeping Connected

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

**Celebration of the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation 2026** We remember in our prayers those who are beginning to prepare for the celebration of the important Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.

**Solemn Novena 2026** Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena takes place between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: For further information

[www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena](http://www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena)

**The Dioceses of Clonfert and Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora** are currently hiring for a range of roles, based primarily in Galway City. Further information and full job descriptions are available at [www.clonfertgalway.ie/jobs](http://www.clonfertgalway.ie/jobs)

**'Life in the Spirit' seminars** continue every Tuesday until the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm at Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. Guest speaker every week. All are welcome to come and see. Details: Theresa on 086 3241269.

**40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration** will take place from 6pm on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. to 10am on Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe (H53 NX59). A time to give thanks and to invoke God's help and blessing as we enter Spring 2026. Everyone welcome. More info @ [www.creideamh.ie/40-hours](http://www.creideamh.ie/40-hours)

**A Catholic Praise and Worship Night** will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm in Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Galway, Eircode H53E5N6. The evening will include praise and worship music, prayer, and time before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

**Addiction and Mental Health wellbeing workshop** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, (1.30pm-4.30 pm). For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com), Tel: 087 968 4352. All voices welcome. 18+

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**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](mailto:galwaycontact@gmail.com)

**St Brendan's Education Centre**, Abbey St., Loughrea, Co. Galway 091 841387: Hairdressing Taster Programme on presently from 3pm-6pm Tuesdays. Contacts: [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie) or [maureen.shea@gretb.ie](mailto:maureen.shea@gretb.ie)

**Loughrea Library** is hosting a drop-in digital clinic with tutor Dave Gardiner as part of ALL (Adult Literacy for Life) and organised by the GRETB to offer people advice and help on using their smart phone, tablet or laptop. The clinics take place every Friday morning from 10am-12pm.

**Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme** have vacancies for an Office Assistant ref #CES 2428773, closing date 25/2/2026 and a General operator position with Tidy Towns ref #CES 2429791, closing date 3/3/26. 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](mailto:francisbyrne@loughreaparishcouncil.ie)

**Loughrea Tidy Towns** St. Brigid's Well, Bohercom has been renovated with credit due to Regan's Monumental Works, Staff of Chanelle Pharma and young volunteers, Krystian, Ryan and Yamu. We are grateful to the Abbey Fathers for their donation of a new statue. A blessing will take place at the Well on St. Brigid's Day, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. at 2pm in honour of St. Brigid. All are welcome. (Directions: Left of the main gate of St. Raphael's College).

**Tea dance** in aid of Galway hospice in Treacy's Killimor on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Music by Thomas McGuire and Fiona Ennis. Admission €10. Refreshments served. Doors open 9pm. Music starts at 10pm.

**Ceol, Comhrá, Caife an Chéadaoin.** A new opportunity to use your 'cúpla focal' on the first Wednesday of every month with mighty music from Anne Conroy Burke and Melissa Clarke. Slow Roast, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6.30pm. Bígí linn!

**St Mary's Parish Athenry Lenten Mission** February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. For further information, contact [info@athenryparish.ie](mailto:info@athenryparish.ie)

### Temperance Hall

**The Seumas O'Kelly Players** will be holding a final night of auditions for their 3 Spring plays on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the Temperance Hall at 7.30pm. Email [sokellyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:sokellyplayers@gmail.com) for scripts and details.

**Loughrea Activity Association** No meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. 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** Children's class Tuesday Gaelscoil Riabhach 2.30pm. Wednesday St Ita's school hall 2.30pm. Friday Temperance Hall 4.30pm Adult Class Temperance Hall Tuesday 7pm. For further information, contact 087 9597560.

**Latin Zumba Vibes** Classes will return on March 12<sup>th</sup> on Thursdays from 7pm-8pm. Contact Laura Ibanez on 086 7833006.

**Bingo** Every Friday night from 7.15pm, also online via zoom [www.loughreabingo.ie](http://www.loughreabingo.ie)

**Yoga Classes** morning yoga 10.30am, chair yoga 11.45am 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](mailto:cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie)**