



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon
Mass in Polish each Sunday at 3pm
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am
Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon
Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am
Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am

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Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) 10th April, 2011

UNBIND HIM, LET HIM GO FREE!

This is the season of big words and big ideas. It begins with almsgiving, fasting, abstinence and repentance, then the challenge of the Paschal Mystery, the Great Triduum, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Exultats and Easter duties. Finally we are deluged by Easter lilies, Easter bonnets, Easter bunnies and Easter eggs! It can be overwhelming.

For Michael McMahon, a great friend of ours in St Joseph's, behind it all is a very simple yet deeply profound truth, **CHRIST HAS CONQUERED DEATH**. That is the truth that sets us free.

God called Michael home on Nov 4th 2010.

Last Easter he wrote this piece. As he counted his blessings, I wonder if he had an inkling deep inside that next year he would marvel at the glory of the resurrection from his place in the Kingdom of Light.



"THE MAGIC OF EASTER

Now that the season of Lent is near over, Easter is with us.

Easter is the most important feast in the church; beginning with Palm Sunday, when our Blessed Lord went triumphantly into Jerusalem.

Next comes Holy Thursday when he instituted the Blessed Eucharist at the last supper.

Next comes Good Friday when our Lord died on the cross for us to free us from our sins.

Then comes the greatest day of all, Easter Sunday,

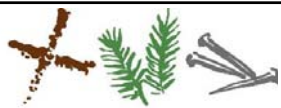
the day our Lord rose from death glorious and immortal after dying to save us from our sins.

Going back over the years it has been the custom to take home some of the palm on Palm Sunday and some of the Easter water on Easter Sunday and put up bits of the palm and sprinkle the Easter water around the house to protect the place from danger.

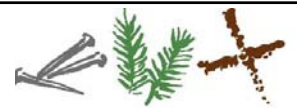
Easter is a lovely time of the year, after the harsh winter, we have the signs of new life appearing in the fields, young animals being born, birds nesting and singing to welcome the summer.

Flowers in the gardens and fields, add to the beauty of life...."

May his gentle soul rest in peace.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 10th April, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 6824043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 6840715

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Agoda Gajzier; Eve Sheridan; Gavin Patrick O'Toole; Nicola Ann Moloney; Megan Udobi; Christopher William Flynn; Lauren Saoirse Ryan;

Carrigoran House Spring Fair:

Sunday 17th April. Starts 1pm. Pet Dog Show, Music, Stalls, Bar-B-Q, Vintage Cars.

All the fun of the Fair. All proceeds to Community Day Care.



New for 2011—Lough Derg Mother & Daughter Retreat - Friday 20th May.

The day will offer an opportunity for mothers/ daughters to get to know one another better, in a relaxed/fun manner, as well as enjoying the sanctity of the Island's peace & space. Cost: €35pp - includes boat fare, tea/coffee/lunch. www.loughderg.org / 071 9861518 **GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE**

Sewing classes: start Wed 13th April, In Gaelscoil, Gort Rd. Participants must bring own sewing m/c. contact: Susanna Anker 085 1243416.

Floral Demonstration: Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Maureen O'Keeffe, Cork, at the West County Hotel, on Tuesday, April 12th at 8.15pm. Floral arrangements raffled on the night. Sales table and Easter Basket competition. Doors open at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Further enquiries from ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net.



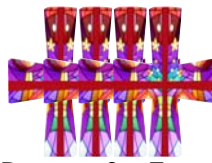
Selection of communion dresses available to view or by at the Clarecare Thrift Shop Harmony Row, Ennis.

TROCAIRE

Week Five - On this fifth Sun in Lent, we pray for Trocaire's partners and missionaries in the poorest parts of the world. Their work ensures that the weakest & most vulnerable people are given a voice and hope for a better life. Trocaire's Lenten campaign raises money to support the work of these partners so that many more poor people can be helped. For more information on the campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent or call 1850 408 408.

Newsletter items to Parish Office
☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541
or email: info@ennisparish.com
Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.

Monthly Gospel Mass



Prepare for Easter
with Ennis Gospel Choir
Sunday 17th April at 6.30pm
in St Joseph's Church

Lenten Lecture Series: Tues 12th April in the Dominican Biblical Centre, Limerick at 8pm. Entrance on Dominic St. at rear of Dominican Church. Speaker: John O'Shea, GOAL.



Johnny McMahon Healthy Heart 10K Charity Fun run/walk (3.5k walk optional). Sat 16th April 2011 @ 12noon noon, Entries taken at Kilmaley School, No Entry fee/donations to Kilmaley Voluntary Housing & The Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja Uganda. Terry Hennessy 087-9091436/Gerry Keane 087-2714716/Martin Clancy 087-6355933 or healthyheart10k@gmail.com



Taize Prayer

Prayer using the songs of Taize, reading from Scripture, reflective silence in the Poor Clare Church on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm. All welcome



GETTING MARRIED IN 2011? ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION

To book your course in Ennis ☎ Marcella 6824297 or Lo-call 1850 58 5000 Book on line: www.accord.ie



Community Games SWIMMING

Ennis St Johns will hold swimming trials on Mon 11th April at 4.45pm at the Ennis Swimming Pool.
Doora Barefield will hold the swimming trials on Tue 12th April at 4.45pm at Ennis Pool. Registration at 4.15pm. Individual entries per event: €4 and per squad: €2.

Supervised Study is going ahead for Secondary School students in New Road Study Centre at Rice College, Ennis, throughout the Easter Holidays from April 16th to May 2nd inclusive. Closed Good Friday 22nd April to Easter Mon 25th April; Reopens Tue 26th April; Booking is not necessary; Beginning 9am Sat 19th April; Enquiries to 0863026207 or 0872766338 only.

Sean Connolly Memorial Bridge night at Ennis Community Bridge Centre on Sun April 17th at 7.30pm. Proceeds to local Cancer support. €10pp



Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday 3rd April, €8,658.00



Live the Word

What you want is often right in front of you. You just need to be aware of this. Listen to your feelings, be aware of the signs and signals, because that is life showing you the way to go.

Crusheen Fun Run 10km/5km on Sat 16th April at 11am. Reg at Crusheen Football Club at 10.30am. Tel: 087 0522785 All welcome.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting on Mon 11th April at Clarecastle Daycare Centre at 8pm.



Easter

Triduum Mass Cards

Available from Parish Office. Mass will be offered for your intentions during the Easter Season.

Stress management workshops for exam students: focus & relaxation/study smarter not harder/identify your learning style & learning state/memory & concentration strategies. Call 086 0688377

4 WEEKS TO GO; REGISTRATION FOR CLARECARE FUNDRAISING CYCLE ON 30TH APRIL IS OPEN AT www.bushypark.ie.

Route maps and details also on the site. COST : €30.00 FOR BOTH 50K OR €100K CYCLE ROUTES. All proceeds go directly to Bushypark Treatment Centre that caters for people addicted to alcohol, drugs, gambling and other addictions. If you are concerned about anyone's addiction please phone us in confidence at 065-6840944. We are currently developing further services to meet growing demand on the service. Please assist us by supporting the event through cycling or sponsoring a cyclist undertaking the cycle. All details on www.bushypark.ie; If we can be of assistance to your group or club please do not hesitate to contact us

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group Meeting on Tue, 12th April, in Old Ground Hotel; 8pm to 9:30pm. 087 641 5747 or clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

Ennis Tidy Towns & Ennis Sculpture initiative thank all who supported dance in Cois na hAbhna Sat night which was in aid of Fr. John Molloy's mission in Ecuador; net profit was €4,700.

Don't forget Ennis Spring Clean on Sat 16th April 11am - 1pm. Take the initiative and get involved in your own area. Call 065-6828040 to organise gloves and bags.





St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 9th 7pm: Gerry Liston, 24 Mountain View.
 Sun 8am: Michael Foley, 4 Fergus Park.
 10am: Bridie & Denis Greer, 24 Shannon Pk
 11.30am: Stephen Madden, Kincora Park. **1st Anniv**
 Mon 11am: Roger Mulcaire, St Senans Rd.
 Tue 11am: Martin Cotter, 33 St. Senan's Rd.
 Wed 11am: Greta & Micko Ryan, Hermitage.
 Thu 11am: Sylvester Cosgrove, 7 Fern Hill
 Fri 11am: Tommy Moloney, late 34 Marian Ave.
 Sat 11am: Joe Conway, Corrovorrin Drive.
 7pm: Jim O'Driscoll, 75 Elm Park. MM
 PJ & Eileen O'Loughlin, Kevin Barry Ave.
 Sun 17th April: 8am Jack Carroll, Harmony Row & Tommy Carroll, Gort Road.
 10am: Cecilia Casey, Gort Road
 11.30am: Mary Minitier, Kincora Park **1st Anniv** & her husband Tom.
 6.30pm: Mass with Ennis Gospel Choir

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Michael & Maureen Kenny, Drumbiggle Rd.
 11am: Jim Organ, Loughville.
 Mon 9.30am: PJ Meaney, Cranny.
 Sun 17th 9.30am: John & Ellen Crowe, 145 Hermitage.
 11am: Jim (Seamus) McNamara, Kilkishen & London.

New Roster is out for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. *Please collect at front of Church.*

Cloughleigh Connect Group will meet on this Mon April 11th at 7pm in the Presbytery

Slainte an Chlair-Clare Cancer Support Centre, Kilnamona. Tue April 19, Mark Duffy will talk on coping with stress & illness. Mark @ 086 068 6477.

Realta Draiochta Pre-school on grounds of Ennis National School now booking. Martina O'Loughlin: 086 3311981 & Kathryn Quinn: 087 9232833.

