

Priests Retirement Fund will be taken up at Masses this weekend

Thank you for your donation to this collection which looks after the retired Priests of the Diocese.

Clonfert and Galway Priests Retreat Please keep in your prayers our Priests who are on retreat this coming week.

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@clonfertdiocese.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

Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday May 16th, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am, and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

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.

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

Pro Life Campaign Organisation Rally for Life on Monday 4th May in Dublin at 2pm from Newman University Church St Stephen's Green to Leinster House. Contact 087 7514387/086 8847745.

Medugorje Pilgrimage one place is still available ex. Dublin from the 7th – 21st May. For more information, contact 086 167 2466.

Loughrea Tidy Towns If you want to be more connected to the community, make a positive contribution, join us for 'Tidy Tuesdays'. The project is different every week and includes light tasks. We meet at Barrack Street Car Park every Tuesday at 7pm.

Ceol na Céadaoine next meeting takes place on Wed. 6th May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm in Slow Roast. It offers a relaxed space to enjoy live music and casual conversation as Gaeilge led by acclaimed musicians Anne Conroy Burke and Melissa Clarke.

Evening Ciorcal Comhrá bi-monthly meeting takes place on Thursday 14th May from 7pm–8pm at the Gaeilge Locha Riach office on Kelly's Street. Everybody and all levels of Irish are welcome.

Colm Fitzgerald Memorial May Day Walk 2026 The walk starts at 11.00am on Monday May 4th, at Athenry Social Service Centre H65E032, in aid of Athenry Simanjiro Partnership. Light refreshments afterwards. Contact 0868641720.

Pink Coffee Morning in Kilreekil Hall Chair Yoga Class followed by tea/coffee & treats in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland on 30th May in Kilreekil Hall.

Galway County Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) is holding public consultation meetings in Loughrea Library on Friday 8th May, 11am -1pm and 2pm - 4pm to gather residents' views on community safety and help develop a Community Safety Plan that reflects local needs and lived experiences.

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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Temperance Hall

Loughrea Activity Association No meeting next Monday 4th May, 2026. Contact Mary Ida Kelly on 086 2602282.

St Brendan's Choral & Dramatic Society present 'The Little Shop of Horrors' on 2nd of May in the Temperance Hall, Show starts at 8pm. Tickets can be bought online at <http://www.gr8events.ie/the-little-shop-of-horrors-st-brendans>
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. 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@clonfertdiocese.ie