



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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Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

12th June, 2011



Receive the Holy Spirit

Luke describes the first Pentecost in today's first reading like scenes from a Hollywood spectacular with the disciples as stars of the show. The opening in fearful silence, Jesus' dramatic appearance, the sudden mighty wind, fireballs overhead and the

action finally pours onto the crowded streets with the Gospel boldly proclaimed in thousands of languages. All that's missing is a full chorus and orchestra with brass and percussion in overdrive!

And yet John's account of the same event in the Gospel is totally different. He simply and quietly says that **"Jesus 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"**.

In other words, the work of the Spirit is more about the rather sober business of forgiving sins than street parties in Jerusalem.

Is John saying that, in the midst of all the action, the dramatics, the show, the members of his church were in danger of losing sight of what the Holy Spirit was all about? It's not about 'perfect people' at centre stage in a 'happy-clappy' church. It's about ordinary people trying daily to rise a little closer to the high ideals of Jesus Christ. Seeing the goodness and love of Christ, they become aware of their own failures and sins and

by facing them, they overcome them and become better people. They realise that the promised salvation and the peace of the Spirit are inextricably linked to whether they can accept their own need for forgiveness and their need to forgive.

One change in the new Missal creating some discomfort is, that we are going back to **"I have sinned through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault"** in the **"I confess.."**. Does this discomfort suggest that we may be in denial about that fact that we do sin? We say **"I am no worse than everyone else"** but a Christian's life isn't measured against **"everyone else"**. A Christian's life is measured against Christ.

We seek to discover better ways of doing things only if we accept that we have not achieved perfection already. We learn from our mistakes only when we accept that we have made mistakes. We restore and deepen our loving relationship with Christ only when we are big enough to acknowledge that we have sinned (sometimes very grievously) and ask forgiveness.

We are human and we sin, but the Spirit gives us the courage to rise above our sins, forgives us and makes us whole again.



Yes, that really is a reason to celebrate!

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

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 12th June, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

VISIT OF FR. JOHN MOLLOY FROM MONTE SINAI PARISH, ECAUDOR

Fr. John is home on holidays from Ecuador. He will speak at Masses next weekend June 18th/19th, giving insights from his mission work in Ecuador. Fr. John is



a member of the Society of St. James the Apostle, a missionary group of diocesan priests who work with the exceptional poor in Ecuador and Peru. John is deeply grateful for the friendship and prayers he has received from the people of Ennis. The financial donations he has received have enabled him to build two new classrooms in his Parish.



Newly Baptised

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

James Carey; Sasha Marie Molloy; Jessica Erin Kenworthy; John Paul McDonagh; Adam Paddy McDermott; Michael Joseph Nugent.

Clarecare Thrift Shop:

Clarecare would greatly appreciate any donations of **CLARECARE** school uniforms and second hand school books in good condition, as demand is very high at this time of year.

Ennis Musical Society Annual General Meeting Wed June 15th, Old Ground at 8pm. All asked to make special to attend.

Mid West Simon Community acknowledge donations of €919.26 during its flag day in Ennis on May 26th. Funds will go provide services to homeless people in Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary.

Required for needy families: 2 double beds, 2 fireside chairs, fridge. Parish Office.

Cincís (Pentecost)

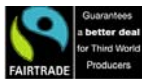
Ceiliúrtar Domhnach Cincíse caoga lá tar éis Dhomhnach Cásca. Thuirling an Spiorad Naomh ar na hAspail. Lónadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Iosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Chuaigh na hAspail amach láithreach ag fógairt an dea-scéala faoi bheatha, bhás agus aiséirí ár dTiarna. Moladh go deo leat a Spioraid Naoimh.

Lion ár groíthe le do ghrá agus le do dhiograis. Déan Aspail dinn a Spiorad Beannaithe. Amen.

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Our Lady, the Apostles and the friends of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out immediately spreading the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Praise to you, O Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love and your zeal. Holy Spirit may we be your apostles. Amen.



OXFAM Needs Volunteers in Ennis Branch at 8 Parnell St. If you have an interest in volunteering & knowledge of books, call into shop or ☎ 085 7110204.



