



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>

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

10th July, 2011

Lord Make Us What You Have Called Us To Be

A story is told about a captured eagle that was chained and put in a shop window. It attracted many customers and business flourished! An old mountaineer was passing the shop and went into it, to buy the eagle. He took off the chains and set the eagle free to fly into the sky.

Someone asked "why did you do that". The old man answered, "that eagle was not meant to be chained. God made it to soar into freedom"

The message in the first reading and the Gospel can help us to stay free.

This story can provide us with an insight into Paul's message in today's second reading. God never intended that we should be held in bondage to anyone or anything. God paid the enormous price of His Son's death to set us free. Our problem is to remain free.

Both readings speak about the sowing of seed in various types of soil and the kind of harvest God expects from the soil. The seed of God's word is all powerful, but we can either reject or accept it and bring it to fruition. Jesus identifies the human weaknesses that can obstruct its growth - pride, arrogance, self righteousness, faint heartedness, possessions and anxiety. It is up to us to identify the obstacles in our own hearts that can prevent the growth of the seed of God's Word. It is only when we remove those obstacles that the Word can send out its roots, grow and bring forth the expected harvest.

God wants us to listen with our hearts.

Let us go back to the old mountaineer. He gave all he had to set the eagle free. So too with our God. He loves us so much he wants us to be free from our chains - to be whole human beings and disciples of His Son - He wants us to plant the seed in the lives of others. Like any seed - the seed of God's Word cannot grow, unless the soil is fertilised and gets water and sunshine.

How does the seed of God's Word get nourished in our hearts - mainly by reading it, reflecting on it and applying it to our lives. Most of all we need the "sun" of God's love and grace and that sun is always shining. With the help of these, there is bound to be a bountiful harvest of holiness in us, in our parish community and in our Church.



Our prayer today couldn't be more perfect.

"May your love make us what You have called us to be".

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 10th July, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Contact Parish Office: 065 6824043



You can tell if something is FAIRTRADE because it will carry the FAIRTRADE Mark. This mark can be found on a lot of different products from different companies and it is your independent guarantee that the growers get a Fair Deal.

Sale of FAIRTRADE Food and crafts on this Sunday, July 10 at St. Francis Hall, Friary Car park, Francis St. from 9.30am to 2pm.

Ennis FAIRTRADE Steering Committee: 086 1089399 or Mairead at 085 7110264.

ENNIS TIDY TOWNS

We encourage house owners and business owners to continue their excellent work in picking up litter outside their boundary walls and premises. Your efforts have been noticed. Your work will make a difference during adjudication time and will help to keep up the high marks achieved to date.



We have now reached the closing date for Green Areas and Best Kept Gardens and judging will take place in the coming weeks. Keep up the good work.

065-6842988 / www.ennistidytowns.com

Gold Pioneer Pin lost in Ennis.

Contact 085 7677833.

Medugorie Prayer Meeting on Mon 11th July at Clarecastle Day Care Centre at 8pm

Building of Hope Project: Volunteers from the Mid-West Region required for building of school/residence for blind orphans in Kenya in January-February, 2012. Enquiries to Olive Halpin: 0876994599.

Newly Baptised:

We welcome the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Jessica Erin Kenworthy; Amy May Curtin; Darragh James Ryan; Laura Louise Corcoran; June Elizabeth Cahalane Murphy; Maeve Bridget Lucey; Caoimhe Florrie Chambers; John Francis Cleary; Katelyn Mary McAllister



Congratulations and well done to all the Clare sports heroes who took part in the Special Olympics in Athens.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion this year.

Students from: St. Anne's, CBS, St. Clare's, Ennis Educate Together, Ennis National, Gaelscoil, Holy Family, Scoil Christ Ri.



Special Buíochas to all the teachers, staff, parents and priests who helped prepare the children for the ceremony.

Live the Word:

Sometimes we can allow the fear of the past into the Present of our lives.

It can over-run us, and perhaps cause great distress.

But remember, the past is gone, it is history.

Today is the now, it is new, never lived.

Live the Present without the Past.



The Junction (Clare Youth Service) - The New Youth & Community Resource Centre on Cloughleigh Road, will be open from 10 to 11.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays for July (following 9.30 Mass in Cloughleigh) for people who would like to call in, chat, read the papers. All Welcome. Tea or Coffee and Scone also available for €1.

Samaritans can be contacted at 065 6829777 or 185060 90 90. Any person of any age, can visit the Samaritans (Kilrush Road), any day between 12noon & 10pm.

