



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

Ennis Parish News

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: 8am; 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

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;

Friary: 6828751

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

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (Year C) 11th April, 2010

Youth Challenged to 'Walk by Faith'

The 9th Annual Knock Summer Festival will take place from the 25th June - 27th and all the young people of Ireland, are called to *walk by faith*.

'It is a challenging time in the church and I think we have all felt despaired at times, but this Summer, we the youth of Ireland, need to show that there is still life in the church in Ireland' says Helen Toner, the director of youth ministry, at the Shrine.

The author who inspired Susan Sarandon to win an Oscar, the communications director for the Presentation Brothers, drummers who drum for God and an all Ireland hip hop dancing team, will make up the bill of this year's festival.

Last year saw over five hundred, 18-35 year olds, flock from all over Ireland and further a-field, to the event, to question, ignite, explore and celebrate their faith.

The festival is a three-day event and over the three days there will be talks, workshops, seminars, prayer, reflection, mime, drama and music.

Sr. Helen Prejan, the author of the book *'Dead man walking'* will travel from the US to deliver a talk on *Faith in Action* and *Who is Jesus*.

Sr. Helen is a world renowned speaker, and now is coming to Knock to ask the youth of Ireland, to respect and guard all human rights and human dignity.

Dr. Andrew O Connell will also address the festival. Andrew (32) is the Communications Director for the Presentation Brothers, holds a degree in science and a Doctorate in Chemistry from UCC. He is a columnist with The Irish Catholic and is a regular commentator on changes in Irish society today. He spoke here in the Cathedral as part of our Tuesday Evening talks during Lent.

Andrew's talk will concentrate on the question: *Why bother believing?*

'With the Catholic Church embroiled in scandal, to call oneself a believer can be a challenge, especially among friends. At a time of rapid technological and scientific progress, religious belief is often accused of being little more than comforting superstition.'

Andrew will explain why religious belief and in particular Catholicism, might be worth a second look.



Details from (094) 9388100 / 0876927850
or www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival.

You can also contact
Fr. Fergal at the Cathedral.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 11th April, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

Welcome Archbishop Eugene



Archbishop Eugene is chief celebrant at the 12 noon Mass on this Sunday, April 11th in the Cathedral. We welcome Eugene's family and friends, his two aunts living in Ennis - Josephine Craig, Meadowcourt, Clonroad & Margaret Holmes, Oakpark.

Eugene spent three years in Parish Ministry here in Ennis from 1984-87. For the last 23 years, he has worked in the Diplomatic Service for the Holy See in Turkey, Israel & Hong Kong.

He has been appointed Papal Nuncio to the Indian ocean Island state of Madagascar. Archbishop Eugene has been given the titular see of Dunshaughlin Co Meath.

Ad Multos Annos.



Dromore Woods (Ruan) Stroll on Sun April 25th. Registration in car park at Dromore Woods, Ruan at 12.30pm; experience magic of woods and wildlife habitats; suitable for all the family; bring food; all monies go to the Clare Cancer Centre at Ballygriffey Ruan. If you would like a sponsorship card, buzz Yvonne at 0851400529 or you can make a contribution on the day of the stroll. Bring suitable walking and weather gear. **All Funds Raised Will Go The Clare Cancer Centre In Ballygriffey Ruan**

Christian Life Sodality Members will meet in The Christian Brothers' Monastery on Tue 13th April at 8pm for Mass and Meeting. All are welcome.

Coach to Knock on Sat 1st May. Those who wish to join the Christian Life Sodality Members, contact Sr. Benedict ☎ 6842399 or any of Sodality Members.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting Mon April 12th at 8pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.



Rallying Together



March 15th to May 2nd
Supporting 4 Clare Charities

- ◆ Clare Haven;
- ◆ Cuan an Chláir (Ennis Daycare Centre);
- ◆ Clare Crusaders;
- ◆ Home Share Clare.

Candles at €5 blessed by Bishop Walsh; available in parish office; Special Mass for Intentions at 12noon on Sun 2nd May; Celebrant: Bishop Walsh.



Liam Lawton Concert: Wednesday 21st April at 8pm (doors open 7.30) in SS. Peter & Pauls Cathedral. Tickets €26 from Glór and on the night. Liam Lawton with Edel O'Brien and Special Guests.

All proceeds to Rallying Together Charities.



Table Quiz: Date & Time: Thurs April 15 @ 8.30pm; Venue: Library Bar; Charity Clare Crusaders (Autism); Team of 4 €30/Team; Prizes, Spot Prizes, Auction, Raffle & Food.

The Healthy Heart 10k Charity Fun Walk & Road Race (3.5 walk & fun run option) takes place on, Sat April 17; 12noon at Kilmaley School; proceeds to Ray of Hope Hospice Uganda & Kilmaley Voluntary Housing Association; Terry (087) 9091436, Martin (086) 6355933, Gerry (087) 2714716, Email : healthyheart10k@gmail.com.



