

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am	Private Intention	8pm NO EVENING MASS
Tues. 11am	Private Intention	8pm Personal Intention
Wed. 11am	Friends and Benefactors of the Cathedral	8pm Maggie Glynn
Thurs. 11am	People of the Parish	8pm Chrissie & Mark Monaghan Pat Riordan
Fri. 11am	Personal Intention	8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am	Kevin McCormack M.M.	8pm Catherine & Pat Randles Joy & Tommy Lally Pauline & Michael Feeney
Sun. 10am	Personal Intention	12 noon Fiona Colleran

Baptism: Please welcome into God's family Liam Mark Madden, Ocala, Florida, USA.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>
Sat. 8th Aug. 8pm: D. Fergus, M. Barrett & C. Bolton	Sat. 8th Aug. 8pm: A. Dolan Ochana Sun. 9th Aug. 10am: C. Onuora 12 noon: A. Cronin
Sun. 9th Aug. 10am: K. McKenna, M. Ryan & I. Costello 12 noon: M. Connolly, P. Sousa & M. O'Brien	Mass Servers Sat. 8th Aug. Sun. 9th Aug. 8pm: Team G 10am: Team A 12 noon: Team B
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,780	

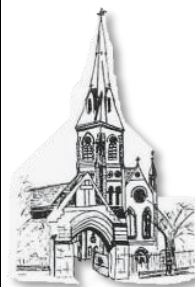
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am	Holy Souls	10am	Sr Philomena Geoghegan
Tues. 8am	Mary & Denis Conway	10am	John Clarke
Wed. 8am	Bridie & Donal Ryan	10am	Private Intentions
Thurs. 8am	The Faithful Departed Members of the Carmelite Order	10am	Nora Lenahan
Fri. 8am	Vincent & Maisie Fahy and Sr Catherine Burke	10am	Bridie & Bernard Burke
Sat. 8am	P.J., Carmel and Dympna Sylver	10am	Teresa & Ellen O'Reilly
Sun. 9am	John Murphy	11am	Mary Comer (Née Fergus)
		6pm	Jimmy & Mary O'Connell and decd. members of the Morrissey and Clasby families

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: BOFIE2D**

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Sunday 2nd August, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 or phone 091-798741.

Cemetery Sunday

Carmelite Abbey Cemetery Sunday 2026 The Sunday evening Mass and blessing of the graves will be held at The Carmelite Abbey Church on the **16th August, 2026 at 6pm.** Any donations to the upkeep of the graveyard appreciated.

Parking on the Cathedral Grounds

There is a notice at each gate that reads – **Parking for church use only.** However, this is largely ignored and people attending daily Mass cannot access the grounds because of the cars already parked there. Many of these cars are parked for the day and sometimes cars are left for a few days. We have had problems at funerals and weddings too, where cars are parked across the front of the Cathedral causing an obstruction. Something needs to be done to address the issue. Your ideas would be welcome. You can email cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie or call the Parish office at 091 841212.

Keeping Connected

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

RCIA 2026/2027 Thinking of Becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who: have never been baptised, belong to another Christian tradition, are baptised Catholics but haven't received Confirmation or Eucharist. The journey begins this autumn. To find out more, contact the Parish or email rcia@anghailil.ie

National Synodal Pathway Update Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the Synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin please log onto <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Loughrea Cathedral if you would like to join our team of basket collectors at weekend Masses, please contact the Parish office at 091 841212 or email cathedral@clonfertdiocese.ie

The practice of the Five 1st Saturday Devotion, requested by Our Lady at Fatima (Mass, Rosary, Meditation & Confessions) will start on the 1st of August at 10am Mass in The Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea.

St. Francis Prayer Group invites you to join us for 3 nights of talks on the 'Life of St Gemma Galgani' on Tuesday 11th, 18th & 25th August at 7pm in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. St. Gemma's first-class relic and free prayer cards will be available each night. All are welcome to come and see. For more details contact, Theresa on 086 3241269.

Triduum at St. Francis Church Meelick H53 H728 Sunday 2nd August Mass at 7pm. Confessions prior to Mass, visiting Franciscans.

Young Adult Catholic Conference – 29th August 2026 - Legion of Mary 'Embrace the Grace' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40yrs) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession and workshops in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on Saturday 30th August from 9.30am to 6.00pm with a social afterward. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com

Global School Feeding Charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step By Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. Walkers will leave St. Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea at 8.30am on Monday 10th August, heading for Loughrea Lake to walk around it until 1pm. Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online. All donations, big or small, are very welcome.

Society St. Vincent De Paul
086 0551134

Loughrea Parish Council CLG Community Employment Scheme have vacancies for a **General Operator** ref. CES #2454984, closing date 5/8/2026 and a **General Operator with Cleaning duties** ref. CES #2454982, closing date 5/8/2026. 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 Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea: 091 841387 email: freda.murphy@gretb.ie A few places available in Business Modules commencing in September: Information and Administration Level 5 Tuesday 8th September 9.30pm-12.30pm, Legal Practice and Procedure Tuesday afternoon 1pm-4pm. Early Learning Certificate in Childcare: Commencing on Tuesday 8th September 6pm-9pm.

Shear Country Concert in Aid of Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centre, Athenry on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm, (doors open at 7pm) in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe. Staring Sabrina Fallon, The Fallon Family, Philomena Begley, Ray Lynam, Sandy Kelly and many more. Purchase tickets €30, from Cuan Mhuire, Coolarne 091 797102 or on www.eventrite.ie or directly from The Shearwater Hotel.

Cosy Homes Information Service at Loughrea Family Resource Centre, weekly on Fridays from 10.30am-12.30pm in August. A free drop-in service providing practical information and support on household benefits, home energy bills and home energy upgrades. Provided by the Community Development team at Naomh Breandan Credit Union and volunteers from Sustainable Energy West sustainable energy community group. Contact Annalisa on 087 3899883.

Coffee Day Wellbeing Meetup. On Wednesday, 19th August, (2pm-4pm), Ballinasloe Family Centre H53 NX59. This can be a good opportunity for people to find out about REGARI Recovery College without committing to any session. For more information please contact: Amanda Hunt, Email: regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com, Tel: 087 968 4352. All voices welcome. 18+

Purse Found in the Cathedral after Sunday Mass on 12th of July, contact the Parish Office 091 841212.

Loughrea Golf Club are offering a fun introduction to golf for girls at the club. Starting on Thurs. 6th August and every Thursday for 3 weeks, (Aug. 6th, 13th and 20th). Time 10am – 12.30pm. Age 7 years and up. Contact Sharon at Loughrea G. C. at 091 -841049.

Temperance Hall

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 will return Monday August 10th at 10.30am. Contact Julia Sayers 086 2608039.

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