Look for the Fairtrade Mark: By buying Fairtrade products, people in Ireland can give a direct benefit to growers & workers throughout Latin America, The Caribbean/Africa & Asia. Fairtrade products will be available in Friary Hall on Sun June 12th from 9am to 2pm. Also looking for new committee members. 085 7110204.

MAGIC & MOTION PARTY NIGHT Knockanean School fundraising night with a difference. A unique show of comedy and magic featuring illusionist Steve Spade, followed by DJ John Carey and unusual raffle. All parents, past parents & (past pupils over 21s), teachers, & friends welcome. Show 18th June at 8.30pm in Temple Gate. Tickets €20 from Liddy's Costcutter Roslevan, Knockanean School or 083 1119470.

Ennis Educate Together N.S.: We are using the school as a recycling depot for recycling household batteries. Please drop batteries here any day from 1.30 to 2pm you are more than welcome. We will run the event until June 20th.

STARCAMP '11 Glór Theatre July 4th to July 8th for 1 week from 10am - 3pm. Singing, dancing and acting camp for boys & girls aged 5 - 13 guarantees a fantastic week for all! Book online at www.starcamp.ie or call 021 -4377900 today! Reduced rates & excellent family discounts apply.

A CARMELITE VOCATION? Next weekend 18th-19th June Experience our cloistered contemplative life during a Monastic Weekend at the Carmelite Monastery Delgany Co Wicklow. **Single women (25-45).** www.carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie contact@carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie

Eucharistic Congress 2012



Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered. You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way. May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread. May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, Now and forever.
Amen

Grow it yourself (GIY); next meeting Wed 8pm 15th June in Rowan Tree, upstairs. Everybody welcome.



National Carers Week

June 12th to 17th

Carers make a great contribution to the wellbeing of our Communities. For further information contact ☎ 6866515 or support@caringforcarers.org



Photo of Mary McMahon, with President Mary McAleese at the recent Caring for Carers Conference in Dublin.

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ The National Eucharistic Congress at Knock Shrine on Sat 25th & Sun 26th June.
- ◆ Parish Walk to Drumcliffe and Mass on Cemetery Sunday June 26th
- ◆ Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Mon 1st August to Wed 3rd.

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



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.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun: 10am Hugh & Frances Gilmore, Drumcliffe.
11am: Dilly O'Halloran, St Senan's Rd. MM
Mon 11am: John & Kathleen Horgan.
Tue 11am: Margaret Mc Dermott, Doonbeg.
Wed 11am: Claire Killowry, Fergus Park. MM
Thu 11am: Kathleen Flanagan, Gort.
Sat 11am: William Turner, The Green.
7pm: Fr. M.J. Neylon PP Ballynacally/Lissycasey
Sun 19th 10am: Harte family, Crusheen.
11.30am: Maureen Barry, 4 Corrovorrin Drive.

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sat 25th June at €13. Call Helen Sec @ 0656822082.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Jack, Molly & Sr. Margaret Burke & dec'd family members, Dunsallagh
11am: Triduum Mass
Mon 9.30am: Donors Intentions
Sun 19th 9.30am: Jack, Molly, Sr. Margaret Burke & dec'd members Burke Family, Dunsallagh.
11am: Frank Corey & deceased members of Corey Family, Loughville & Tyrone.



Apostolic Work

Official Opening

56th Annual Exhibition of Mission Work
Friday 17th June at 3pm Scout Hall, Ennis.
Exhibition continues Sat 18th from 2pm to 6pm.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 17th to 24th September. A few places left €669. Spiritual Director: Fr. Paddy Conway. Contact Jimmy Considine ☎9059328

Medjugorje Ennis/Clarecastle Annual Pilgrimage 17th Sept. from Shannon; €669 - all inclusive for 7 nights. Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael McInerney; To book: Contact Kathleen Lee 065 6824750 or Mary McMahon 6824400.



Fr. Fergal and Rice College TY Class with cheque for Fr. John Molloy's Ecuador Fund



Friary News

Saint Anthony's Novena

at Ennis Franciscan Friary continues to this Monday.

- Sunday 12th at 12 noon & 7.30pm.
- Feast of Saint Anthony 13th June.
- Blessing of Children at 4pm.
 - Solemn closing Mass with Blessing of Lilies at 10.30am & 7.30pm.
 - Novena Director: Fr. Pius McLaughlin, OFM.
- Saint Anthony, powerful in word & work, grant us what we ask of thee.*

Annual Secular Franciscan Order Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 26th June. Bus leaves at 9.30am. Tickets at Friary Office at €12.

Réalta Draíochta preschool at Ennis National School, enrolling for Sept 2011. ☎ Martina 0863311981 or Kathryn 087 9232833.

Saint Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage & Procession on Sun 3rd July in Drogheda. Details:0872557215 www.saintoliverplunkett.com Oliver.keegan@gmail.com

Clare Classic & Vintage Club Harvest show The Showground Ennis Sunday 19th June From 12pm. Harvest Event Family Activities A FUN DAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY Admission €5 for adults. Proceeds goes to Clare Crusaders.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting on Mon 13th June at Clarecastle Daycare Centre at 8pm.

Redemptorist Retreat House Esker 2011; for info: 091 844549 eskerret@indigo.ie www.eskercommunity.org

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat.: 6.30pm Gerard O'Driscoll, Crusheen. MM
Sun.:9am Special Intentions
10.30am Audrey O'Reilly, 36 Abbeyville. Cullinan Family, Gortmore, Inch. Bobby Malone, 7 Dalcassian Park. Mary Moloney, 7 Hermitage. Alice & Tommy Cunningham, St Michael's Villas
12noon Mae Quinlivan, 33 Lower Market St. MM
Mon:7.45am Kit Skehan, Waterford
10am Special Intention
7.30pm Joe Hehir, Hermitage.
Tues.:7.45am Special Intention.
10am Thomas & Annie Keane, Upper Market St. & Peg Garvey.
7.30pm Michael Ryan, 5 McNamara Park
Wed.:7.45am Mary Shannon & Mary Guilfoyle, 7 Cornmarket St., The Market
10am Sean T Keane, Upper Market St.
7.30pm Anne & Peter Hogan, Considine Road & George Mulcahy
Thurs.:7.45am Michael Lernihian, Gallows Hill
10am Billy & Maureen Pigott, 46 Connolly Villas
7.30pm Paddy Arthur, Parnell St.
Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
10am Jim, Bridie, Maureen & Bruddy Moroney, Hermitage
7.30pm Brendan O'Loughlin, McNamara Pk 1st Anniv
8pm Sean & Lena O'Chealllough, Kilrush Rd.
Sat.:10am Maureen Coleman, 1st Anniv & Coleman Family, Cahercalla.
6.30pm Patsy Ryan, Ballynacally & 76 Hermitage MM
Sun.:9am Marcella Corey, Kilrush Road
10.30am Anthony O'Neill, Kilmorane
Patrick & Mary Frances Ayers, Kildysart
Peter Donnellan, 50 Ard Caoin & St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
Billy & Carmel Whelan, Loughville
Tom & Mary Butler, 49 Marian Ave.
12 noon Kevin Scanlan, 20 Cathedral Court MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 19th June, 2011
Readers: Group
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group



Rest in Peace

Frank O'Dea, Park Ave & Carrigan Nursing Home; Thomas Bradley, Unit 4, St. Joseph's Hospital & Claremount, Clarecastle; Gretta McInerney, Unit 1, St Joseph's Hospital & Doora; Rose O'Reilly nee Maher, Avondale, Kilrush Road; Eoin Ryan, Ballyea; Mary McCabe, Kildysart, sister of Phil Sheehan, Cahercalla Rd.



Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage

to Knock Shrine
Sunday 3rd July 2011,
Led by Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, SMA.
Ceremonies begin at 2:30 p.m.

Annual Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help St. Mary's Church, Athlunkard St., Limerick. Fri 17th to Sat 25th June. Weekdays: 10am & 7.30pm & Sun 19th @ 9.30am & 11am. Extra session for the sick Sat 25th @ 5pm. ☎ 061 416300 or 061 414092.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear the apostles speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. Surely they said all these speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
And renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,
Returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
And you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