Laethanta Saoire (Holidays)

Go raibh gach duine go slán sábháilte ar muir is ar tír i rith an tSamhraidh le laethanta geala, faoi áthas, faoi mhaise



agus faoi phléisiúr i ngrásta Dé agus sinn ag tabhairt moladh Dó as na grásta go léir atá bronnta aige orainn. Amen.

May everybody be safe at sea and on land during the Summer holidays, bringing with them happiness, peace and pleasure as we live in the grace of God and praising Him for all the graces He has bestowed on us. Amen



Seisiún season has started again and Cois na hAbhna is proud to offer two weekly shows again this year, on Wed & Fri nights. The first show is on Wed 6th July and runs until Fri 19th August. Shows start at 8.30pm each night and admission for adults is €10. Tickets are available at the door each night. Concessions will be arranged for larger groups. Reservations can be made by contacting 065 6824276 or e-mail to: coisnabhabhna@comhaltas.net



Clare Hospice at Cahercalla

www.cahercalla.ie - Weekly Draw Results Year 11 Week 3 - July 5th /

1st Prize €635 / Aileen McEntee, Clarecastle.

2nd Prize €127.00 / Bernard Mc Mahon, Cahercalla Rd.

Please support Flag Day for Cahercalla Hospice in Ennis on Friday July 15th 2011.

Providing palliative care services to the people of County Clare,

Volunteers needed to shake a bucket for Cahercalla, Contact 065 6821966

Sewing classes for Teenagers: 4 lessons in how to use a sewing machine will start Thurs. 14th July in Barrack street. For information please contact: Susanna Anker 085 1243 416.



"Type 1 Diabetes Support Group Meeting."

The Type 1 Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, the 12th of July, in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis from 8pm to 9:30pm. The topic will focus on sharing information about Cholesterol. Anyone interested in learning more about Type 1 Diabetes is welcome. The meetings take place in a relaxed setting and are focused on sharing the challenges we face in living with diabetes and congratulating the triumphs. The Support Group can be contacted on the following telephone number 087 641 574 or by email at clarebranchdfi@gmail.com



Oxfam's Branch

at 8 Parnell St. in Ennis is a dedicated book store and OXFAM are now appealing for volunteers and books. Call into shop for application or Call 085 7110204.

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

Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 3rd July, 2011. €7,033.00



St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events in St. Joseph's Church, please contact Fr. John.

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

Everybody welcome.



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 9th @ 7pm: Jim Lordan, St. Senan's Rd., Lifford

Sun 10am: Noel Naughton, Kincora Park

11.30am: Fr. Joseph Seery, Corrovorrin. MM

11am: Sarah (Lal) Purcell, 28 Shannon Pk

Wed: 11am: Mary Quinn, Inagh

Thurs 11am: Mary Cahill, "The Hill", Kilmaley

Fri 11am: John O'Halloran, Corrovorrin

Sat 11am Michael Cleary, 7 Clancy Park

7pm: Charelle Howard, 16 Oakwood Drive

Sun 17th July 10am: Mulkerins Family, Old Gort Rd, Ennis & Oughterard.

11.30am: Pat & Josephine Tobin, St. Senan's Rd.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 10th 9.30am: Thomas & Mgt O'Mahony, Tralee

11am: Paddy Shannon, 2 Cloughleigh Rd.

Sun 17th 11am: Patrick O'Connor, late 'Lough', Doolin & dec'd family members, USA & Scotland. (late husband of Kathleen, Dun na hInse).

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you for the Night Vigil on 23rd July; 8.30pm to 1am at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle. 087 4167561; All welcome.

We never thought 't would happen
Life had been eventful,
Day in, day out the same,
Spring weather with its ups & downs,
Change of government just a name.
Then suddenly a glimmer of happiness,
We couldn't give the Royal Wedding a miss,
Glued to our televisions,
We watched Kate & William exchange that kiss.

On the heels of that came the Queen & Prince Philip,
We watched their plane arrive,
The Queen, a vision in green,
She mesmerised us all with her smile.
The four days spent here,
Were a pleasure to remember,
President McAleese and her husband,
Helped them to mix and mingle.

Then it was time for Obama's arrival,
Before we had scarcely recovered,
Whizzing off with Michelle to Moneygall,
To view the ancestral home they'd discovered
His stay in Ireland was a short one,
Just time for a speech on College Green,
And a private chat with An Taoiseach,
His last words were—'IS FEIDIR LINN!'

