

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

- Mon. 11am** Máire Mason **8pm** Patrick Horgan
Mon. 11am Molly & Jack Keating & decd. members of the Keating & O'Meara families
Tues. 11am Andy Maloney **7.30pm** Service of Reflection & Prayer for Confirmation Candidates
8pm No Mass
Wed. 11am Personal Intention **8pm** Maureen Oxley (née Donohue)
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish **8pm** Ruth and Patrick Powell
Fri. 11am Elizabeth & John Scully & decd. family members
 Nora Loughnane
Fri. 12 noon Mass for the retiring Principal of St Raphael's Secondary School
Fri. 8pm Personal Intention
Sat. 11am Personal Intention **8pm** Peter Clarke
 Bernie & Andy Griffin
Sun. 10am Joanna & Bill Joynt **12 noon** Personal Intention

Baptism: Please welcome into God's family Conor John Raftery and Darragh Niall Raftery Tullagh Hill, Loughrea.

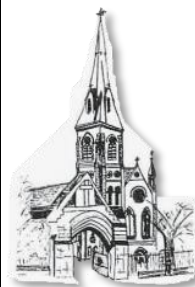
R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat (Patrick) Beirne, Gort Road, Loughrea whose funeral took place in the Cathedral this week.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>	
Sat. 2nd May 8pm: P. Sousa, M. O'Brien & C. Bolton	Sat. 2nd May 8pm: A. Dolan Ochana	
Sun. 3rd May 10am: M. Ryan, K. McKenna & A. Gardiner 12 noon: M. Connolly, A. Wade & I. Costello	Sun. 3rd May 10am: A. Toohey 12 noon: M. Connolly	
	Mass Servers	
	Sat. 2nd May 8pm: Team G	
	Sun. 3rd May 10am: Team A 12 noon: Team B	
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €2,160		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

- Mon. 8am** Gilmartin family & decd. family members **10am** John & Teresa Robinson
Tues. 8am Decd. members of the Carmelite Order **10am** Anne Madden
Wed. 8am John, Mary, Ryan, Paddy, Joe & Lilly Kelly **10am** John, Annie & Phil Murphy
Thurs. 8am Holy Souls **10am** Martin & Margaret Daniels
Fri. 8am Freda Heavey & decd. family members **10am** Michael Sheehan
Sat. 8am Sebastian Charthamkandathil, Elikkutty Charthamkandathil, Manuval Kanjirthcjinootil, Chacko & Eliyamma Keerippadavil
10am Annie & Patrick Moloney
Sun. 9am Joseph Conniffe **11am** Pakie & Olive Whyte & decd. members of the Whyte and Walsh families
6pm Private Intentions

Society St. Vincent De Paul
086 0551134



LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

Loughrea Faith Community Area

The Presbytery 091-841212 The Abbey 091-841209

Website – loughreacathedral.ie clonfertdiocese.ie

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Live stream: www.loughreacathedral.ie/www.churchservices.tv/loughrea

Sunday 26th April, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert

Lord of the Harvest
 today we ask that you continue to inspire
 with faith, courage and insight
 faithful followers of your Gospel
 to step forward for formation as Priests
 for the harvest is surely very great in this diocese
 and the labourers are surely very few.
 We also sincerely pray that the upcoming
 Vocations Afternoon on May 10th
 will be a source of grace and joy for all participants
 and for both our diocese and our sister diocese.
 Lord hear us.

If you feel that you may be called to follow Jesus as a Priest in this diocese, contact Fr Ian O'Neill, our Diocesan Vocations Director, to find out about the upcoming **Diocesan Priesthood Vocations Afternoon** on Sunday, May 10th.
 Email: priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie or phone 087 2048497.

Ministry of Catechist and Order of the Permanent Diaconate

In order to best facilitate discernment and preparation of the formation programme, the closing date for application for the Ministry of Catechist as well as for the Permanent Diaconate in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora is being extended. 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 exercise a ministry of the Word in preaching and teaching, and Ministry at the Altar, in assisting the celebrant at Mass, in officiating at certain liturgies, 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 fuller description, please see the brochures that are available in your local Church. For a conversation and further information please contact Fr Hugh Clifford, Email catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie or Tel. 091 637154, before 31st May 2026.

Clonfert Priests Retirement Fund Collection will be taken up at Masses on 3rd May 2026. Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that supports your priests' retirement. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert – Come join in prayer for May Devotions. Confessions available Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.00pm onwards. Church open daily for private prayer, 7.00am to 11.00pm. For further information 090 967 5113 or email stbrenseyrecourt@clonferdiocese.ie Full schedule is on the website

www.clonfertgalway.ie

Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday May 17th.

Ceremonies beginning at 2.30pm with Sacrament of the Sick, followed by Eucharist at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. All are invited and welcome.

Join this year's Young Adult Camino Pilgrimage (ages 18–35), 11th–20th July 2026. Walk the final 100km from Sarria to Santiago with Bishop Michael Duignan. Step out in faith and experience the grace of the Camino. Includes flights, accommodation and visit to Finisterre.

Contact youthpilgrimage@clonfertgalway.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. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29th June to 4th July. For further information, staff rates and application forms, contact Darina, 085 2288043 or email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie or contact your local Parish Priest.

40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 6pm on Fri. 1st May to 10am on Sun. 3rd May in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe (H53 NX59). A time to give thanks and to invoke God's help and blessing as we enter Summer 2026. Everyone welcome. More info contact www.creideamh.ie/40-hours

Connaught Retreat Day Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to a Connaught Retreat Day on Saturday, 9th May, from 10am–6pm at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass (F26 X884). A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers Br Ronan Sharpley OFM, Children's Rosary Ireland, and Fr Valerian Castelino C.S.C. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50

(assistance available if needed). Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats

All welcome. Bring a friend.

Loughrea Senior Citizens will meet in the Carmelite Abbey on Thursday April 30th at 7.30pm for a great night's entertainment. New members welcome.

Loughrea Library Community Social Mornings Loughrea Library is hosting community social mornings on the last Thursday of every month from 10.30am–1.00pm. The next morning is on Thursday 30th April. Drop in for coffee/tea to chat and connect, play board games or cards, or just sit and relax with the paper or crossword. All welcome.

Loughrea Lions Club is running a CPR and AED course in Lough Rea Hotel and Spa on Tuesday, April 28th from 7.00pm–9.30pm. To attend please contact Loughrea Lions Club by email to loughrealionsclub@gmail.com or text Brendan 086 1758066. Early booking is essential as places are limited.

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

Darkness into Light will take place on Saturday, May 9th commencing from the Courthouse at 4.15am. This is the 10th DIL walk in Loughrea and we wish to acknowledge with gratitude the support received over the years. Registration is now open on www.darknessintolight.ie

St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea: 091 841387/087 9332033 email: john.melville@gretb.ie or freda.murphy@gretb.ie Open Day Friday 10am - 2pm Fri. May 1st, 2026: An opportunity to meet and discuss with our tutors the wide variety of QQI courses on offer: Beauty, Culinary, Office Admin, ELC, Challenging Behaviour, SNA Level 6 School Age childcare (to work in afterschool setting), Hairdressing, Healthcare, Horticulture, I.T. and Train the Trainer.

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57–71 years of age. See www.hse.ie/bowelscreen

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May–25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

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

Temperance Hall

St Brendan's Choral & Dramatic Society present The Little Shop of Horrors on 29th, 30th of April and 2nd of May in the Temperance Hall, Show starts at 8pm. Tickets can be bought online at <http://www.qr8events.ie/the-little-shop-of-horrors-st-brendans>

Loughrea Activity Association Meeting on Monday 27th April 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 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.

Bingo Every Friday night from 8pm, also online via zoom www.loughreabingo.ie
Yoga Classes on Mondays morning yoga 10.30am. 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@clonferdiocese.ie