



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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3rd Sunday of Advent

Year B

11th December, 2011

"The Measure of Love is to Love Without Measure"

St. Augustine

Today is commonly known as "Gaudete Sunday" or rejoicing Sunday, after the first words of the entrance chant "Rejoice in the Lord".

In our ordinary lives, anticipating an event can bring as much joy as the event itself.

So it is with the season of Advent.

We know that the Son of Man was born long ago and we prepare again to celebrate that event with rejoicing.

Down through two thousand years, God has been preparing the world of mankind for this very important event. He revealed to Abraham and His descendants, something of His eternal nature and His fatherly interest in the human beings He had created. Through His prophets He gave them a clear indication of His eternal plan, namely the fact of the incarnation.



When Jesus was thirty years old,
He was baptized by John the Baptist

John was the last of the great line of prophets. It was his privilege to point out to his listeners the Son of God in human nature, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Let those of us who believe in God and who know what He has done to give our life on earth its true meaning, show Him how grateful we are for His infinite mercy and kindness.

Let us listen to the call of John the Baptist and from our hearts repent of our sins. Like John the Baptist, we are called to let the Light of Christ shine through the darkness that pervades our human landscape, to make God's love visible.

The Gospel challenges us to be a caring community that works together proclaiming the Good News. In that way each of us can be another John the Baptist by giving testimony to God's fatherly interest in all men and women.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 11th December, 2011
 Priest on Duty:
 Fr. Tom Hogan: ☎065 68 24043
 Wednesday Duty:
 Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

Annual Advent Ecumenical Carol Service

takes place in Ennis Friary at 7pm on Sunday December 18th. The combined choirs of Abbey Cluster: Doora/Barefield, Quin/Clooney, Clarecastle/Ballyea, Ennis Cathedral, St. Josephs, The Friary, St. Columba's and The Ennis Brass Band will lead us in the singing of the carols



Sr. Eileen's Clúinne

Giniúint gan Smál na Maighdine Beannaithe Muire - 8ú Nollaig 2011

Nuair a tháinig an tAingéal Gabriel le teachtaireacht chuig Muire, d'inis sí di go raibh sí lán de ghrásta. Ní hionadh go raibh sí amhlaidh agus í tofa mar mháthair ár Slánaitheora. Gineadh agus rugadh an Mhaighdean Mhuire gan peaca an tsinsir. Coinníodh Muire saor ó pheaca, tá sí lán de ghrásta, Muire gan Smál agus tá an slánú i ndán dúinn freisin. D'fhógair an Pápa Pius X An Giniúint gan Smál sa bhliain 1854. Molaimid Dia ár nAthair a thogh Muire le bheith ina máthair dá Mhac. Iarraimis ar an Mhaighdean Mhuire cabhrú linn ionas go mbeimid saor ó pheaca i gcónaí.

When the Angel Gabriel visited Mary, he informed her she was full of grace. She was chosen to be the mother of Our Saviour. The Blessed Virgin was conceived and born without original sin. It was not surprising that she was to become the mother of Our Saviour. She was free from sin and full of grace and salvation is available to us also. Pope Pius X proclaimed Our Lady's Immaculate Conception in 1854. We praise God Our Father who chose Mary to be the mother of His Son. We ask Our Lady to keep us always free from sin.

This is a lovely prayer:

O Blessed Virgin Mary, who has been gifted above all women, in every temptation which now besets me, or those yet to come. I ask you, O Blessed Virgin Mary, to come and help me.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This year the celebration will involve the whole Abbey Cluster of Parishes. It will take place in Ennis Cathedral on Monday December 19th at 7.30pm. The theme of the Liturgy is God's Love for us and it is hoped that all who take part will be touched by the love that God has for each of us. At the close of the ceremony, there will be a special Christmas Blessing.



Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Recently Baptised: **Conall John Duddy, James Andrew Woods, Leon Jason McCarthy, James Peter Grenham, Allie Grace Hogan.**

Bereaved by Suicide? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a death by suicide of a family member or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide Bereavement (Clare S.B.S) volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people bereaved by suicide. Please phone or text - 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

SOLAS Suicide Support Group will hold a mass for those bereaved through suicide, either recently or in the past at 7.30pm, on FRI Dec 16th, in Cloughleigh Church.

Holy Family Senior School presents The Snow Queen - A Christmas Musical in the Holy Family Hall Wed 14th and Thurs 15th Dec at 7:30pm. Tickets at door. Adults €8 Children/OAP €5 Family Ticket (up to 5 people) €25 All welcome - guaranteed to be a great night!!

The CBS Primary School, Ennis, holding a Christmas Coffee Morning/Cake Sale in school hall on Fri Dec 16th from 9am-10:30am in aid of the St Joseph's Hospital, Ennis, patients Comfort Fund.

Tuition available in chemistry, biology, ag science & maths. 086 2455703.

Bushypark Treatment Centre (Clarecare Service) supports people with alcohol, drug and gambling addictions; free and confidential. 065-6840944 www.bushypark.ie

St. Caimin's CS Shannon presents 'UTV's Schools' Stars in yer Eyes' Thurs Dec 15th at 7.30 in St. Caimins: €10; proceeds to Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust. 061 364211.

Banner Minor GAA Club AGM Sat Dec. 17th @ 8pm; Woodstock Hotel; All welcome

Live the word:



Love is appreciating, complimenting, feeling gratitude, and speaking good words to others. We have so much love to give and the more that we give the more we receive.

Gospel Mass



with The Ennis Gospel Choir this Sun Dec 11 at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. Bring a friend!

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people".

Luke :10

Advent

Advent Giving Tree



Please place under the tree any of the following, and help organisations who work with our town's needy this Advent: Tea, coffee, sugar, tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, cornflakes, custard, peas, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit.

An Invitation to Reflect on the Sunday readings during Advent

God is reaching out to each one of us & inviting us to reflect on God's Word & to learn as the first disciples did. **Cathedral House at 8pm on Thursday 15th December.**

Young People & Parish



We thank the young people and their teachers from the various second level schools in the Parish, for their involvement in our Advent Mass at 10.30am in Cathedral. **This week, the students from Rice College, have prepared the music & Liturgy.**

People of the Year

Many people are working in a voluntary capacity (often unnoticed), giving of their time and energy in the service of others and enriching our community. Some years ago the Pastoral Council decided to acknowledge their contributions and awards have been presented to worthy participants for the past number of years. If you know of someone who, you feel, would be worthy of such recognition, we would appreciate your nominating them. Nominations to be sent to the Parish Office and should include some information about the person being nominated and a brief outline of the reasons for the nomination. **Closing date 31st December 2011**



Celebrate People In Our Community



St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Bill & Agnes Reidy, Coolmeen
Sun 11th 8am: Mary Lally, Pine Grove.
10am: James O'Keefe, Lifford Rd.
11.30am: Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Park.
Mon 11am: Kitty O'Grady, Kilnamona.
Tue 11am: Baby Patrick Quinn, 102 Aghanterroe **1st Anniv**
Wed 11am: Michael Purcell, Birr.
Thu 11am: Thomas Sheehy, Old Gort Rd.
Fri 11am: Mary Walsh Westbourne Hse & Clareen **1st Anniv**
Sat 11am: Rosaleen Spooner, Clonroad Mews.
7pm: Peggy Dillon, St. Senan's Rd. **1st Anniv**
Sun 18th 10am: Tom & Bgt McMahon, Lifford Road.

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

Everybody welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 9.30am: Hegarty Family, late 36 Hermitage.
11am: Mary & Thomas Chambers & dec'd family, Moyasta.
Mon 9.30am: Fr. Tommy Hanahoe S.S.C
Tue 9.30am: Fr. Peter Mc Dermott S.S.C
Wed 9.30am: Fr. John Fitzgibbon S.S.C
Thu 9.30am: Fr. Tom Jennings S.S.C
Fri 7.30pm: Solas Suicide Support Group.
Sun 18th 9.30am: Louis & Dr. Tom Galvin, Cloughleigh Rd.
11am: Paddy & Bernie Tuohy, Old Mill St.

