



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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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

11th September, 2011

Forgiveness, Mercy and Compassion

Today's readings focus on forgiveness. When Peter asks Jesus how often must he forgive, Jesus tells him "seventy times seven". There is no limit to God's forgiveness of us therefore, there must be no limit to our forgiveness of each other.

Failure to forgive can easily develop into vengeance and resentment. This is most destructive to the kind of peace the Church prays for.

In today's opening prayer we are told:

"Give peace Lord, to those who wait for You"

Our God is a loving caring God and the more we experience His merciful and compassionate forgiveness in our lives, the more we will want to love God and do what He wants us to do - that is to forgive others.

The life of a follower of Jesus does not consist in obeying laws and rules, it is primarily our personal response to God's everlasting and unconditional love for us, God's forgiveness of our sins.

We all have experienced hurts, at different times in our lives and being human, we sometimes find it hard to forgive, but an awareness of God's forgiving and merciful love will help us to carry out the Lord's

command. *"Be merciful and compassionate as your Heavenly Father is compassionate"*.

Jesus gives us an example of his readiness to forgive when hanging on the cross, He cried out *"Father forgive them for they do not know what they do"*. Perhaps it is time for us to let the Lord take over our thinking, our deciding and our acting.

An important point we rarely advert to is that we have also to forgive ourselves. We all make mistakes but we must be compassionate to ourselves also.



The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.

The Eucharist: Communion with
Christ & with One Another



Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-
Witajcie-Bemvindo-Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-
Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 11th September, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎087 6615975

Junior Cert Results Disco in conjunction with Teen Co Op

As the Junior Cert results are expected on Wednesday next, 14th, Teen Co Op are organising a Disco for those who receive results that day, in the Queens Night Club.

7.30pm - 10.30pm

Strictly over 15's

It would be very helpful if parents would drop those attending the Disco at the Queens from 7pm onwards and collect them again at 10.30pm. This is an Alcohol free Disco. Cost €15

Russian Orthodox Liturgical Chants



sung by the Sisters' choir from the
Convent of St. Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus
On Friday September 16th
at 7pm in Ennis Cathedral.

The Sisters' Choir were award winners at the International Festival of Church Music in Estonia. Proceeds will support sisters' work with the homeless, children without parental support & sufferers from drug & alcohol dependence. CDs, Icons & Russian souvenirs will be available after the concert. Donations at exit.

ReOpening

Ennis Track Club has resumed training in Lee's Road on Monday and Friday nights from 7pm to 8pm. ☎ Gerry @ 086 3781912.

Annual Twilight 5k Run, Walk or Jog will take place in Lee's Road on Fri 16th @ 7.30pm. Evening of entertainment for all the family. Refreshments served.

Ennis Brass Band - Beginners' Classes; enrolment on Thurs 15th Sept; Ennis Community College; 7pm.

Ennis Town Football Club Resumes Academy Training Sun Sept 11th at the Ennis National School: 11am-1.45pm for boys/girls born 2005, 2006 2007; 12-1pm for boys/girls born 2003, 2004; ☎ Clare Howard - 086 2267364

Ennis Art School - Art Classes for all to enjoy, catering for children, teenagers and adults Saturday and mid-week classes. Carmel at tel: 086 8207370 web:www.ennisartschool.com

Ennis Singers' Club in Cois na hAbhna on Fri 9th Sept, starting at 9pm.

Become the Speaker & Leader You Want to Be - Ennis Toastmasters resuming fortnightly from Tue Sept 13th; 8pm at Temple Gate Info@ennistoastmasters.com or 0877615745

Tai Chi-Free introductory class at Ennis National School Mon Sept 12 at 6.30pm. ☎0656820646.

Little Angels Preschool Ltd; free ECCE; 9-12 pm. Also from 2 ½ yrs. After-school for 4-12yrs; 0868438888.

Children's set dancing commences Wed. Sept 7th in Cois na hAbhanna, beginners 6.15pm; improvers 7pm. (086) 1587681 or Niamh (086) 8706175.

THEATRO School of Performing Arts for boys & girls restarts Thurs Sept 8 at Ennis Leisure Complex. Txt: 087 0657307/theatroperformingarts@gmail.com

Sarah Griffin School of Speech & Drama; Sat Sept 17th at Clare Music Makers, Bank PI, 087 1529591

Marian A.C. Cross Country Athletics training every Tue & Thurs from 6-7 in Flannan's Field. New members welcome.

Beginner Piano & Concertina lessons on fri evenings: Contact 086 1988283.

Diploma in Personal coaching: 0868119023

Art Classes start Sept 13 for everyone; 6 wk; 0659051720; 0851665281; clareartist.com

10 Week Introduction to Counseling Course due to start end of Sept in Ennis: 7pm - 9.30pm Pauline 087 6383988

German Grinds Available; All Levels & Groups; 086 3203497

Chess Lessons resume @ Ennis Leisure Centre (Swimming Pool) on Mon Sept 12 & Wed 14th. Chess for all levels; John @ 0872495913

Enrolling now for Sept classes in Guitar, Piano/Keyboards, Drums, Bass & Vocals. Classes to commence week of Sept. 19th. Visit www.ennisguitarschool.ie 065-6822516



Live the Word

Learn to trust and acknowledge your instincts. When you know something is right, you'll feel it. Likewise can be said, when something is not quite so right. Trust yourself to acknowledge that instinct, and use it to guide you to make the right decision.



Newly Baptised

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

Rose McNamara; Orleigh Breen Wilson; Emily Gleeson Ward.

Medugorie Prayer Meeting Mon Sept 12th at Clarecastle Daycare Centre at 8pm. ☎



Why not study Theology? Dominicans offering distance learning theology programmes, leading to a cert or (honours) degree. Study from home. The Prioory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24; 014048124; enquiries@priooryinstitute.com.

Clarecare: voluntary organisation offering a wide range of social services in Clare. One of the services is meals for older people, 5 days a week in Ennis Community Centre, Chapel Lane. Clarecare wishes to recruit volunteer mini bus drivers for this service. Must have Class D licence. ☎ Fiacre Hensey, General Manager, Clarecare Tel. 065 6828178



Cahercalla Hospice Coffee morning at Kathleen Frehill's house at 3 Knockaderry Grove, Tulla Rd. Please support. Thurs Sept 15th; 10.30am-5.30pm.

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings beginning Tue next 13th September 2011.

Time: from 11am. to 12pm. Venue: Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Road, Ennis.

For Info: Contact Br. Dick Burke 065 6821471 or 0872047649

Burren Ramble for the Lifeboats (RNLI) this Sunday. Car Park Fanore beach 12.30pm. All welcome.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

I mbliana, 2011 ceiliúramid Bliain Cheardaíochta na hÉireann agus is í Uachtarán na hÉireann Máire Mhic Ghiolla Íosa a patrún. Ina teachtaireacht do mhuintir na hÉireann, dúirt sí gur ceart dúinn bheith mórálach as saibhreas agus beogacht ár gceirdeanna idir sean agus nua. Bronnann Dia buanna ar gach uile dhuine agus gabhaimis buíochas leis dá bharr sin. Moladh go deo leis. Seo a bhí le rá ag an bhfile Máirtín Ó'Direáin faoi cheirdeanna:

Thóg an fear seo teach

Is an fear úd fál

A mhair ina dhiaidh

Is a choinnigh a chuimhne beo

2011 is the Year of Craft and the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, is its patron. In her message to the people of Ireland she stated, that we should be very proud of the richness and vitality of our craft work both old and new. God bestows talents on each person and we thank and praise Him for these. Máirtín Direáin wrote the following verse about craft:

One man built a house

And another

A dyke or a wall

Which outlived him

And kept his name alive.



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 Martin Barry, Clareville, Clonroad.
Sun 10am: Gerard & Betty Griffin, Lifford Rd.
11.30am: Noel Carmody, Kincora Park.
Tues 11am: Pierce, Johanna & Patricia Purcell, Shinrone.
Sat 11am: Rita Duggan, Laureen. MM
7.00pm: Alice Hartnett, Tulla Rd.
Sun 18th Sept 10am: Alice Carmody, 50 Marian Ave.
11.30am: Barney Finn, 4 Castle Lawn. MM

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

Bus to Knock in honour of Padre Pio; 18th September Tickets from O'Connor's Bakery.

National Legion Pilgrimage to Knock leaving Ennis Sun 25th @ 10am; returning @ 7.30pm; €15/seat; 0879972214.

Irish Cancer Society thank all for great generosity. Amount collected: €1487.30 - which will help to make a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer.

FAIRTRADE is needed more than ever & we all have the power to help create positive change for people & planet, by purchasing products with the FAIRTRADE mark.

Sale of FAIRTRADE Food & Crafts on this Sun Sept 11th from 9am-2pm at St. Francis Hall, Friary Car park, Francis St.

Clare Local Dev. Co organising part time and short term courses in your area to include: FETAC Community & Health Services, FETAC Horticulture, FETAC Tourism, FETAC Employability Skills, Computers, Metalwork/Welding, Start your own Business, Employment Skills, Personal Development. 0656866800 or visit our website on www.cldc.ie

Sharkey School of Irish Dancing will reopen on Monday 12th Sept, 5pm Beg, 6pm Adv; Wednesday 14th 5pm Beg, 6pm Adv Beg, 7 Adv ,both nights in Eire Og Clubhouse. Contact Anthony at 6821615

Pregnancy Pilates - Prepare & Recover classes commencing on Thursday, 15th Sept. for 6 weeks in Clarecastle Old School Bldg. from 6pm-7pm. Instructed by a Chartered Physiotherapist. Phone Ailish @ 086-3141447 for further details.

Funk Fusion Stage School at MI Cusack Centre, Carron, now enrolling for Children's Classes, on Sept. 17th. @ 065 7089944, or info@michaclusack.ie

Open Day & Plant Clearance Sale @ the Vandeleur Walled Garden, Kilrush I Sun Sept 25; 1pm - 5pm

Time Out - For the Busy Person

Would you like time out to reflect, to relax, to pray? Then a Week of Guided Prayer is the answer for you. You are warmly invited to take part in such a week to be offered here in the parish of Ennis, beginning on Sun evening, Sept 18th & finishing on Fri Sept 23rd. Application forms available from Parish Office, Ennis. Further info from Sr. Maire Flannagan 087 9698317 or Sr. Cecelia Guinane 086 2442468.

Message to young people across the Diocese

By way of invitation to come to Ennis on Saturday September 24th

Brother Jean- Marie is a member of the Taize Community in France, where upwards of 4,000 young people gather each week of the summer months.

A group from the Diocese have travelled there each summer over the past 20 years. Each year 45 young people have taken part.

This year we extended an invitation to the Community to send one of the Community to visit us. Bro Jean-Marie will lead an afternoon from 2.15pm in the Holy Family Hall, Station Road Ennis, organised with a number of the young people, who have been with us in Taize.

Theme: Joy Compassion Forgiveness

That night we will bring the evening to a close with an experience of prayer, creating a beautiful atmosphere, using the songs of prayer used in Taize, again led by our young people. This will begin at 8pm in the Cathedral. We invite parents, and people of all ages to join with us for this Prayer.

When: Saturday 24th September

Where: Holy Family School Hall (across the road from the Cathedral)

Time: Afternoon begins at 2.15 for the gathering of young people

Prayer begins 8pm in the Cathedral

Who: young people 17 years and older

8pm: Everybody is welcome

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage To Knock Shrine

Sunday September 11th.

Blessing of the Sick at 2.30pm followed by Mass & Rosary at 3pm.

Archbishop of Tuam, Dr. Michael Neary is Chief Celebrant, with Fr. Benny McHale the homilist & reflection by Kathy Sinnott, EWTN. All welcome. 098-24877;



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Martin & Maureen Mullins, late Marian Ave.
Sun 11th Sept.:9am Donors Intentions
10.30am Dec'd members Morrissey Family & Collette Slattery, Turnpike & St. Flannan's Tce.
Frank & Kathleen Casey, 4 Kilrush Rd.
Michael Quinn, Cusack Road.
Peter Sheridan, 7 Morissey Ave.
Dec'd members of Houlihan Family, 109 Hermitage
12 noon Mass for the People.
Mon:7.45am Mary Clohessy, Connolly.
10am Michael Kears, 22 St. Michael's Villas.
7.30pm John McCann, Ballygriffey, Ruan.
Tues.:7.45am Dan & Mary Greene, Kilmaley
10am James & Agnes Colgan, Parnell St.
7.30pm Mollie Burke, Tulla Rd.
Wed.:7.45am Special Intention.
10am Bridget & Mary Gallagher, Tarman, Donegal.
7.30pm Noel Carmody & deceased members of Clare Civil Defence.
Thurs.:7.45am Special Intention.
10am Patrick & Annie Hogan, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm Christina & Laurence Kelly, 40 Connolly Villas.
Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
10am John Mc Gann, Ard na Greine.
7.30pm Nellie Garrihy, Steeles Tce. MM
Mary Woods, 7 Summerhill.
Sat.:10am Eileen Linnane, 40 St. Flannan's Tce.
6.30pm Mary Bredin, 13 Limerick Rd. MM
Sun: 9am Olive O'Malley, Kilbricken, Doora & Fergus Pk.
Dan & Mary O'Keefe, Prague, Ardlea Rd.
10.30am Neil & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.
Patrick (Pa) O'Brien, Willow Park.
Kathleen McGovern, St. Martin's, College View.
12noon: Mass for the People

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 18th September, 2011

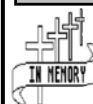
Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace



Mary Ann Kearney, Ranelagh, Dublin & formerly of Connolly & Cahercalla Hospice aunt of Berrie Crimmins, Springfield, Clonroadmore and Paschall Kearney, Connolly, Mary Ellen Curtin, Moveen East, Kilkee, mother of Andrew, Greendale Clonroad & Michael, Curtin & O' Freil Accountants, Harmony Row;

If you are affected by a loved one's abusing or addiction to alcohol or other drugs, please come to the Family Support Programme sponsored by Bushypark Treatment Centre (a Clarecare Ltd service) for info and support. In Ennis Tuesdays at Clarecare room 13 at 7.30 pm. Free and confidential. Ellen O'Neal, M.Ed., M.I.A.A.A.C., M.I.A.C.P. Cocaine Initiative - Continuing Care Counsellor

Religious Education Congress is for persons involved in the ministry of religious education, evangelisation, liturgical ministry, and other related ministries. This year it will be held in the Brandon Hotel Conference Centre, Tralee from 7th - 9th October. www.recongress.ie/application.pdf

Tractor & Vintage Car Run in aid of Caherea N.S. Building Fund on Sun Sept 18th.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 4th September, €7,189.00

First Reading

Ecclesiastics 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastics.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
Those who exact vengeance will experience the vengeance of
the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbours the hurt they do you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a person nurses anger against another,
can he or she then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a person,
can one then plead for one's own sins?
Mere creatures of flesh, they cherish resentment;
who will forgive them their sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour
ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook
the offence.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
All my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
And never forget all his blessings.

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It is God who forgives all your guilt,
Who heals everyone of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave,
Who crowns you with love and compassion.

R

God's wrath will come to an end;
God will not be angry for ever.
God does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults.

R

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we
live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why
Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord
both of the dead and of the living.

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 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I
forgive my sister or brother if they wrong me? As often as
seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but
seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants.
When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who
owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying,
so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together
with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet
the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his
master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the
whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him
that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this
servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant
who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by
the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe
me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and
implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you."
But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow
servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had
happened, and they went to their master and reported the
whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You
wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours
when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to
have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on
you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the
torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how
my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each
forgive your sister or brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