New Yoga classes with Karen on Tue, April 13th in Auburn Lodge Hotel, Gort Rd., 7pm Gentle, 8.30pm Continuation. All welcome. ☎ 087 6405839.

Ronnie Whelan's Rocky Road to Dublin Walking Challenge in aid of Myasthenia Gravis Association from Thurs April 29th - Tue. May 4th. www.rockyroad.ie; ☎ 01 4784505

Naomh Fhlannain Juvenile GAA club, Catering for Hurling / Football for Boys & Girls Under 8's 10's 12's, Reg. on Mon April 12th, between 6.30pm & 7.30pm in St. Flannan's; training on Mon. April 12th at 6.30 in St. Flannan's.

Spring Fair at Carrigoran House Sun 18th April at 1pm. Bar-B-Q, Pet Dog Show- Stalls - Music- Children's Play Area-Vintage Cars-Wild Bird Display - Archery and much more. - All The Fun of the Fair. Further details 061 36811.

If you have concerns about someone's drinking or drug use, please come to a concerned persons information and support group on Tuesday evenings at Clarecare room 13, Harmony Row, Ennis. Free and informal. Tea/Coffee served.

Slógadh Eachtaí | Gort 2010 - 5th Aughty Gathering on Sat 17th April in Gort Community Centre; Reg. from 9am. Mary Coen 086 3823765 or e-mail slógadheachtai@gmail.com. More information on www.aughty.org

Divine Mercy Sunday

celebrations on this Sunday at 2.30pm in the Cathedral, confessions during ceremony with mass at 4pm.



Bereaved by Suicide? Clare Living Links organising a Healing Programme for family members, relatives and friends of people who have died by suicide; starts on Wed April 14 at 8 p.m. in the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Gort Rd., for 7 consecutive Wednesdays. ☎ 086 0565373.

Free Educational Guidance Sessions for adults over 18. April 14th & 15th; Ennis Regional Learning Centre. Tel: 065-6866844 or email: info@ennisrlc.ie

Urgent Appeal for all broken or unused mobile phones. Phones will be used to help get a defibrillator for the Eire Óg GAA club through the Jack & Jill Charity Foundation. Phones can be left into Parish Office or Eire Óg Club House. Mile Buiochas.

Bus to Clonfert on Wed April 21st. Bus leaving St. Joseph's Church at 9.20am; fare: €15; Maura 6825739; bring packed lunch.

Roslevan School of Theatre, Speech & Drama now enrolling. Starts April 17th 065 6821452 or www.webs.com/dhalamh



Toastmasters Ennis next meeting is on Tuesday the 13th of April at 8.30pm in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis.

Mini-Marathon for Brest Cancer: Would you like to run, jog or walk the Women's Mini-Marathon in Dublin on Bank Holiday Monday 7th June for NBCRI, the National Breast Cancer Research Institute? If so, just ring Monica Gallagher at 68 22206 or 086 14600660 for information. Transport provided.

TROCAIRE

Trocaire Boxes can be left at Parish Office.

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



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Aaron Haugh & grandfather Paddy,
17 Corrovorrin Drive & 6 Kincora Park
Sun 11th 10am: Denis & Bridie Greer, Shannon Pk.
11.30am: Martin Cotter, 33 St. Senan's Road.
Tue 11am: Martin Leamy, Tulla. **1st Anniv**
Wed 11am: Sylvester Cosgrove, Fern Hill, Gort Rd.
Thurs 11am: Gretta & Michael Ryan, Hermitage.
Fri 11am: Tommy Moloney, 34 Marian Ave.
Sat 11am: Joe Conway, 23 Corrovorrin Drive.
7pm: P.J. & Eileen O'Loughlin, 14 Kevin Barry Ave.
Sun 18th 10am: Jack & Rose Spring, 22 St. Senan's Rd.
11.30am: Gerard Lane, 9 The Crescent.

A Service of Readings & Communion



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



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 9.30am: Patrick, Mary, Patrick Joseph Jr.
Quigley, Ballacarra, Ennistymon.
11am: Jim Organ, Loughville.
Sun 18th 11am: Jim & Seamus McNamara,
Kilkishen & London

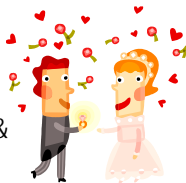
Bingo in Community Centre on Sunday night at
8.30pm. All welcome.



Recent Marriages

Antionette Davies, Cusack Rd.
& James Quinn, Tulla;

Cara Hanrahan, Gallow's Hill &
Vulcan Savas, London;



May they be united in love forever.



Live The Word:

Sunday: April 11th
Jn: 20:19-31

Believe in Yourself. No
challenge is too great for you. It
is your light and not your
darkness the world wishes to
see. Enjoy embracing your own
potential.

Could you turn your
hand to becoming a
priest? Does your current
Job fit you? Why not look
beyond the norm? Come
along to a Vocations open
day on **April 17th in
Mount St. Joseph Abbey
Roscrea** and spend some
time with like minded men
to explore new possibilities
for your future? **To book
or for further information
contact:**

Fr. Iggy McCormack
Tel: 086-2777139 or email:
ignaid@hotmail.com



GOSPEL RISING, is the
first national gospel
festival in Ireland and is
being hosted in Ennis by
the Ennis Gospel Choir from 7th-
9th May. Information at
www.gospelrising.com

*Polish Mass
at 1.30pm
this Sunday*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm Martin Heaney, 32 Corrovorrin Dr. **1st Anniv**
Sun.:9am Dec'd members Griffin Family, Tullabrack.
MI Patrick McMahon, Tobairtaoscain.
Dec'd members Brody Family, St. Patrick's Tce.
10.30am Martin & Catherine Brody, late 12 Limerick Rd.
Patsy Callinan, Ard na Greine.
Joe Cleary, Tobairtaoscain & Dun na Rí.
Owney O'Neill, Loughville.
12 noon William McGovern, St. Martins, College View.
Mon:8am Peggy & John Lawlor, Kilrush Rd.
10am Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm Patricia (Patsy) McCarthy, 120 Hermitage.
Tues.:8am Eileen, Patrick & Kevin McNamara,
Ard na Greine.
10am Kathleen Cunningham, Labasheeda.
7.30pm Jim Bowe, 6 Clancy Park.
Wed.:8am Healy Family, Ard na Greine.
10am Thomas & Kathleen Halpin & daughter Kay
Halpin Maguire, McNamara Park.
7.30pm Gary & Chrissie Stack, late Hermitage.
Thurs.:8am Caroline & Joseph Ensko & extended
family members, 30 Connolly Villas.
10am Kathleen Sorche, Cappamore, Barefield.
7.30pm Nora Lynch, Dalcassian Drive & Lynch Family,
Old Drumbiggle.
Fri.:8am Mass for the people.
10am Norah, Daniel, Maria & Michael O'Neill, Connolly.
7.30pm P.J. Cleary, Gallows Hill & Kildysart. **MM**
Sat.:10am Frank Roche, 6 Dalcassian Park.
6.30pm Dec'd members O'Callaghan & Quinn families.
Sun.:9am Joseph Keating, Connolly.
10.30am Sheila Fitzgerald, Westfields.
Bridget & P.J. Callinan, Dromelihy, Cree.
Christy & Breda Carpenter &
dec'd family members, late Hermitage Rd.
Jimmy & Mary Arthur, Golflinks Rd.
12 noon Enid O'Loughlin, 70 Corrovorrin Grove.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 18th April, 2009

Readers: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

John Desmond Cullinan, Dalcassian Pk.; Michael,
Heather & Tara Glynn, late Clonroad & New Jersey;
Patrick O'Rourke, Clancy Pk.



Date for Diary

- ◆ Finance & Property Meeting, Wed 14th
April at 8pm Cathedral House
- ◆ Blessing of Expectant Parents, Thurs 6th
May at 8pm.

Buíochas...

Bishop Walsh and the Priests of the Parish would like
to thank sincerely all who subscribed to their Easter
Collection. A reminder to those who were away, or
who forgot, that their contribution would be gratefully
received today or during the week.



Continuing our series on the Year for Priests, this month's interview
is with Fr. Anthony McMahon. Anthony, a native of Ennis, is
currently a Curate in Nenagh Parish.

What age were you when you first considered priesthood?

I took a slightly scenic route to priesthood. I first entered Maynooth after
my leaving certificate in 1987. I left after a year and a half, and I worked
in the insurance/accountancy field in Shannon for nearly 7 years and returned again in
1995. This time I completed my studies and was ordained in June 2001.

Who or what inspired you to become a priest?

It was something that was there throughout secondary school initially, in St Flannan's and
in my involvement in Ennis Parish. When I left the seminary I thought it was over but after
a couple of years I knew I had to try again. It was not a dramatic calling, more a growing
sense of attraction to the life and the Lord's life and message. It was a sense of
contentment and feeling of call and being found suitable.

Where did you do your study?

I did all of my studies in St Patrick's College, Maynooth.
How many years have you been a priest? I will be 9 years a priest this June. It is hard to
believe the years go so quickly. I have spent most of this time in Nenagh Parish with one
year in Kinnity, Co. Offaly.

What was/is the most rewarding / difficult part of your ministry? I enjoy working with
people, journeying with them on the journey of life, sharing the good and bad times and in
some way to help be part of God's presence involved in every situation. I enjoy the good
days of new life, sacraments, weddings and celebrating joyful moments. It is harder to
understand and deal with suffering, sickness, and death, especially of young people.

If someone said they were considering priesthood, what would you say to them?

I would say - if the attraction and longing is there to try it out. 'Come and See'. It is a long
road and despite all that is said of it, it is a very rewarding, challenging, fulfilling way of life.
It is changing a lot.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
for His love has no end.*

Let the people of Israel say:

'His love has no end'

Let the children of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

℟

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord:

we rejoice and are glad.

℟

O lord, grant us salvation;

O lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord

is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

the Lord God is our light.

℟

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I

was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe?'

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