Visualising myself in a U.S. helicopter,
Away up in the air,
Shucks—where did I park my common sense?
Sure I'm not going anywhere.

By Maureen Cronin



Friary News

New

Franciscan Provincial



On Monday last the Franciscan Friars of the Irish Province met in Chapter, in Gormanstown, to elect their new Provincial.

Fr. Hugh McKenna OFM., at present the Guardian here in the Ennis Friary, was elected as their new Provincial. We congratulate Fr. Hugh on his new appointment and wish him every blessing, as he prepares to leave Ennis, to take up his new position in the leadership of the Franciscans in Ireland. Fr. Joe Condon OFM, the current Novice Master at The Friary, will be one of Fr. Hugh's Consultors.

Ennis Creative Arts Centre.
086 0443434.



Ennis Creative Arts Centre will teach and promote all forms of Art, Craft and design to both Children, Teenagers, Adults and Retirement age. The School will have 10 -20 tutors involved and the business is being launched in Mid August 2011 just in time for the September classes to start. We do, however, have a number of workshops running over the summer months. Check out our List that's now available on our Facebook page - Ennis Creative Arts Centre.



Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes

After a very successful Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes last week, the Autumn Pilgrimage from the Diocese will leave Shannon Airport on Sunday 2nd October for five days. At €650, it is the cheapest Pilgrimage price to Lourdes this year. Early booking is advisable. Booking forms are available in the Parish Office.



Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of Cuan an Chlair: good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 9th:6.30pm Jimmy Winder, 24 Oak Park **1st Anniv**

Sun 10th:9am Rose O'Reilly, Avondale, Kilrush Rd **MM**

10.30am Michael Kelly, 11 Dalcassian Pk.

Peter & Mary Fitzgerald & extended family, late Walnut House

Michael & Mary Daly, Lifford, Gort Rd.

Murphy family, Woodquay

Nellie & Paddy Casey, Parnell St.

Frank Glynn, Francis St.

Elizabeth Fleming, 6 Marian Ave.

12 noon Frank O'Dea, Park Ave. **MM**

Mon:7.45am Paddy Skehan, Waterford.

10am Michael Reddan, Beechpark.

7.30pm Peggy Cox, 19 Dalcassian Ave.

Tues.:7.45am Holy Souls.

10am John Mc Guinness, Fernhill, Claremorris.

7.30pm Agnes Murphy, 103 Hermitage.

Wed.:7.45am James Gallagher, late St Flannan's Tce & Newmarket.

10am Seamus & Eugene Curley, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm Paddy Browne, 4 Elm Park.

Thurs.:7.45am Mass for the People.

10am Maisie O' Neill, Kilmorane.

6.30pm: Mass for the Brothers of Charity.

7.30pm Robert Gormley, 9 Dalcassian Park.

Fri.:7.45am Nora Carroll, Gort Rd..

10am Sean, Myra & Mames Kenny, Dalcassian Pk.

6.00pm: Fr. Frank Meehan, Ruby Ordination Anniv

7.30pm Special Intention

Sat.:10am Breda Flynn, 8 Fergus Park

6.30pm Margaret Queally, 44 Hermitage **1st Anniv**

Sun 17th : 9am Paddy & Josie Hahessy, 28 St.

Michaels Vls

10.30am Paschal Shanahan, 23 St. Flannan's Tce.

Leona Sabrosa, Phillipines.

12 noon Nicola Moloney, Clancy Park **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 17th July, 2011

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace



Tom Mannion, Highfield Park &

O'Connell St.; **Fr. Donal Cashman**, Port

Elizabeth, South Africa & late of Feakle, brother of

Carmel O'Doherty, Roslevan & Mona Rice, Collins

Pk.; **Frankie Hassett**, 70 Drumbiggie Rd; **John**

Kennedy, Inisfail, Golfink's Rd; **Sr. Mercy Lillis**,

St. Xavier's Convent, Ennis.

Ni imithe uainn atá said, ach imithe romhainn.

They are not gone from us but gone before us.

Lough Derg

Time For Body & Soul



3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg
Monday 1st August to Wednesday 3rd August.
Booking & details from Parish Office 6824043.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*Some seed fell into rich soil;
And produced its crop.*

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

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And thus you provide for the earth;
You drench its furrows,
You level it, soften it with showers,
You bless its growth.

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You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps.
In the pastures of the wilderness its flows.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his son Jesus. It was not for any fault on the part of creation

that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

