

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL THIS WEEK

Mon. 11am Larry Daly Frank Winters	8pm Private Intention
Tue. 11am Con & Teresa Hynes	8pm Serena Williams
Wed. 11am Carmel Hession	8pm James & Nora Collins John Fallon
Thurs. 11am People of the Parish	8pm Personal Intention
Fri. 11am Personal Intention	8pm Friends & Benefactors of the Cathedral
Sat. 11am Patrick Ward	8pm John & May Fahey
Sun. 10am Personal Intention	12noon Mary Kate, John & Theresa McHugh Decd. members of the Tierney family Peter Plower

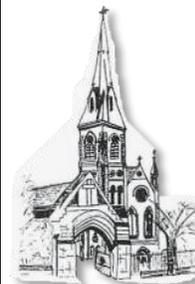
R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ignatius (Ignus) Harney, Harney's Bar, Barrack Street, Loughrea and Tynagh, Co. Galway; Bridget (Bridie) Donohue (née Flynn), Beechwood Close, Loughrea and Sean (Sadie) Sweeney, Pigott Street, Loughrea who died recently.

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ministers of the Word</u>
Sat. 14th Mar. 8pm: D. Fergus, H. Oliveira and C. Bolton	Sat. 14th Mar. 8pm: E. Harte Sun. 15th Mar. 10am: 6 th Class Children 12noon: M. Connolly
Sun. 15th Mar. 10am: A. Gardiner, I. Costello and E. Mahony 12noon: M. O'Brien, A. Wade and M. Ryan	Tues. 17th Mar. St. Patrick's Day 10am: M. Martin 12noon: J. Hayes
Tues. 17th Mar. St. Patrick's Day 10am: T. Kennedy, B. Mongan and K. McKenna 12noon: I. Costello, A. Wade and M. Connolly	Mass Server Sat. 14th Mar. 8pm: Team A Sun. 15th Mar. 10am: Team B 12noon: Team C Tues. 17th Mar. St. Patrick's Day 10am: Team D 12noon: Team E
<u>Cathedral Sunday Collection</u> €1,955	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE CARMELITE ABBEY THIS WEEK

Mon. 8am Michael & Paddy Duane	10am Private Intentions
Tues. 8am Kit Quinlan	10am Sean Hession
Wed. 8am Holy Souls	10am Peg & James Fitzpatrick
Thurs. 8am Gerard, Celia & Bernard Dervan 10am The Callanan family, Michael, Eileen, son Michael, Paddy, Margaret, Tom & decd. family members.	
Fri. 8am Jane Mangan (Living Intention)	10am Pat & Mary Anne Burke & decd. family members
Sat. 8am Maura Benson	10am Sean Fox
Sun. 9am Vincent & Mary Sheridan	11am Angela & Mark Casey 6pm Patrick Ward

Society St. Vincent De Paul
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LOUGHREA CATHEDRAL & CARMELITE ABBEY

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Sunday 8th March, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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.

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 Deadline for enquiries extended to 12th March 2026.

The Emigrants Collection will be taken up at Masses on Sunday 15th March. Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that goes to support the work of Irish Chaplaincies abroad and Pastoral Outreach for Irish Emigrants around the world.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8pm Mass.

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.

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 2108480 or the Parish Office 091 841212. Your commitment to Eucharistic Adoration is deeply valued.

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.

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026, in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 KR84. For single women between the ages of 18 - 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at sienavoc@gmail.com Tel: 041 9838524.

Mothers Prayers in St. John's Rest, Knock Shrine. From 13th – 15th March. For mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren. All women are welcome. For further information please contact Marie 087 6184110.

Feileacain Spring Remembrance Service takes place at the Church of the Holy Family, Mervue on Sunday 8th of March at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

Catholic Mothers Ireland Retreat Day: Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, St Saviour's Parish Hall, Limerick on Sat 14th March 2026. This all day Retreat will run from 10am – 6pm. Email info@catholicmothers.ie for more information or book your place at www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats

Community Connect drive & drop Donate to help families in need on Sunday 8th March from 9.30am - 10.30am in the car park of St Colman's Church, Craughwell. Help us to gather much-needed essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies around the country. Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Every donation you make will go directly to a family.

Breaking Through.org have a free one-day training programme - Understanding Self Harm Training on the 26th of March from 9.30 – 4.30pm in the Tusla Offices, Unit 2, 1st Floor, Loughrea Shopping Centre, Athenry Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway, H62 XR82. This training is for anyone over the age of 18. It is not suitable for anyone bereaved by suicide with 12 months. Training is free of charge. Email: darlene@breakingthrough.org or Phone 01 6060858.

Galway 40 Days for Life This Lent join our Galway 40 Days for Life team in public prayer, fasting and community outreach to raise awareness about the sanctity of life. 40 Days for life is an international organisation committed to peaceful and prayerful public witness to the culture of life. For more information contact

40daysforlifegalway@proton.me and see www.40daysforlife.com

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
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Keeping Connected

Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter **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
Public Talks in Loughrea Library, Church Street (H62 EV61) Caring for Your Feet - looking after your feet and the importance of good foot health', by Jay Cox, a podiatrist with Foot Health, Claregalway on Wed. 11th March at 11.30am and **Building Wellbeing Step by Step** - Connect to the Five Ways to Wellbeing by Sarah Fahy of Mental Health Ireland. Thurs. 12th March at 12pm. All welcome. Admission is free to both.

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March. [Please visit purpleday.org](http://www.purpleday.org)

Wednesday / Céadaoin 11ú Márta the second 'Ceol na Céadaoine' takes place at Slow Roast H62 RY61 at 6:30pm. Come and listen to Anne Conroy Burke and Melissa Clarke, two of East Galway's finest button accordionists. An event focused on providing an informal space to speak however much Irish you know while listening to great music.

Cookery Demonstration with Eunice Power Friday March 27th at the Irish Workhouse Centre Portumna. Tickets €35 with a free entry into a raffle. Spot prizes available on the night along with local artisan food stalls. To get a ticket log onto www.irishworkhousecentre.ie

Temperance Hall

Loughrea Activity Association Meeting on Monday evening 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 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.

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

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