



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: 8am; 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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Friary: 6828751

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 14th February, 2010



St. Valentine's Day Remembering

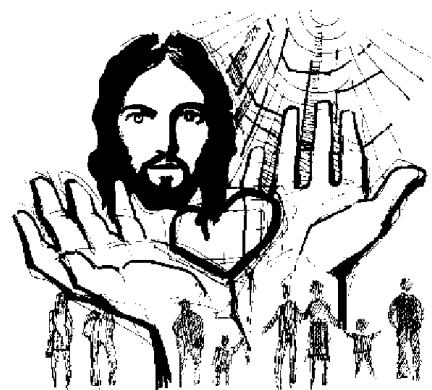


The story is told of a couple in the West of Ireland, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary of married life. After the formal ceremony concluded, in a quiet moment, Mary asked Paddy “do you still love me”? He paused for a minute and responded: *sure didn't I give you flowers for your birthday and when you had the flu I brought you breakfast in bed*”. But Mary persisted “but you never say I love you” Paddy replied : “aren't we together for 50 years and are still talking”.

The heart is the symbol of love and that is exemplified in St. Valentine's Day greeting cards. It presupposed that the heart is the wellspring of love and affection. God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts” (Isaiah).

There is nothing more sublime than the union of hearts within a relationship and it is that union is the fulfilment of God's love for us. Openness and honesty are required for a healthy relationship, otherwise there can be false assumptions and misunderstandings which endanger broken relationships.

There is a sacredness in a love relationship, as it has the imprint of the hand of God, by bringing people together and surrendering themselves to be mutually supportive in life. St. Paul reminds us that “love is all embracing and knows no limits” and it is by that assurance that good relationships are sustained.



On this Valentine's Day, we salute married couples and those preparing for marriage. Despite difficulties that may occur along the way, it is that self belief and mutual trust that allows a couple to mature and grow in their relationship.

“Relationships and mutual understanding are the corner stone of peace”

(Confucius)



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 14th February, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎ 065 68 40715

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎ 065 68 91983

St. Valentine's Day

St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of people in love. St. Valentine's remains (relics) are kept in the Carmelite Church in Whitefriar Street, Dublin.



A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.



Ennis Flower and Garden Club:

Floral Demonstration by Margaret Ahern, Cork in West County Tue, Feb 16th; doors Open 7.30pm. Annual Membership at Feb. Meeting; ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net



Health Information Day - CANCER

Featuring: Dr. Paul Donnellan (Consultant Medical Oncologist); Mr. Eamonn Rogers (Consultant Urologist); Prof. Michael Kerins (Consultant Surgeon); Prof. Frank Sullivan (Consultant Radiation Oncologist); From Galway University Hospital. Four cancer experts come to Clare speaking on a disease that has touched all our lives. An opportunity for all of us to meet the experts, ask them questions. Former cancer patients speak about their cancer. West county Hotel on Sat Feb 20th from 10am-12.30pm; Free Talk: *Knowledge Saves Lives!*

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group: Trip to Rome, Papal Audience & more, San Giovanni, Monte Sant'Angelo, Loreto, Manoppello, Nettuno, Lanciano, & the Adriatic Coast. (Ex Cork); Sept 5-Sept 15 (9 nights); Price: €1285pps All taxes & dinners included. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan, Adm; ☎: Maire & Philip Coll 086 8804603.

Conversation Group in Irish. The Clár as Gaeilge Ciorcal Cainte will be held on Tue 16th Feb at 11am in Food Heaven, Market Street. All are welcome. ☎065 6864474.



Live the Word: Luke: 4:1-11.
Gospel Thought for Sunday 21st:
'Lead us not into temptation'

All around us there is temptation to be a better person, to have more, to do more; we just never seem to be enough.

Such temptation denies you of your true self.

Trust in who you are as a person and be content with being your true self.

"GOOD GRIEF PROGRAMME" is a programme for people who have suffered a bereavement and who would like to look at ways of coping with bereavement and loss in a safe and gentle way. This programme is Free and funded by FSA and takes place at CIOC offices, Elevation Business Park, Clonroad Ennis, commencing Mon 22 Feb for 8 weeks from 7.45pm-9.45pm. Contact CIOC office: 065 - 6841009 Facilitators: Johanna Treacy 086 - 0829907 & Bridgid Haren 087 - 9392197



Fast Boxes available at
Church Door and
Parish Office.

Na Fianna underage Hurling/Football Club outdoor training continues each Sat in St. Flannan's College at 11am. Registration on Feb 19th at Woodstock Hotel; 7pm to 8pm. Registration is open to children born between 1998 and 2003, who are not with any other Gaelic club in the town and are from the following areas: Beechpark, Drumbiggie, Hermitage, Clancy Pk, Cloughleigh, Shanaway, Cusack Rd, Lahinch Rd, Drumcliff Rd, Lees Rd, Loughville and surrounding areas.

Eire Óg Ladies Football & Camogie Clubs are holding a registration night on Friday 19th Feb at 8pm at the Clubhouse. All new and past members welcome.

Camogie Training for Adults now on at Eire Óg Camogie Club. ☎ 085 1334344 for details

Fatima 2010 24th May; ex Cork; (No Shannon Flights this year); 7 nights - Full board - €714' Spiritual Director Fr. John Walsh; group leader: Kathleen Hayes. Call Kathleen at 061 368549.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on June 26th-July 1st. Cost €685pp; ☎ 01 2410810 Limited sick pilgrims will be accommodated. Cost €552; Contact Fr. Tom Ryan 061 354133 Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Details also in church porches.

Bingo in Community Centre on Sunday night at 8.30pm. All welcome. 

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday 7th February,

€9,151.00

Ash Wednesday



Wednesday next Ash Wednesday day of fast and abstinence.

Fr. Eugene Duffy, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick will be Celebrant of Mass on Ash Wednesday night in the Cathedral at 7.30pm



Lent at The Cathedral

Parish theme this year:

"Living with Faith in Ireland today".

Weekday morning Mass in Cathedral at 7.45am for Lent.

On Tuesday nights at 7.30pm as we journey through Lent, guest speakers will reflect on:

"Living with Faith in Ireland today."

February 23rd: - Ms. Catherine Wiley, Founder Catholic Grandparents Association.

March 2nd: - Dr. Andrew O'Connell, Communications Director of the Presentation Brothers & Columnist with The Irish Catholic.

March 9th: - Fr. Michael Rodgers, Termann Spirituality Centre, Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.

March 23rd: - Ms. Helen Toner, Leader Knock Youth Minister Team, Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo.

March 29th - Reconciliation Service.



Living With Faith in Ireland today

Taizé Prayer through Lent

Each Thursday during lent think about joining us in St. Joseph's Church at 8pm for prayer using the songs of Taizé, Readings from Scripture and quiet time for reflection. All welcome.





St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Maurice O'Brien, Inch.
 Sun 8am: Joe & Mary Daly, Stammer Park.
 10am: John Carmody, 50 Marian Ave.
 11.30am: Aileen Nugent, 51 Castlerock. **1st Anniv.**
 Mon 11am: Mary McMahon, Steele's Tce.
 Tue 11am: Joseph Summerville, 17 Fergus Lawn.
 Wed 11am: Liam Ryan, late 98 Hermitage.
 7.30pm: **Padre Pio Mass**
 Thu 11am: Mary & Stephen Meaney.
 Fri 11am: Séan Keane, Limerick Road.
 Sat 11am: Cayla Connellan Dwane, Willow Park & Old Military Barracks.
 7pm: Paddy O Donovan, 24 The Crescent.
 Sun 21st 8am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
 10am: Mary & Mick Doherty, McNamara Pk.
 11.30am: Brendan Armstrong, 3 Mountain View.

Taizé Prayer: Prayer using the songs of Taizé, scripture and quiet time; each Thursday of Lent in St Joseph's Church at 8pm. All welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 14th 9.30am: Bridie Dilger, late 54 Hermitage.
 11am: James & Kathleen White, 11 Considine Tce.
 Wed 9.30am: Dec'd membs Hegarty Family, Hermitage.
 Sun 21st 9.30am: Bernard & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd.
 11am: Garry Murphy, 5 Considine Road.

Toastmasters: Need help giving a speech? Are you nervous? Fear no more! Toastmasters is the best place to learn to build your confidence and to push yourself out of your comfort zone. Learn about writing and presenting speeches and learning leadership qualities. Ennis Toastmasters are meeting in the Temple Gate at 8-30pm on Tue 16th Feb. You are very welcome to come as a guest and bring a friend along too!



Newly Baptised

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

Seán Michael Joseph Ryan; **Thenuk** Riain Jayasingharchch; **Emma** Mary Shannon; **Emma** Natasha Sherlock; **Caolfhinn** Grace Marcella O'Boyle; **Seán** Joseph Brew; **Anna** Stamirowska.

Taizé Summer Pilgrimage July 4th – 13th 2010



The Community of Taizé has been host to groups of young people from the Diocese of Killaloe and beyond for the last 18 years.

Taizé a unique community founded by Bro Roger, invites the young people to share in prayer workshop and meal with the Brothers. From **Sunday 4th July to Sunday 11th July** we will stay with the community. On Sunday 11th July we return to Paris staying in Hotel accommodation for two nights. **Monday 12th in Disneyland Paris**, with an evening Coach tour of Paris. Tuesday organised sightseeing, (Shopping). Returning home, Tuesday evening 13th July.
Cost €550. Any enquiries (As soon as possible):
 Fr Jerry Carey 086 2508444.



Friary News

'If only you knew what God is offering' John 4:10

Killaloe Catholic Charismatic Prayer groups: hosting a Day of Renewal, Sun 21st Feb at St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St. starting at 11am. Includes Prayer, Praise, Music, Teaching, Celebration of Eucharist. Guest speakers are Fr. Noel Kirwan and Fr. Liam Kelly OFM. Holy Mass is at 3:30pm. All welcome.

Is food ruling your Life? If so, help is available. Overeaters Anonymous, Sunday 8.30pm, St Josephs Hall, Kincora Park.

Required for a needy family: car seat & a buggy

Banner GAA Minor Club u14/16 hurling & football training continues Wed 7-8pm in Cloughleigh all weather pitch. New members welcome.

31st Annual Clare 250 Mile Cycle on 22nd/23rd May ☎6841600. Proceeds to Clare 250 Cancer Centre & Lourdes Pilgrimage

National Adult Learners' Festival All Events Free. 22nd Feb to 26th. At Adult Education Centre, Clonroad Business Pk. Details in church porches or ☎6824819.

Bereavement Information Evening Tues Feb 23rd 7pm to 8.30pm 1st floor, New Day Care Building, Education Room, Milford Care Centre, Limerick. Information from Mary O'Sullivan at 061-485800

Ennis Track Athletic Club Annual 4 mile & 2 mile Fun Run, Jog or Walk for all the family. Proceeds to Chernobyl Orphanage Programme & Fr. Martin Keane Building of Hope. Ballyea Community Hall on **Sunday 14th February**. Official Start 12.45pm. ☎ Gerry 086 3781912. Family: €10 & individual: €5

Bereaved by suicide: Has a family member, a relative or a friend died by suicide? It helps to talk about it.. A Living Links Volunteer is available to help and support you. Phone 086 0565373 between 5 & 7pm Monday to Friday or leave a message and we will get back to you.

Clare Lourdes Pilgrimage Aug 4th (7 nights) Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael McInerney.

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Oberammergau Passion Play July 13th 7nights) 7 seats left Spiritual Director: Canon Brendan O'Donoghue. ☎ Noelle 6824211

Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music, Gort Community School: Thurs, Feb.18th - Sat, Feb.20th, www.josephbrowne.org or 087 0674335

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Kevin Keane, 15 Connolly Villas. (MM)
 Sun.:9am Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.
 Lorraine Cooley, 8 Dalcassian Ave.
 Liam Moloney, Shanaway Road.
 Peggy Pilkington, 17 Clare Rd.
 Michael Griffin, Woodlawn
 Tomás O'Shea, Tulla Rd.

10.30am Special Intention.

12 noon Cormac & Mabs McGuinness, Clonroadmore.

Mon:8am Healy Family, Árd na Greine.

10am Thomas Murphy, 66 Hermitage.

7.30pm Aggie Sexton, 41 Hermitage.

Tues.:8am Mary & Sean Feehan, Ennis & Cork.

10am Michael Dixon, Ennis & Inagh.

7.30pm George & Chrissie Molloy & Molly Butler, late Old Mill Street.

Wed.:7.45am Holy Souls.

10am MI, Mary & John Hogan, 42 St Flannan's Tce

7.30pm Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore, Cahercalla & Turnpike Rd.

Thurs.:7.45am James & Mary McNamara.

10am Moloney Family, Steele's Tce.

7.30pm Mary Ryan, 20 St Michael's Villas.

Fri.:7.45am Jack & Deborah Mc Carthy, Killarney.

10am Bryan & Ann Mc Mahon, 18 Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

7.30pm Special Intention.

Sat.:10am Sean Cronin, 21 Mountain View.

Paul Brassil, 14 St Michael's Villas.

4pm Michael Molloy, 6 Beechpark. MM

6.30pm Michael Howard, Laureen. **1st Anniv**

Sun.:9am Lil & Jacksie Russell, Kilrush Road.

Tony Dargan, Limerick Road.

Tommy McEvoy, 2 Park Avenue.

Ciara Fox, 21 Hermitage, Pat & Bridget & parents Pat & Mgt Fox.

Patrick Greene, Clonroad.

10.30am Special Intention

12noon Donal O'Sullivan, 29 Greendale.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 21st February, 2010

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



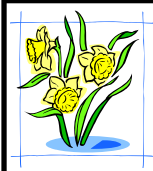
Rest in Peace

Margaret (Peggy) O' Sullivan, Enniscorthy, mother of the late Pat O'Sullivan, Abbeycourt;
John Spaight, Knockroe, Sixmilebridge, brother of Mary Griffin, Kilrush Rd.; **Susan Connery**, Limerick, mother of Joe Connery, Dalcassian Pk; **Paddy Kierce**, Quay Rd, Clarecastle father of Philip, Ballybeg & Karen Nestor, Westwood, Golf Links Rd;

Parents Plus Programmes SPRING 2010 In Clarecare, Harmony Row For Children (0-4 years) February For Parents Plus (4-11years), March Parents Plus Teenage Start Date: to be advised, **Please contact** Michelle Barnes, Clarecare, Tel: 065-68 94246 or parentingsupport@clarecare.ie

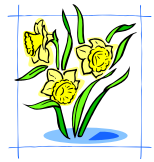
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: - the postponed Meeting of Co-ordinators is on this Wed - Ash Wednesday Feb. 17th, at the later starting time (for this occasion only) of 8.30pm. It was on Ash Wednesday in Feb. 1994, 16 years ago, that our 24x7 Eucharistic Adoration, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, (alongside the Parish Office), commenced. As we complete our 16th year and commence our 17th, we look forward to welcoming each Co-ordinator.





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

A curse on those who put their trust in people,
who rely on things of flesh,
whose hearts turn from the Lord.

They are like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, they have no eyes for it,
they settle in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

A blessing on those who put their trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for their hope.

They are like trees by the waterside
that thrust their roots to the stream:
when the heat comes they feel no alarm,
Their foliage stays green;
They have no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Happy are those who place their trust in the Lord

Happy indeed are they
who follow not the counsel of the wicked;
nor linger in the way of sinners
nor sit in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders God's law day and night. **R**

They are like trees that are planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yield their fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that they do shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,
how can some of you be saying that there is no
resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised,

Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been
raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more
serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our
hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most
unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-
fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth,

For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom

To mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 6:17,20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece
of level ground where there was a large gathering of his
disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of
Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of
Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be
cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the
kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be
satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out,
abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account
of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and
dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in
heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the
prophets

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your
consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go
hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and
weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This
was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