Clare Burren Marathon Challenge on Sat May 21 at 9am; full, half & mini; walk, jog or run www.clareburrenmarrathonchallenge.com

Help us to find oldest working people in every county in Ireland. Friends of the Elderly in association with TV3 starting a Nationwide competition. dkirwan@friendsoftheelderly.ie

Congratulations to the Young People from Ennis Parish, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the last number of weeks. We thank the teachers and pupils from the schools, for the tremendous work they put into the liturgy. We thank all who have worked so hard to make the day possible. We acknowledge the key role of parents in making their homes Holy Places.



Friary News

Interested in finding out more about the Secular Franciscan Order (formerly the Third Order of St Francis)? Open night of enquiry Tuesday April 12th, 8pm at the Friary (Office entrance). All welcome.

Clarecastle Parish
 A series of Lenten Talks at 7pm in Clarecastle Parish Church. 13th April: Eddie O'Carroll, School Chaplain, Kilmallock.

Ennis Educate Together NS holding Information/Open Evening on Thurs April 14 from 6 -7.30pm. All welcome.

Matt O'Connor Memorial Sports Day at Lees Rd. Sports Facility Sun April 17th @ 2pm

Clare Immigrant Support Centre Unit 13, Carmody St. Business Pk., Carmody St. **For advice & support:** Tue, Wed & Thurs from 10am-1.30pm. cisc@eircom.net ☎6822026/6822017

Please watch your dog. Some families have been very upset recently by dogs soiling the graves of their loved ones at Drumcliffe cemetery. We wish to remind people to keep their dogs under control and not allow them to run loose especially in the cemeteries where any disturbance of graves can cause immense hurt to bereaved people.

Census 2011

This Sunday, 10th April is Census Day we remind all people residing in Ireland on that Day to complete their Census forms. It is most important that we have an accurate account of the current demographic situation in our country. Enumerators will call to collect complete forms as soon as possible after Sunday. We ask for your assistance with Census 2011 and look forward to your co operation.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Jim McLaughlin, Ard na Greine. **1st anniv**
 Sun 10th April:
 9am Deceased members of Griffin family, Tullabrack
 Michael Patrick McMahon, Tobartaoscairn
 Patsy Callinan, Árd na Gréine.
 10.30am William McGovern, College View, Clare Road
 Christy & Breda Carpenter & deceased family members, late 43 Hermitage Road
 Sheila Fitzgerald, Westfields
 Michael & Kitty Kenneally, 36 Fergus Park
 Bridget & P.J. Callinan & Michael Harris, Cooraclare.
 Peter Fitzgerald, Walnut House, Ennis.
 12noon Mass for the People
 Mon:7.45am Bridget & Tim Kenny, Coolmeen.
 10am Thomas Devitt, Inagh.
 7.30pm Agnes Farrell, O'Callaghans Mills.
 Tues.:7.45am PJ, Ellen & John Connellan, Gallows Hill.
 10am Frances & Packie Eustace, Kilrush Rd.
 7.30pm Holy Souls.
 Wed.:7.45am Patrick Crowe, Knockerra, Kilrush.
 10am Kathleen Cunningham, Labasheda.
 7.30pm Willie O'Halloran, 16 Woodview, Shanaway Rd.
 Thurs.:7.45am Holy Souls.
 10am Thomas & Annie Hynes, Limerick Rd.
 7.30pm Gerry Devitt, 45 St Michael's Villas.
 Fri.:7.45am Bridie & Joe Moroney, Inagh & Ennis.
 10am Joseph & Caroline Ensko & extended family, 30 Connolly Villas.
 7.30pm Vera MacMahon, Fountain House. **1st Anniv**
 Sat.:10am Michael Coote, late Upper Market Street.
 6.30pm Frankie Dinan, 25 Mc Namara Park. **1st Anniv**
 Sun.:9am Joseph Keating, Connolly.
 10.30am Frank Roche, 6 Dalcassian Park.
 Mary Harkus (nee Coffey), Hermitage & Holyhead.
 Michael Patrick McMahon, Tobartaoscairn.
 Kate & Jack Keane, Clonlara.
 12 noon Enid O'Loughlin, 70 Corrovorrin Grove.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 17th April, 2011

Readers: Group 2
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Rest in Peace

IN MEMORY Una Lee, Tralee, mother of Marie O'Donoghue, Castletawn; Kevin Nugent, Scariff father of Martin Nugent, Springfield;

Note for Diary

- ◆ Pastoral Council Tues 12th April at 8pm in Cathedral Chapter Room.
- ◆ Bereavement Meeting Thurs 14th April at 8pm Cathedral House.
- ◆ Easter Reconciliation Service Monday 18th April.
- ◆ Mass of Chrism Wed 20th April.
- ◆ Easter Sunday 24th April.
- ◆ Blessing of Expectant Parents 12th May.



Church Gate Collection 20th March
 Total: €3,329.00
 Total Collected to date: €377,503

Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language

First Reading

Ezk 37:12:14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*With the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
To the voice of my pleading.

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If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
For this we revere you.

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My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
More than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
And Israel on the Lord).

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Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then God who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Who ever believes in me will never die.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,

but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord