

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Bridie & Joe Duane	8pm Decd. members of the Burke family
Tue. 11am Bridget & Frank Martyn	8pm Angela & Nicky King and Peggy Glennon
Wed. 11am Mary & Peter Hehir	8pm Decd. members of the Devine family
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Josephine & Raymond Muldoon
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Sr Alexis Burke M.M.
Sat. 11am Kathleen Reilly M.M.	8pm Maude & Michael Deeley and decd. family members
Sun. 10am Michael Ward Jnr	12noon Betty Beirne

Baptism: Please welcome into Gods family Éabha Catherine Sheridan, Donnellan Drive, Loughrea.

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr Concepta (May) Coen, Árd Bhríde, Castlebar, Mayo and Woodford, Co. Galway and J.J. Murray, Bullaun, Loughrea, Co. Galway who died recently.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>	
Sat. 14th Feb. 8pm: I. Costello & M. O'Brien	Sat. 14th Feb.	8pm: E. Harte
Sun. 15th Feb. 10am: M. Ryan & E. Mahony 12noon: D. Fergus & H. Oliveira	Sun. 15th Feb.	10am: 6 th Class Children 12noon: C. Onuora
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,815	<u>Mass Servers</u>	Sat. 14th Feb. 8pm: Team C
	Sun. 15th Feb.	10am: Team D 12noon: Team E

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Holy Souls	10am Maureen & Nora Corry
Tues. 8am Patrick & Ann Benson and decd. family members	10am Thomas Ward
Wed. 8am Donors Intentions	10am Anthony Kelly
Thurs. 8am Holy Souls	10am Jim Lenahan
Fri. 8am Holy Souls	10am Mary & Thomas Mullins
Sat. 8am Sylvia Conniffe	10am Andy & Maureen Devine
Sun. 9am John Joe, Mai & Kitty Hoban and little Ann Forde	11am Peggy, Pat & Liam McDermott 6pm Decd. members of the Donohue & Finnerty 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.
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Sunday 8th February, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

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.

Pope St. John Paul II Award Ceremony

The annual JP II Presentation Award Ceremony took place in Gullane's Hotel on Thursday last. Bishop Michael presented fifty-three students from Clonfert Diocese with either the Gold, Silver, Bronze or Papal Cross Awards. Hosted by Portumna Community School it was a special night of faith and fellowship for the students themselves, their parents, teachers and parish priests. May the students continue their good work and faith journey through their involvement in their parish and their community in the years ahead.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday 11th of February in the Cathedral at the 11am and 8pm Masses and in the Carmelite Abbey at the 8am and 10am Masses.

Clonfert Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generous support to this collection.

Keeping Connected

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

Ministry of Catechist and the Permanent Diaconate Would you be interested in serving in the Ministry of Catechist or the Permanent Diaconate in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora? As part of a dynamic and creative team, in union with priests, deacons, parish pastoral councils and others, catechists assist with the delivery of various faith development programmes and opportunities at both parish level and beyond. Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in charity to the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. They also provide a ministry of the Word in preaching in Church and officiating at certain liturgies, and Ministry of the Altar, in assisting the celebrant at Mass and preparing people for and officiating at Baptisms and Weddings. Both the Ministry of Catechist and the Permanent Diaconate involve a sizeable period of discernment and formation. For a conversation and further information please contact Fr Hugh Clifford, Tel. 091 637154, Email catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie before 4th March 2026.

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.

Adoration Chapel We are inviting all parishioners to join us for one hour a week in quiet reflection of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you have one hour a week to spare, please contact 087 218480 or the Parish Office 091 841212. Your commitment to Eucharistic Adoration is deeply valued.

Solemn Novena 2026 Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena takes place between Monday 2nd and Tuesday 10th February: For further information www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena

The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme was 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."

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

**Society St. Vincent De Paul
086 0551134**

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

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.

The Walled Garden at Woodville, Kilchreest, Loughrea will open at weekends from 11.30am to 4.30pm every Friday to Monday throughout the month of February. Guided tour of the snowdrops and early spring bulbs at 12 noon and 2pm each day including light refreshments. Welcome outside these hours by appointment. Contact Margarita at 087/9069191 or Email - woodvillegardens@gmail.com

St Mary's Parish Athenry Lenten Mission February 23rd – 25th. For further information, contact info@athenryparish.ie

Temperance Hall

Loughrea Activity Association Valentine's party and dancing with Bridie Clinton on Monday at 7pm. 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 7-8pm and Children's class on Friday 4.30pm-5.30pm. For further information, contact 087 9597560.

Latin Zumba Vibes Classes will return on March 12th 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.

St Brendan's Choral & Dramatic Society will be holding auditions for this year's production *Little Shop of Horrors* this Sunday evening February 8th in the Temperance Hall at 6pm, email stbreandanchoralsoc@gmail.com for an audition pack.

**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**