MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. **11am** Private Intention
8pm Decd. members of the Tannian and Barrett families

Tue. **11am** Michael & Nora Kealy and decd. family members
8pm John Quinn

Wed. **11am** John O'Loughlin
8pm **Chrism Mass**

Holy Thursday

Thurs. **11am** **No Mass**
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday

Fri. **3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Sat. **11am** Blessing of Easter Food
8pm Easter Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Easter Sunday

Sun. **10am** Michael (Mick) O'Rourke M.M.
Michael & John O'Rourke
Padraic Keane
12 noon Veronica Keena
Padraig Connor
Claude Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers	Ministers of the Word
Holy Thursday **8pm:** A. Gardiner, E. Mahoney and P. Souza **Good Friday** **3pm:** K. McKenna, T. Kennedy and A. Gardiner **Holy Saturday** **8pm:** D. Fergus, C. Bolton and M. Barrett **Easter Sunday** **10am:** K. McKenna, A. Gardiner and M. Ryan **12 noon:** A. Wade, I. Costello and M. Connolly	**Chrism Mass** **8pm:** A. Cronin **Holy Thursday** **8pm:** E. Harte & D. Joyce **Good Friday** **3pm:** C. Onuora, J. Hayes and M. Martin **Holy Saturday** **8pm:** A. Dolan Ochana and G. Glennon & M. Quinn **Easter Sunday** **10am:** A. Toohey & M. Martin **12 noon:** A. Cronin & M. Connolly **Cathedral Sunday Collection €1,550**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. **8am** Special Intentions
10am Paddy & May Hennessy

Tues. **8am** Holy Souls
10am Francis & Annie Finnerty

Wed. **8am** Maureen Conniffe
10am Michael & Norah Kealy and decd. family members
6pm **Penitential Rite**

Holy Thursday

Thurs. **8am** **No Mass**
6pm Mass of The Lord's Supper
Adoration until 8.30pm

Good Friday

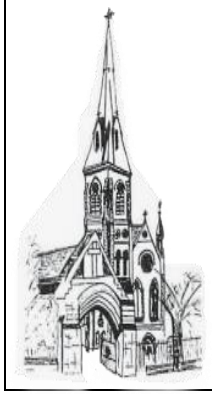
Fri. **3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Sat. **8am** **No Mass**
8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

Sun. **9am** Kitty Conniffe
11am Paddy Stubbs
6pm Philomena Broder



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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Sunday 29th March, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Confession Times for Easter

The Cathedral

Mon. & Tues. after 8pm Mass
Holy Sat. 2.30pm - 3.30pm

The Abbey

Mon. 10.30am
Tues. 10.30am
Wed. 10.30am
Wed. Penitential Rite 6.00pm
Thurs. 12 noon - 1pm
3.30pm - 4.30pm
7.00pm
Good Fri. 12 noon - 1pm
4.00pm - 4.30pm,
5.30pm – 6.00pm
Holy Sat. 12 noon - 1pm
1.00pm - 2.30pm
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please make an effort to attend Confessions for Easter

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Brendans Cathedral, Loughrea on Wednesday 1st April at 8pm and at the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas, Galway on Thursday 2nd April at 11am. During the Mass, Bishop Duignan will consecrate the Sacred Chrism for use at Confirmation this year. He will also bless the Oil of Catechumens used in the Sacrament of Baptism and the Oil of the Sick, used in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome.

Easter Triduum Ceremonies

The Cathedral

Holy Thurs. 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 10pm

Good Fri. **3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Sat. **11am** Blessing of Easter Food
8pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sun. 10am & 12 noon

The Abbey

Holy Thurs. 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until 8.30pm

Good Fri. **3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Sat. **8.30pm** Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sun. 9am, 11am & 6pm

Holy Places Collection will be taken up at Masses on April 3rd and the **Priests Easter Collection** on April 5th. Thank you for your contribution to these special collections that support Holy Places and the payment of your priest. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

Ministers of the Word If you would like to join our team, please contact the Parish Office at 091 841212 or email: **cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie**

Trócaire – The annual collection for Trócaire will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of 11th/12th April. 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 **www.trocaire.ie**

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.

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.

Loughrea Music Club. In preparation for Holy Week, on Sunday, March 29th from 6pm (sharp) to 7pm, there will be an hour of music and meditation in St Dympna's Church, Kilnadeema. All welcome. Admission is free but donations if desired to Trócaire.

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.

Anam Cara Galway, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 1st April, 2026 at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email **info@anamcara.ie**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 29th May, 2026. Contact Aisling on 01-5053112 or by email to **marriagepreparation@accord.ie** **www.accord.ie**

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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**

Loughrea Bingo have kindly donated and installed a new **Defibrillator** outside the Temperance Hall. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to them.

Ceol na Céadaoine Following the success of the first two events, Ceol na Céadaoine continues on Wed. April 1st in Slow Roast from 6.30pm - 8.00pm, featuring musicians Anne Conroy Burke and Melissa Clarke.

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 BIC: BOFIIE2D.**

Temperance Hall

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present 3 Comedy One Act Plays, Thursday 9th, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of April, in the Temperance Hall at 8pm. Tickets are €15 on the door, or in advance from Martin Fahy Menswear, Loughrea or online at **https://gr8events.ie/three-comedy-one-act-plays**

Galway County Pickleball Club Taster Sessions in the Gym from 6pm - 7pm on the 31st of March and 7th of April. Free Admission, 18years+. All equipment provided.

Loughrea Activity Association No meeting next week. 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.

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
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