



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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1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)

13th March, 2011

The Call of Lent

Lent is more than 1,700 years old, but it retains its value despite the passing centuries. Life is a constant battle in which we need the weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate and dying to oneself to live to God is the journey that every follower of Christ is asked to make.

What should we be doing for Lent? We should be using the weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Gospel of the mass on Ash Wednesday makes mention of these three Christian duties and tells us how we ought to practice them.

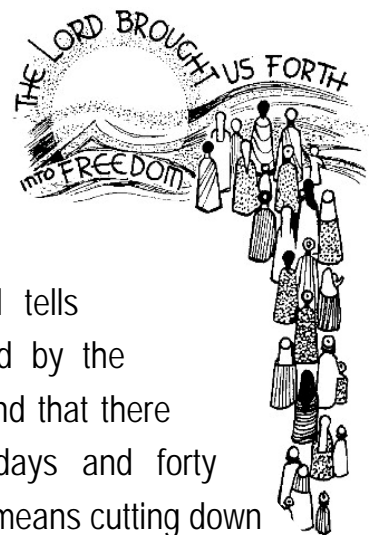
Jesus and the apostles tell us to pray always.



Prayer is about raising the heart and mind to God. It is about being with God for a shorter or longer period. It is asking God's help for all who find life difficult and need divine assistance. In prayer

we thank God for his blessings.

Prayer is also giving glory and praise to God as we ask for mercy and forgiveness.



This Sunday's Gospel tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and that there He fasted for forty days and forty nights. For us, fasting means cutting down on the amount of our food and drink.

We are invited to give the money we save to others in alms.

The giving of alms is our way of supporting the poor and the needy. During Lent, we are especially aware of Trocaire and its significant programme of work, for thousands of people who live on the margins of starvation.

On judgement day Jesus will say: "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these people of mine, you did it to me".

Mt. 25:40.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 13th March, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

Wednesday Duty:

Contact Parish Office ☎065 68 24043

Lent 2011



*From Pain to Promise
Journeying Together in Hope*

Lent Programme

Saturday 19th March at 6.30pm Mass

• Ennis Cathedral

Fr. Tony Butler SMA

Tony is from Dublin, but has worked in many places throughout the world. He will tell of his struggle in a humorous and hopeful way as a priest and Christian in a believing community. His talk at the Matt Talbot Novena in Nenagh, entitled "Be a good boy and take your medicine" was very warmly received in November.

Mothers Prayers annual weekend in St. John's Rest, Knock, Co. Mayo. Sat March 25th at 10am & finishing with Mass at 5pm. Sun March 26th at 10am & finishing with Mass at 4pm. All welcome, even if only for a short time. 091 771009 or ireland@mothersprayers.org



St. Flannan's College Transition Students present a Fashion Show with The Celia Holman-Lee Model Agency, on March 24th @ 8pm in West County. Donation: part proceeds to Clare Crusaders & Clare 250 Mile Cycle. Tickets @ €15, available from College, participating boutiques or West County. Tel 087 2942182 for details.



Book Swap at Rowan Tree Sunday 13th March 2.30-5.30pm in aid of St. Flannan's College Science Club. Calling all book lovers - - Bring a book/Have a cuppa!/Have a chat!/Bring away another book!/ Donation €10

Clare Crusaders Walking club
Tuesday & Thursday evenings 8pm
Half-Way pub car park. Beginners & seasoned walkers welcome.



Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona do Chách

The Parish of Ennis will celebrate the Feast Day on Thursday March 17th with the traditional Parade and Blessing of the Shamrock organised by the Urban Council on March 17th.

Mass times for the Parish are:

Cathedral: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th March

St. Patrick's Day: 9am, 10.30am; 12.15pm (as Gaeilge & Blessing of Shamrock)

St. Joseph's: Vigil Mass at 7pm on Wed 16th;

St. Patrick's Day: 8am, 10am & 11.30am

Cloughleigh: On Thursday, 17th; 9.30am & 11am

Friary: Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th; St. Patrick's Day: 9.30, 10.30, 12noon

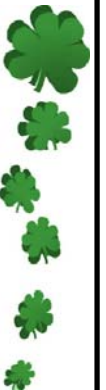
Lúireach Phádraig

Críost liom,
Críost romham,
Críost i mo dhiaidh,
Críost istigh ionam,
Críost fúm,
Críost os mo chionn,
Críost ar mo lámh dheas,
Críost ar mo lámh chlé,
Críost i mo luí dom,
Críost i mo sheasamh dom,
Críost i gcroí gach duine
atá ag cuimhneamh orm,
Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn lom,
Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,
Críost i ngach cluas a éisteann liom.



Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my waking,
Christ in the heart of all
who think of me,
Christ in the mouth of all who speak of me,
Christ in every eye that looks at me,
Christ in every ear that listens to me.



People of the Year

Presentation of Awards on
This Tuesday 15th March
The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- ◆ Peggy Eustace, Kilrush Road.
- ◆ Justin O'Regan, John Paul Avenue.
- ◆ Jackie Browne, Ardlea Road.
- ◆ Sr. de Montfort Bray,
St. Xavier's Convent.
- ◆ Patricia Gormley RIP,
Dalcassian Pk.
Special Merit Award
- ◆ Bishop Willie Walsh.

*Welcome to all.
All parishioners are invited
to attend.*

This year Colaiste Muire, Ennis celebrates its 150th Anniversary. There will be a Special School Mass held in the Cathedral on 16th March, 2011 at 2pm. All friends of Colaiste are welcome and invited to attend.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 3-17 Márta 2011 Labhair do chuid Gaeilge mar 'Tír gan Teanga, Tír gan Anam'. (A Country without a language is a country without a soul)



Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism Laura Ava Grace Curpanen; Alice Stefa Lee; Órnaith Noelle Conway; Jamie Tommy O'Neill; Kayden Nicholas Moloney; Derry James Mulqueen; Katerina Malarova.

An Evening of Prayer Through Song with David Parkes



on Friday 18th, March at 8pm

David Parkes (International soccer player & well known singer) will come to conduct an evening of prayer through song in the Cathedral. Please keep that night free for this event. It is prayerful, enlightening and faith deepening. There is no cover charge - but there will be a retiring collection afterwards if you would like to contribute.

7.30 Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm to facilitate the organising of this event.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: James & John Sexton, Miltown Malbay.
 Sun 10am: Joe Moroney, 5 Corrovorrin.
 11.30am: Peadar O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Road.
 Mon 11am: Tom & Mgt Fitzpatrick, Kilcock
 Tue 11am: Tony Glynn & Betty Glynn, 7 College Rd.
 Wed 11am: John Burke, Carlow
 7pm: Jimmy Madigan, 25 Marian Ave.

Thursday - St. Patrick's Day

8am: Donors Intention.
 10am Jennie Carmody, Kincora Park
 11.30am James Moloney, Clarecastle 1st Anniv
 Sat 11am: Eric Connellan, 12 Fergus Lawn
 7pm: Mary Hayes, 20 Pine Grove
 Sun 20th 10am: Gabriel Dillon, St. Senan's Rd
 & London 1st Anniv
 11.30am: Tina Conole & Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron



Feast of St Joseph: Sat next 19th of March, a special time for all associated with St. Joseph's church and hospital.

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

Padre Pio Mass not on March 16th due to the vigil Mass for St Patrick's day. It will be celebrated on March 23rd.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Kitty Mc Dermott, Cloughleigh Rd. MM
 Mon 9.30am: Decd members of O'Rourke family.
 Thursday - St. Patrick's Day
 9.30am: Leo Guy, Circular Road
 11.00am: Dan McNamara, 24 College Green
 Fri 9.30am: Gerard & Evelyn Moloney, Dalcassian Ave
 Sun 20th 9.30am: Patrick, Mary Anne & JJ Fitzpatrick,
 50 Circular Rd, Ennis & late Ennistymon
 11am Martin Kelly, Rock Bungalow, Old Gort Rd.

Volunteers required to pick daffodils week commencing March 21st for Daffodil Day March 25th. Please contact Mikey Guerin - 087 2045759.

Sum of money lost recently between O'Connell St. & Kilrush Rd. Michael 065 6824354.

Wanted: Support Workers for the Brothers of Charity, Community Employment Scheme based in Ennis. People interested in this must have a full driver's licence and be eligible for a FAS CES. ☎ Thomas Gilligan CES Supervisor, 065 6757590 for further details.

Want to protect your child? Kids Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes. The MOST EFFECTIVE self defence martial art in the World. VERY reasonable rates and family discounts available. First 2 weeks FREE!!! Contact John on 086 0731109.

Eucharistic Congress 2012; Fr. Kevin Doran will outline the programme on St. Patrick's Day on "EWTN Live". Available on Sky channel 589 and on internet. www.iec2012.ie



FREE Educational Guidance for adults (18+) in Ennis Reg Learning Centre. March 15th/16th. 1 to 1 session to discuss 3rd level options. advance booking. Call Anne 065-6866844/email: info@ennisrlc.ie



Friary News

Lenten Day of Renewal on 13th March in St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St. **Theme: Come...All you who thirst...Be Filled** Eph. 1: Wisdom. 7
Guest Speaker: Fr. Damian Ryan, Limerick.
 2-6pm. Prayer Praise Teaching.
 4.30pm Eucharist. Bring a friend.
 All welcome. Hosted by Killaloe-Ennis-Charismatic Service Teams. ☎ Iris 086 3334153 & Helen 087 7904698.

Clarecastle Church

Lenten Talks at 7pm:

23rd March: Fr. Joe Roche - Ardrahan Parish Galway.
30th March: Fr. Brendan Quinlivan - Feakle Parish.
6th April: Fr. Kevin McNamara - Killarney Cathedral.
13th April: Mr Eddie O'Carroll - School Chaplain Kilmallock.

Ennis Players. Hilarious production of Willy Russell's comedy "Stags and Hens" will take place from Wed April 6th to Sat April 9th at 8pm nightly in Glór. **The first night will be in aid of Cuan an Chláir.** Hope to see you all there.



The Annual General Meeting of the Clare Branch of the Retired Nurses Association of Ireland will take place in the Old Ground Hotel on Wednesday next 16th March at 12noon. The National chairman and secretary will attend. Please inform your friends.

Type 2 Diabetes Support Group is meeting on Tuesday, 15th March, in Marie Assumpta Hall, Station Rd., from 8pm to 9:30pm. Anyone interested in learning more about Type 2 Diabetes and meeting others is welcome. Support Group can be contacted on 087 641 5747 or by email at clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw Results Year 10 Week 38
 Tuesday, March 8th **1st Prize €635:** Nancy Griffin, Kildysart. **2nd Prize €127:** Val Real, Tobertaoscairn.

What are you doing for Lent? Why not join us in the tranquil setting of Burren Life Balance Centre, Killeen, Corofin? Experience a greater physical, mental and spiritual balance in your life through various forms of meditation 7.30pm each Wednesday beginning on 16th March. Facilitators: Srs. Cecelia, Mary and Noirin. Further info: Des 065 6827749/0851614951

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Jack Hinchy, Gortalougha, Inagh. 1st Anniv.
 Sun.:9am Rosarie Gleeson, Árd na Gréine
 10.30am Christina & Martin O'Neill, 94 Turnpike Road
 Theresa Delaney, 2 High Street & Glenina
 12 noon Noel Gallagher, London & Lifford (Burial of Ashes)
 Kevin Murray, St. Flannan's Terrace. 1st Anniv
 Mon:7.45am Francis Morgan, William & Bridget Morgan, Roscommon.
 10am John Daly, Lifford, Gort Road
 7.30pm Nono Lynch & Lynch family, Old Drumbiggle
 Tues.:7.45am Hal & Eva Frazer, 2 Considine Terrace
 10am Frances Cosgrove, 4 Árd na Gréine
 7.30pm William & Eileen Kerin, late 118 Hermitage
 Wed.:7.45am John & Teresa Mc Namara
 10am Paul & Brian Hogan, Ardlea Road
 6.30pm Colin Paul, 28 Maiville, Kilrush Road
 Georgina & Herbert Colgan, Clonroadmore
 Thursday - St. Patrick's Day
 9am: Elizabeth, Michael, Seamus & Paul Brassil, Kilrush & Ennis.
 10.30am Hugh Ferrigan, 65 Gallows Hill
 12.15pm Pat Wallace, Cottage Gardens
 Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
 10am John T. Kelly, Lissycasey
 6.30pm Nellie, Bidy & Dodo Galvin & Ann Evans Galvin, late Barrack Street.
 8pm Evening of Prayer through song with David Parkes
 Sat.:10am Maire & Louise Brennan, Lime Kilns, Clare Rd
 6.30pm Mary White, 99 Hermitage Road. MM
 Sun.:9am Michael & Jane Fahy, Danganbrack, Quin Angela & Jack Mulkere, Crusheen.
 10.30am Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's, Clare Rd.
 Beenie Fitzpatrick, Clonroadmore.
 James Vaughan, Market Street.
 John & Bridget Ward & dec'd Ward families,
 25 Westbourne
 Billy & Bridie Ryan, 19 Gallows Hill
 Josephine O'Grady, 39 Marian Avenue

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 20th, 2011

Readers: Group 4
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace



Jim Madine, Belfast, brother in law of Anne Ewins; **Tom Longworth**, Athlone, brother-in-law of Pat Ramsey; **Joan Daly**, Ballyea, sister of Dermot McMahon, Clancy Pk.; **Noel Gallagher**, London & late Lifford; **Carmel Ryan**, Collins Park; **PJ McBrearty**, Donegal Town, father of the Late Maureen Martin, Woodstock; **Bridget Carrigg**, Unit 1 St. Joseph's & Lissycasey;

Live the Word



Our world today has become so fast paced, that we have forgotten to give ourselves time to rest. Through rest and relaxation, the mind settles and Life is easier to handle. So go easy on yourself, and put aside one day a week dedicated to resting the body and recharging the mind.

Early Irish Christianity and The Foundations of Modern Humanism will take place of the next five weeks in **St. Columba's Church, Bindon St.**, Fr. Sean Dunne, OSB., will open the series with **Neart and the transformation of the Spirit of God in Creation** on Friday 18th march at 8pm.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned us of dust from the soil. Then God breathed into our nostrils a breath of life, and thus we became living beings.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there God put the man and the woman he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden? The woman answered the serpent, We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death. Then the serpent said to the woman, No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil. The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
And cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them;
My sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
What is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

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

Sin entered the world through our first parents, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of the fall, it is even more certain that Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as the fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of Jesus Christ brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by disobedience many were made sinners, so by obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
We do not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*



Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

You do not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord