



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: 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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

13th November, 2011

Drawing to the Headland

There was an elderly farmer whose Christian name was James and when one asked him how he was, he usually replied "sure I'd drawing to the headland", which meant he was coming near the end of his life. He put emphasis on the word drawing, to infer that though life was a struggle, he was willing and had the courage to live it to the end.

The word headland was well chosen too, because in his garden as in his life, it was the point at which he started, and finished at the opposite headland when the job was done. The garden was a kind of holy place, where he could be alone with the thoughts of his own life, and the memories of those gone before him.



All of us, like James growing crops in his fields, we are working in the garden of life too and we have our headlands to start from and finish. The good seed James sowed and nurtured to maturity at harvest time, took effort and care and freedom from weeds. Our spiritual lives can be fruitful like that crop too.

The choice is ours to rekindle that spark of faith, which was passed on to us as children.

Then, through prayer and the influence of Gospel living, we will like James, one day see ourselves as drawing to an Eternal headland.

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 13th November, 2011

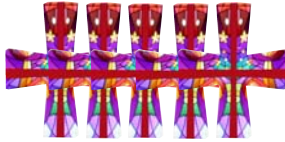
Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald ☎065 68 24043

Gospel Mass



Monthly gathering in St. Joseph's Church
On this Sunday 13th November
@ 6.30pm,
with The Ennis Gospel Choir.
All welcome.

Visitation Team will visit Corrovorrin Green and Corrovorrin Crescent week starting November 14th. "Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them".



Comhgairdeachas



to Anna Monahan on receiving the Beni Merenti Award for her lifetime of service to Church music and Liturgy.

Log On, Learn - Computer Training for Older People: Transition Year students in Coláiste Muire offering free, one to one computer training for those aged 65 and over. *Learn how to book flights, surf the Internet or send an e-mail to a friend!* These user friendly classes will take place on Monday mornings from 9.10am - 10.10am. To sign up phone 086 8102159.

MONEY BANKS—Small Grants of up to €1000 Small Grants available for Voluntary Groups in the Rapid Area to help enhance the community. Applications available now to be completed and returned by 21st Nov. Presentation of awards 1st Dec and all work to be carried out and receipts to be returned by 19th Dec. Contact The Money Banks Group for an application form @ The Junction, Cloughleigh Rd, Ennis. Tel: 065-6845356. Grant Programme is funded by CLDC

Free educational guidance for adults, available in Ennis Reg Learning Centre Mon Nov 21st. This is a chance to discuss your options, if you are thinking about applying to third level. Contact 065-6866844 for an appointment.

Christmas Floral Demonstration - Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Christopher White, Dublin, at the West Co on Tue, Nov 15th at 8.15pm. Christmas floral arrangements raffled on night. All welcome.

Live the Word

More often in life, we end up regretting the chances in life that we had, but didn't take them, than those chances that we took and wished we hadn't. Sometimes what we are looking for is right in front of us.



Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Aoife** Finola O'Connor; **David** Adeyemi; **Kelsey** O'Leary; **Lila** Kate Wilsmore Feighery.

A second edition of the beautiful memoir of the maiden voyage of The Titanic (Southampton - Cherbourg - Cobh) - as seen through the photographic lens of Fr. Browne S.J., is now on sale. It contains digitally remastered photographs and some new text. Cost is €30. Contact www.themessenger.ie

Ennis Mental Health Association combining with WRAP and other agencies involved with mental health matters, holding a free information evening at Temple Gate on Wed 16th Nov between 7pm and 9pm. The theme is "Building resilience together" There will be brief presentations from the agencies involved including a "Laughing yoga" session All welcome.

Céilí in Cois na hAbhna on Sun 13th Nov with The Abbey Céilí Band. Dancing from 3- 6pm.

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

MATT TALBOT NOVENA - SHANNON Triduum of the Novena (final 3 sessions) on Tue Nov 15th at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church, Shannon, when the speaker will be Fr. Conor Cunningham PP, Lisdoonvarna. Praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. Petitions can be emailed to the shrine at www.shannonparish.ie Come along and bring a friend.



Meditation and gentle movement in St Anthony's Hall, Francis St. Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm. 0879701130

Fundraising afternoon dance for Milford Hospice this Sun Nov 13 from 2-6pm in Old Ground. Adm €5. All welcome.

Mid-Western Regional Maternity Hospital. Remembrance Service on Sun Nov 20 in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Ennis Rd. at 3pm. As some parents may be recently bereaved, it is advisable not to bring young children/babies to the service.

IRISH ESSAY COMPETITION; Irish Music, Song, Dance and the Irish Language; Further details are available from: www.seantreacycce.com.



Ennis Players will host their annual supper theatre in the Old Ground Hotel on Nov 21st - Nov 24th inclusive. 2 one act plays and supper for €15. The show begins at 8pm and tickets can be purchased at The Irish Shop, tel: 065 6820769. A limited number will also be available at the door on the night. Come along for a great night's entertainment.

Down Syndrome (Clare Branch) will start an excellent part-time Adult Literacy Course soon. If you are interested 6841284 or 0894293562.

Sr. Eileen's Clúinne

Bíonn an Eaglais ag síorghuáir ar son na marbh go háirithe i rith mhí na Samhna agus iarrtar orainn é sin a dhéanamh freisin. Smaoinimid ach go háirithe ar na hAnamacha Bochta nach bhfuil aon duine abhus a chuimhneodh orthu. Faoi mar a fuair Íosa bás agus gur aiséirigh ;ar an gcaoi chéanna déanfaidh Dia an mhuintir a fuair bás i bpáirt le hÍosa a thabhairt leis chomh maith. Guímid mar sin ar son na marbh i bPurgadóir, nach fada go mbeidh siad réidh le bheith i láthair Dé aghaidh ar aghaidh. **Aimeán**

The Church prays continually for the dead, especially during the month of November and we are asked to do the same. We remember especially those souls who have nobody here to pray for them. Just as Jesus died and rose from the dead; in the same way God will take those who have died in Christ to himself. Let us pray for the souls in Purgatory, that they may see God face to face. **Amen**



St. Joseph's

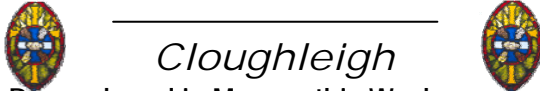
Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mgt & Vincent Connellan, Steeles Tce.
Sun 10am: Deirdre O'Brien, Shannon Park
11.30am: John & Margaret Canny & deceased family members, Cragmoher, Corofin.
Mon 11am: Brigid Orchard & John McMahon
Tue 11am: Martin O'Regan, Kincora Park
Wed 11am: Amby Howard, St. Anthony's Tce.
Thurs 11am: James Maher, Clonroadbeg
Fri 11am: Denny & Kay Downes, 10 The Crescent.
Sat 11am: Patrick Carolan, Spencilhill
7pm: Mitchell & Bridie Purtil & granddaughter Aine, 47 Marian Ave.
Sun 20th: 8am: Patrick Daly, Stamer Pk.
10am: Patricia Molloy, 5 Clancy Pk.
Do This in Memory
11am: Holy Souls

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am
Everybody welcome.

Monthly Mass of the Padre Pio Prayer group in St. Joseph's Church, on Wednesday, 16th November @ 7.30 pm.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sun 9.30am: Martin Joseph McNulty, 117 Hermitage
11am: Edward McKee, England & Brookville.
Mon 7.30pm: Margaret Collins, 1st Anniv & husband Thomas, Hermitage
Wed 9.30am: Dec'd members of O'Rourke Family.
Sun 20th 9.30am: Mamie & Humphrey Murphy, Hillview, Cloughleigh Rd.
Do This in Memory
11am: Maura McMahon, Cusack Road.

Cloughleigh Residents Association will hold their Annual AGM on **Mon 14th Nov at 8pm** in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting Mon Nov 14 at Clarecastle Daycare Centre at 8pm.

The next *Bereavement Support Information Evening* will take place in Milford Care Centre on **Tue 22nd Nov from 7-8.30pm.**

Quiz in aid of St. Anne's Special School, Ennis on Wed 16th Nov at 7.45pm. Teams of four €30

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ Enrolment Liturgy Nov 13th Holy Family Confirmation Students 10.30am Cathedral
- ◆ Abbey Cluster Steering Group Nov 14th Clarecastle Old School 7.30pm
- ◆ Faith Friends - Holy Family Confirmation Children Tues Nov 15th, 22nd & 29th
- ◆ Property & Finance Committee Wed Nov 16th 7pm Cathedral House.
- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group Wed Nov 16th 8.15pm
- ◆ Reflection on the Sunday readings will take place during Advent. Cathedral House at 8pm on 24th Nov; 1st; 8th & 15th Dec.

Friary News

Friary Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to a meeting in St. Anthony's Hall on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7.30pm. Updated rotas for Ministers are available in the Sacristy. An afternoon Retreat for members of the S.F.O., directed by Fr. Tom Ryan, will be held this Sunday, 2pm. to 6pm. with Mass at 5pm. All others who wish to participate are most welcome.

Congratulations

Sr. Gabriel, who was recently elected as Abbess in the Poor Clare Convent, Francis Street.

Sean Nos Dance Workshop
Sun Nov 13 Cois na hAbhna.

A Mass in Honour of Saint Oliver Plunkett written by the Belgian Composer, former Director of the Cathedral Choir and Professor of Music at St Flannan's College, Ernest de Regge, will be performed by Enniscorthy Choral Group under the direction of Ennis native, Donagh Wylde on Sat 19th Nov at 6.30pm evening Mass. Mr De Regge was well known in Ennis until his untimely death in the Carmody Hotel Tragedy in 1958, when he and 7 others died. Afterwards, a CD titled "From Heaven'n on High" celebrating De Regge's music will be launched at 7.30pm in the Old Ground Hotel by Bishop Willie Walsh. Members of the De Regge family, friends and former pupils will attend. All are welcome.

CUAN

Are looking for 2nd Hand Clothes and Bric a Brac, for Car Boot Sale/Sale of work. Please leave into Parish Office.
To date amount collected for CUAN €393,371
Sincere thanks for your generosity and continued support.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:
Sat 6.30pm Eileen Collins, 29 St. Michael's Villas
1st Anniv Sun: 9am Maisie, Sean & Rory Markham, Darragh.
10.30am Roger Knightson, Beechpark.
Maureen Broderick, Clonroad.
Mary Brigdale, 51 Clancy Pk.
Christy O'Donovan, Clonroadmore.
Mick & Mae Lyons, late Loughville.
Joe & Mary Nestor, Dysart.
Teresa Weir, Stillorgan, Dublin.
Mabel & Cormack McGuinness, Redan Hse, Clonroadmore
12noon Mass of Remembrance for babies and young children who have died.
Mon: 7.45am Holy Souls.
10am James Gleeson, 49 McNamara Park.
7.30pm Nicholas Moloney, Ballycoree, Barefield.
Tues.: 7.45am Holy Souls.
10am John Naughton, Ennis & England.
7.30pm Paddy, Nellie & Helen Casey, Parnell St.
Wed.: 7.45am Bridie McCarrig, Ard na Greine.
10am Tony Mahony, 11 Hermitage.
7.30pm Frances Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.
Thurs.: 7.45am Bridget & Patrick O'Loughlin & dec'd family members, Cloughleigh.
10am Patrick & Leelie Lynch, Toonagh.
2pm First Birthday Mass for late Katelyn O'Loughlin, 27 Phoenix Court.
7.30pm Thomas O'Halloran, Cahercallamore.
Fri.: 7.45am Holy Souls.
10am Vivian Lee, Gallow's Hill.
7.30pm Francie (Frank) McMahon, Morrissey Ave. MM
Dec'd members & Staff of Clare Co. Council.
Sat.: 10am Bernadette Canny, Claureen.
6.30pm Thomas Haran, Kilrush Rd. MM
Ernest de Regge.
Sun. 20th Nov: 9am Thomas Keating, Inagh.
Patrick Dargan, St. Gabrielles, Limerick Rd.
Elaine Lempriere & her husband Donough, Maiville.
10.30am Paul Lynch, Carraig Dun, Kilrush Rd.
Marie Kelly, College Green.
Nellie Forde, Market St.
Mary Sheridan, Hermitage.
Paddy Meere, Cahercalla.
Lauren Barrett, 32 Gort na Ri, Gort Rd.
Eimear Corbett & Micheál O'Corbáin, Kilrush Rd & Oak Pk
Lena & Pakie Mangan, Brookville, Lahinch Road.
Do This in Memory
12 noon Nell Egan, late of Victoria Court 1st Anniv & Joe Egan, late of Castlebar.

Rest in Peace

IN MEMORY

John Riordan, Castlewood Pk;
Mary Corbett, Limerick Rd;
Mary Harvey, 139 Cahercalla Est;
Tommy Brennan, Clonroad; Billy Ryan, formerly St. Flannan's Tce. & Canada, brother of Tommy Ryan, Gallow's Hill; P.J. O'Driscoll, Rockfield, Station Rd.; Sr. Celine Murphy, St. Xavier's Convent;

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. A Meeting of Co-ordinators will take place on this Wednesday evening 16th November in the Chapter Room next to the Sacristy, at 8.05pm. As this Meeting is also our Christmas Meeting, we urge Co-ordinators to please make it a priority to attend.

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

How can we describe a good wife?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have
Worked for and let her works tell
Her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

O Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
In the heart of the home;
the children like shoots of the olive,
Around the table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
The person who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
In a happy Jerusalem
All the days of your life. **R**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, sisters and brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when

people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,

Keep faithful, and I will give you

The crown of life.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The person who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.

The Gospel of the Lord.