Cloughleigh Residents' Association are holding a Christmas Raffle in aid of their benevolent fund. **1st Prize** €100 "All for One" Voucher; **2nd Prize** 2 Bags of Coal; **3rd Prize** 1 bottle of Whisky. Cost is €2 a line and the draw will take place on 19th Dec at 8pm in the Community Centre. Please support this worthy cause.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you for the Healing Retreat through the powerful ministry of Eddie Stone (Clonfert), Frs. Fitzgerald, Walsh, Clancy, Fr. Alphons SDB enriched with Healing mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Word of God, Praise & Worship, laying hands on the sick and Spirit filled music by Maranatha Gospel Choir, Dec 18th from 2.30-7.30pm, at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle.

"TYPE 1 Diabetes Meeting." Tue, Dec 13th; 8pm to 9:30pm. 087 641 5747 or to clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

Ennis Art School catering for all age groups; 086 8207370, ennisartschool.com

Ennis Parish Christmas Project

A Triduum of Masses will be offered in Ennis Parish on Christmas Day for your intentions. Triduum Cards available from Parish Office.

Times of Triduum Masses:

Ennis Cathedral: 10.30am
Cloughleigh: 11am
St. Joseph's: 11.30am



• Parish Christmas Cards are now available. Proceeds from cards go towards Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador.

• Fr. John Molloy DVD's on his work on Mission available in Parish Office. Voluntary Donation.

• Update on Fr. John's work:
Parish Website: www.ennisparish.com



Proverbs 21:26 '...the righteous gives and does not hold back.' During this Advent season our thoughts are with those people in the world's poorest countries who cannot feed their children, don't have enough water, can't get an education, have no healthcare when they are sick and whose human rights are abused. Trocaire's Global Gifts are a perfect way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and help the poor. Log on to www.trocaire.org/globalgift or call 1850 408 408

Bingo returns to Community Centre Sun Jan 1st at 5pm; with jackpot of €500; in aid of Cuan an Chláir (providing Daycare Centre for older people in Ennis Area).

Knitting or Crochet classes – 086 0443434; at Ennis Creative Arts Centre.

Clare Music Makers presents "Christmas Music & Story Time" Mon Dec 12 @ 3.15-4.00pm in De Valera Library, Ennis. Children 3 to 6 ages.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT/CD LAUNCH on Fri, Dec 16 at 8pm in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush. €10. Proceeds: St. Senan's Church Restoration Fund.

Clare Music Makers presents "A Christmas Celebration" on Sat Dec 17th @ 7.30pm, Church Of Ireland, Bindon St. Admission: Donation at door (Proceeds to Clare FM 50cent appeal).

Positive Life Workshops and Courses. For details call 0860688377.

Medjugorje Prayer meeting Mon 12th Dec at Clarecastle Day Care Centre at 8pm.

Blood transfusion service holds blood donor clinic in the West Co Wed 14th, Thu 15th, Mon 19th and Tue 20th Dec 6-9pm and also on Wed 21st and Thu 22nd 2-5pm.

Selling off used Christmas light decorations; outdoor/indoor; proceeds to charity; 0872974380

Irish Wheelchair Association thank all for support at church gate collections. Amt: €2,909.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare from 16th-18th Dec www.youth2000 016753690/0858289231;

Cathedral Readers:

Please collect 2012 Missals from Sacristy or Parish Office.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm: Jo 1st Anniv & Eddie Fitzgerald, Cusack Rd.
8pm: Mary Corbett, Limerick Rd. MM
Sun 11th Dec: 9am Joe & Mary Nevin, Loughville.
Ellen Hynes, 48 St Michael's Villas.
Jim Whymys, Cusack Rd.
Woods Family, Old Mill St. & Marian Ave.
10.30am Donal Cahill, Roslevan.
Tina Sherlock, 16 Cloughleigh Rd.
Thomas Devitt, Inagh.
Mary Monks, 24 Glassan, Lahinch Rd.
Bridget & Gerald & James Griffin, Limerick Rd.
Nancy & Gerard Boland, Inagh.
Bobby O'Rourke, 6 Dalcassian Ave.
Liam Slattery, 25 St. Michaels Villas.
Deceased members of Torpey family

Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd & Nellie Ryan.
12 noon John MM & Maisie Riordan, Castlewood Pk.
Mon:7.45am Sean & Lucy Kissane, Ennis & Dublin.
10am Alan Halpin, O'Connell Street.
7.30pm Frank Murphy, 103 Hermitage.
Tues.:7.45am May & Joe Nevin, Loughville.
10am Dec'd members of Meaney family, Boloughera.
7.30pm Ella Burke, 20 Phoenix Court & Mill Rd.
Wed.:7.45am Don Farrell, 51 Cahercalla Estate.
10am Tom Reidy, St. Flannan's Terrace.
7.30pm Frank Fox, 8 Cornmarket Street & his sister Cecelia Freeman, England.
Thurs.:7.45am Maura Keane, Kilrush Rd.
10am Monica & Michael Clohessy, Connolly Villas.
7.30pm Frank Kearse, 17 Connolly Villas.
Fri.:7.45am Mary Conlan, Dublin.
10am Ricky Loughnane, Abbeyfeale & Ennis.
7.30pm Louis Pyne, 16 Abbey Street. **1st Anniv**
Sat.:10am George Bradley, Drumcliffe Rd.

Peggy Corry, Loughville & Paddy Corry, Cree.
6.30pm Eta Gilligan, (1st Anniv) & her husband Paddy, 5 Cloughleigh Rd
Sun.18th Dec :9am Paul & Andrew O'Shea, Tulla Rd.
Michael Crowe, Cree.
Marie O'Loughlin, 31 Castlewood Park.
10.30am Noel Higgins, 74 Hermitage.
Paddy Quinn, Market St.
Tony Woods, 5 Rockmount Grove, Kilrush Rd
Jim Harnett, Rockmount.
Guerin Family, 42 St. Michael's Villas.

John & Bridget Daly, late of Parnell St & Gallows Hill.
Chris & Kathleen Kearney, St. Judes, Kincora Pk.
12 noon Dan Baker, Barrack St. **1st Anniv**
Maureen Martin, Woodstock View, Shanaway **1st Anniv**
Seeking Vision Members Mass

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 18th December, 2011

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

Laura Colleran, Quin; **Martin Brooks**, 18B Castlewood Park; **Msgr Kevin Cleary**, California, brother of Johnny Cleary, College Rd; **Mary O'Callaghan**, nee Garrihy, 58 College Green & Ennistymon, sister of Frank Garrihy, Pine Grove; **Peadar McNamara**, Magowna, Ennis Community College & Francis St.; **Peter Cosgrove**, 33 Castlewood Park;



**First Reading****Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of nations.'

The word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm****Response: .***My soul rejoices in my God.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
God looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is God's name!
God's mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R**

God fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
God protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24A reading from the first letter of St. Paul
to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all
things give thanks to God, because this is what God
expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift
of prophecy with contempt; think before you do
anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every
form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and
holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless,
spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. God has called you and God will not
fail you.

The word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation***Alleluia, alleluia!**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.**He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.**Alleluia!***Gospel****John 1:6-8.19-28**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When
the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to
ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he
declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well
then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said.
'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they
said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an
answer to those who sent us. What have you to say
about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah
prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and
they put this further question to him, 'Why are you
baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah,
and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with
water; but there stands among you - unknown to
you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not
fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at
Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John
was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord