



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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Mothering Sunday / Laetare Sunday (Year C), 14th March, 2010

An Invitation to God's Love

God loves each one of us. This is the heart of the teaching of Jesus Christ. The readings today reflect on that mystery.

In the Gospel, the whole story is about the son who wasted all the love that was given to him and yet was still loved on his return. Whether it is a son or a daughter, the teaching is the same: God loves us and even a rejection of God is not enough to stop God's love for us.

Yet, at the heart of the Gospel is the realization by the son that he really had done something stupid and so he returns to his own home, where life—even at its poorest—would be better than where he is at the moment. Again, it makes no difference if we speak of son or daughter today, since the story is obviously about the human condition.

As we consider all three of the readings together; we can see that God invites us to a new life in this time of Lent. We are invited to repent (which is a religious sounding word for saying we should recognize the stupid things that we do in our lives, that cause us to be away from our inner spiritual home!)

and to turn away from sin. We are invited to consider that we are truly a new creation. We are invited to live from the strength of Jesus Christ within us. And finally, if we do all this, we might even recognise that we have come to a new land and live in a new way and can give thanks to the Lord.



Let us pray for one another and pray especially for those who are lost and do not know the way home to the Father. May the rejoicing begin when we turn to the Lord.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 14th March, 2010

Priest on Duty:

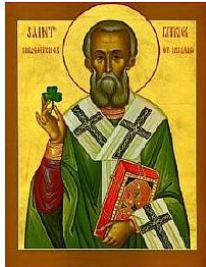
Fr. John McGovern ☎ 086 3221210

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎ 065 6824043

Lúireach Phádraig

Críost liom,
Críost romham,
Críost ar mo chúl.
Críost ionam,
Críost fúm,
Críost os mo chionn.
Críost ar mo dheis,
Críost ar mo chlé.
Críost im' Luí,
Críost im' shuí,
Críost im' éirí dom.



Críost I gcoirí gach duine a smaoiníonn orm,
Críost I mbéal gach duine a labraíonn liom,
Críost I súil gach duine a fhéachann orm,
Críost I gcluais gach duine a chloiseann mé.



While in his teens, (some 1,500 years ago) Patrick was kidnapped in a raid and transported to Ireland, where he was enslaved to a local warlord & worked as a shepherd. It was at this stage that he underwent a religious conversion. He escaped six years later (having become a fluent Irish speaker) & returned home. Eventually he undertook studies for the priesthood with the intention of returning to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick is regarded as the Patron Saint of the Excluded and downtrodden. He worked for the abolition of slavery and in his writings he speaks of women with great respect and dignity.



Thinking of You...

St. Patrick's Day is traditionally a day when we celebrate Ireland & what it means to be Irish. On St. Patrick's Day this year, why not reflect on the lives of Irish emigrants abroad-both now & in the past? "Thinking of You" is what St. Patrick's Day should be about...



This month's talk to the Clare Roots Society on Thursday, 18th March, at 8pm in the Civic Rooms of Ennis Town Council is given by Steven Smyrl. The title is 'IRELAND'S COURT RECORDS - WHAT SURVIVED 1922?'. The talk will look at the various series of court records, and detail those which survived the fire which destroyed the Public Record Office in June 1922. The talk is open to members and non members.

Happy Mother's Day

Before becoming a mother I had a hundred theories on how to bring up children. Now I have seven children and only one theory: love them, especially when they least deserves to be loved.



Easter Fun Filled Outdoor Day Activities in the Burren: Caving; Rock-climbing; Kayaking and lots more for 11 to 15 year olds. Dates: March 30th, 31st, April 1st: 6th; 7th & 8th. Transport provided from Ennis and Gort. Advance booking required. For further details contact Burren Outdoor Education Centre on 065-7078066.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw Results Year 9 Week 38 Tuesday, March 9th 1st Prize €635: John Hayes, Bramble Lane; Prize €127: Michael Hanley, New Road.

Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo 29th Sept to 6th Oct 2010. €999.00pps Spiritual director Fr. Willie Teegan. Contact Mrs Mary Kelly 065 6835519

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group: Trip to Rome, Papal Audience & more, San Giovanni, Monte Sant'Angelo, Loreto, Manopello, Nettuno, Lanciano, & the Adriatic Coast. (Ex Cork); Sept 5-Sept 15 (10 nights); Price: €1285pps All taxes & dinners included. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan, Adm; ☎: Maire & Philip Coll 086 8804603.

PRH (Personalite et Relations Humaines) PERSONALITY AND HUMAN RELATIONS: An Information Evening Given by Eibhlin Maher PRH Educator Thursday 8th April, 2010 @ 8-9pm in Anne Leavy Health and Beauty Centre, Francis Street

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

The process of consultation for our new Bishop has begun. While this goes on - and we have no certain knowledge of how long it will be until a new bishop is named, please keep in your prayers all who are concerned in this process. And that includes all the people of the diocese of Killaloe.

"God send your Holy Spirit to guide your choice of Bishop for our diocese of Killaloe. May he be filled with the gifts of your Spirit so that he will lead your people according to the teaching of the Gospel. May he always be an example of your love and compassion as he ministers to your people". Amen

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".

Tuesday March 23rd:

Ms Helen Toner,

Leader Knock Youth Minister Team, Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo



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



Lectio Divina

at 8pm in Cathedral House.

(Reflection on the Sunday Readings for Lent) March 18th. All are welcome.



Newly Baptised

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

Grace Emer Horan; Saoirse O'Dwyer; Frederick Declan Deeley Fitzgerald; Eric Thomas Molloy; Seán Nicholas Finn; Alex Kieran O'Sullivan Dingley;

Toastmasters International Speech and Evaluation competition is re scheduled for Tuesday 16th of March at 8 30pm in the Temple Gate. All welcome.



Taizé Summer Pilgrimage

July 4th - 13th: From Sun 4th - Sun 11th July we will stay with the community. On Sun 11th return to Paris staying in Hotel accommodation for two nights. Mon 12th in Disneyland Paris, with an evening Coach tour of Paris. Tuesday organised sightseeing, (Shopping). Returning home, Tues evening 13th July. 17 - 30 years of age. Cost €550. Any enquiries (As soon as possible): Fr Jerry Carey - 086 2508444.



Masses for St. Patrick's Day - Cathedral: Tues Vigil: 6.30pm; Wed: 9, 10.30, 12.30 & 6.30pm. St. Joseph's:- Tues Vigil: 7pm; Wed: 8, 10, 11.30am. Cloughleigh Church:- Wed: 9.30am, 11am. Friary:- Tues Vigil: 7.30pm; Wed: 9.30, 10.30, 12noon. (Aifreann tri Gaeilge 12.30 Cathedral)

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 7th March, €9,993.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 13th 7pm Jimmy Madigan, 25 Marian Ave.
 Sun 10am Tina Canole, Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron.
 11.30am Peadar O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Mon 11am Cillian O'Sullivan, The Glen Kellarney & late The Hawthorns, Clare Rd.
 Tues 11am Monica Coffey, 32 The Crescent. MM
 Tues 7pm The Harte family, Kiltoolagh Crusheen.
 Wed 10am Jonnie Carmody, 25 Kincora Park.
 Fri 11am Tommy Carroll, Gort Rd. & his brother Jack Harmony Row.
 Sat 11am Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd
 3.00pm Confirmation CBS & St Annes
 7.00pm Mary Hayes, 20 Pine Grove.
 Sun 21st 10am: Josephine O'Grady, 39 Marian Ave.
 11.30am: Martin Kelly, Rock Bungalow, Old Gort Rd.



A Service of Readings & Communion
 St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday at 8am.
 Everybody welcome.

Padre Pio Mass monthly gathering with Mass 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th March. (not 17th) All welcome as we pray the intercession of St Pio.



Mass to Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Friday next 19th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 14th 9.30 am Leo Guy, Circular Road.
 11am Maura & Joe Griffey, Circular Rd; Inch, & USA
 Wed 9.30am Flan McMahon & McMahon Family, Hermitage Rd.
 11am Dan McNamara, 32 College Green.
 Sun 21st 9.30am Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick, 50 Circular Road & late Ennistymon.
 11am Michael & Catherine Hehir, Dunsallagh.

Cloughleigh Connect Group meeting Tue 16th March @8pm, Cloughleigh Presbytery.

Congratulations

to Anne & Pat McCullagh, "Ain-Karem", Tulla Road who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Easter Mass Bouquet's

Available from Parish Office. Mass will be said for your intentions during the Easter Season.



Congratulations...



To the young people from Gaelscoil and Ennis National School and Scoil Chríost Rí who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We thank the teachers and pupils from the schools for the tremendous work they put in to the liturgy and for preparing the young people so well for Confirmation. We acknowledge parents and young people who facilitated the faith friends programme and retreat mornings in preparation.



Live the Word

Jn 8:1-11

Reflection Sunday March 21st

We are often quick to judge, comment and criticise others. To do so reflects your own inferiority. Never judge unless you wish to be judge. 'To thy own self be true'.

Rockmount Montessori, Ballybeg, Kilrush Road - 3 day Easter camp for children 3 to 7 years, 29th to 31st March. Egg hunt, face painting, art & craft and lots more. 9.30 am to 1. Also book free places for 2010 - 2012 under government ECCE scheme. Contact Edel O'Callaghan @ 086-8125871 / 065-6864801 or edelocallaghan@gmail.com.

Lenten Thought

God is so close, so intimate, like a shadow that cannot separate itself from us.

When we dance, God dances.

When we weep, God weeps. When we run, God runs with us.

Whenever we say:

"It is enough, I am weary and can go no further", God tenderly sits and waits with us until we are renewed and ready to continue the journey.

God moves at our pace.

From: Edwina Gately "A Mystical Heart"



Wanted for Car Boot Sale

in aid of Cuan an Chlair: good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 John Sheedy, Old Gort Road. MM
 Sun:9am Hal & Eva Frazer, 2 Considine Terrace.
 James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.
 James Vaughan, Market Street.
 Francis Morgan, Roscommon.
 10.30am Paddy Armstrong, Ballyroughan, Kilmurray.
 Teresa Delaney, Glenina & formerly 2 High St.
 Thomas & Ellen Cleary, Mayo.
 12 noon Mass for the People.
 Mon:7.45am Alacoque Hennigan, Athenry.
 10am Frances Cosgrove, 4 Árd na Greine.
 7.30pm Colin Paul & decd family members, 28 Maiville.
 Tues:7.45am Decd members of Jordan family, Mayo.
 10am John T Kelly, Lissycasey
 6.30pm William & Eileen Kerin, late 118 Hermitage.
 Wed.:9am Elizabeth, Michael, Seamus & Paul Brassil, Kilrush Rd.
 10.30am Hugh Fennigan, Gallows Hill.
 12.30 Patrick Wallace, Cottage Gardens.
 6.30pm Patrick & Rita Coulter, Dublin, Connolly family, 4 St. Anne's Tec., Terence (Terry) O'Donovan, & David Jennings, Dublin.
 Thurs:7.45am Dec'd memb's Cullinan family, Cornmarket St.
 10am Frank Costello, Castlelawn.
 7.30pm Maisie & John Bradley, Limerick Road.
 Fri 7.45am Brian & Paul Hogan, Ardlea Road.
 10am Moira & Louis Brennan, Limekilns, Clare Rd.
 6.00pm William Carr, 13 Elm Park. MM
 7.30pm Martin & Teresa Hurley & family late Tiermaclane & England.
 Sat:10am Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, St Josephs Clare Rd.
 11am Confirmation Holy Family School.
 6.30pm Kay Guihen, Cathedral Ct & My Lady Fashions. MM
 Sun.:9am Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.
 Beenie Fitzpatrick, Clonroadmore.
 Thomas & Mgt Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
 10.30am Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, 79 Hermitage.
 Christina & Martin O'Neill, 94 Turnpike
 Angela & Jack Mulkere, Crusheen.
 Féile na hInse, Aifreann tri Gaeilge.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 21st March, 2010

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace



Alyce O'Dea, late of New Rd; Kitty Mullins, Mitchelstown mother of Eileen O'Brien, Barefield; Rose McGuin, Fore, Castlepollard mother of Attracta Williams, Holy family Junior School; Mary Frances Torpey, Clarecastle, mother of Helena Frazier, Considine Tce; P.J. Cleary, Gallows Hill & late Clonola Kildysart, Kathleen Malone, Glendine South Miltown Malbay, mother of Brendan 69 College Grove & Martin, 54 Phoenix Ct; Alice Tierney, 3 St Claires Tce.; PJ Frawley, Kilmaley & London, brother of Chris Lynch, Tulla Rd;

For your Diary

- ◆ Confirmation for Pupils of Holy Family Saturday 20th March at 11am.
- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group Monday 22nd March Cathedral House 8.30pm.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

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Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
From all my terrors God set me free.

R

Look towards God and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.
This poor person called; the Lord heard him
And rescued him from all his distress.

R

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world, not holding our faults against us, and God has entrusted to us the news that we are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you'.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*



Gospel

Luke 15:1-3.11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord

