



# 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

### Phone Numbers:

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Friary: 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

4th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 15th May, 2011

## Vocation to Priesthood

A recent survey in our diocese reveals that many of our priests are over fifty years of age and that fewer are under fifty years. We already know that we have had only four ordinations to priesthood in our diocese in the last ten years. But the good news is that two young men, Ger Fitzgerald and Ger Jones, will be ordained for Killaloe Diocese, this coming Summer.

A national survey taken in 2006 tells us that between November 1st, 2000 and July 2006, one thousand, one hundred and seventy three Irish priests died.

In the same period, one hundred and one Irish priests were ordained. That means that one diocesan priest in five was being replaced and one religious priest in thirty. In 2005, one hundred and ninety nine Irish priests died whereas only eight priests were ordained.

(Source: Intercom July/August 2006 and Reality November, 2006).



Parishes without priests are parishes where the Eucharist cannot be celebrated. Amalgamating parishes and closing churches is not a solution to the priest shortage but merely a response to it. Asking older priests to take on more and more in their later years, must surely lead to burn out. Only the family and the parish where the faith is vibrant, produces vocations to priesthood. The life and example of the local priest is also of special importance.

Finally, let us recall Christ's words:

*"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Ask the master of the harvest to send workers to gather his harvest".* We are called upon to respond to the Lord's request with generous prayer.

*How about an hour every week before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel?*



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 15th May, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

## Bring Flowers of the Rarest

The crown of the image of Mary has a long history. Depicting Mary wearing a crown is found in the early church. Later images have Mary seated on a throne dressed like a queen and surrounded by Angels and Saints.



Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from gardens and woodlands  
and hillside and dale;  
our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling  
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

**Chorus:**

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,  
Their mistress proclaim thee,  
oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
as long as the bowers  
are radiant with flowers,  
as long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.



## May Devotions

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.

- ◆ May Devotions at our Lady's Shrine in Dalcassian Pk each evening at 7pm.
- ◆ Rosary at Lees Rd every evening during May at 6.30pm.
- ◆ Rosary at 7pm each evening at St. Michael's Villas Grotto.
- ◆ Rosary & Benediction Thursday May 19th at 7pm - Hermitage.
- ◆ Rosary, Gallows Hill, every evening at 7pm
- ◆ Rosary at 7.30pm on Monday & Thursday at Cahercalla Hospital Grotto.
- ◆ Rosary at Loughville Grotto each evening at 8pm.



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Feidhlim Ward; Aaron James Deane; Ailbhe Frances King.**

**Legio Mariae 10th Annual Catholic Youth Conference:** 'Trust Christ because He trusts you'- Blessed John Paul 11: 11th - 12th June 2011 at All Hallow's College, Dublin 9. Non-legionaries welcome aged 18 - 35. Contact: Liam 086 8888918 or Evelyn 085 1760344.

**Type 2 Diabetes Support Group Meeting:** Tue, 17th May, in Marie Assumpta Hall, Station Rd, 8 to 9:30pm. 087 6415747 or [clarebranchdfi@gmail.com](mailto:clarebranchdfi@gmail.com)

**1st Annual Golf Classic** for Bushypark Treatment Centre (Clarecare) on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> August at Ennis Golf Club: €140 per team or €35 for individual golfers. Sponsor a tee or green starting from €50. Bushypark 065-6840944 or [www.bushypark.ie](http://www.bushypark.ie)

**Meeting of Clonroad/Francis St Residents Association,** Temple Gate at 8pm, Wed May 18th.



Beidh aird agus aire an domhain dírithe ar Éirinn i rith mí na Bealtaine mar gheall ar chuairteanna Bhanríon Elizabeth II, Uachtarán Obama.... agus ar an bhFleadh Nua. 'Sea, reachtálfar an Fhéile cháiliúil seo in Inis, Conndae an Chláir - croithailte ar n-Ealaíon Traidisiúnta - ó 22 go dtí 30 Bealtaine, 2011. Is féidir coinneáil suas chun dáta le Fleadh Nua ar ár suíomh idirlín [www.fleadhnua.com](http://www.fleadhnua.com) nó lean orainn ar Facebook. Bheadh sé togha dá mbeifeá linn ag an bhFleadh i mbliana.

The attention of the world will be focussed on Ireland during the month of May what with the visit of Queen Elizabeth II, President Obama... and the Fleadh Nua. This famous Festival takes place in the heartlands of our Traditional Arts that is Ennis, County Clare from 22nd to 30th May, 2011. Browse our website [www.fleadhnua.com](http://www.fleadhnua.com) or follow us on Facebook so as to keep up to date. It would be great if you could join us at this year's Fleadh.

## Irish Kidney Association Invitation --

- The Clare Branch of the Irish Kidney Association invite you, our Donor Families and transplant recipients to their **Annual Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving, on Sun 22nd May at 12 noon in Cathedral Ennis.** This Mass will be celebrated in honour of those whose organs were donated thus giving the Gift of New Life to so many.

**Milford Care Centre Annual Remembrance Service** for those who have died while under the care of Milford Care Centre during 2010 on Sunday 15th May at 3pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy., Limerick.

**Planning to Get Married:** enjoy a weekend away on a Residential pre marriage course in a completely private and relaxed setting. Dates: May 27th—29th; Sep 9th-11th; Oct 28th-30th; Nov 25th-27th. ☎ 091-844549 or email: [eskerret@indigo.ie](mailto:eskerret@indigo.ie)

## Liturgy of Thanksgiving

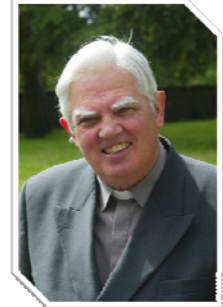
Through Music and Reflection  
Presented by the

**Catholic Primary Schools  
of Ennis Parish**

Honouring the Contribution

**of Bishop Willie**

to Primary School Education



**Thursday 19th May**

at 1.30pm in Cathedral

All Welcome!

Over 400 children from eight diocesan primary schools in Ennis will gather in Ennis Cathedral to mark the retirement of the Most Reverend Bishop Willie Walsh in a special service of reflection and song. The Liturgy of Thanksgiving will honour the contribution of Bishop Walsh to primary school education in Ennis over the last fifteen years as Bishop of the diocese of Killaloe.

Bishop Walsh has been involved in Education at many levels since his ordination in 1959. He started his teaching career in Coláiste Einde in Galway before moving to Ennis to take up a position in St Flannan's College in 1963. He served as curate and then administrator at Ennis Cathedral before his ordination as Bishop of Killaloe in 1994 and was involved with schools both as patron and a member of boards of management. The service will take place on Thursday 1.30pm 19<sup>th</sup> May at Ennis Cathedral. All are welcome.

## Ordination to the Priesthood



There will be two ordinations in the diocese this year. Rev. Ger Fitzgerald of Castleconnell parish will be ordained on 19th June and Rev. Ger Jones will be ordained on the 21st of August

2011. We ask the people of the diocese to pray for them. Anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood contact Fr. Ignatius McCormack, St Flannan's College [ignaid@hotmail.com](mailto:ignaid@hotmail.com) 086-2777139.



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

**Ennis Parish Development Fund  
for Sunday 8th May, €8,312.00**

**Fundraiser Ceili in Cois na hAbhna, 15th May**  
3.30pm to 6.30pm with Star of Munster Ceili Band.  
**Homemade Cake sale and raffle on the day.**  
Proceeds to Clare 250 Cancer Centre.



## 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.


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

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.  
**Sun 10am:** Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.  
**11.30am:** Bunny Moloney (nee Brigdale) 14 Steeles Tce MM  
**Mon 11am:** Legion of Mary in honour of Edel Quinn  
**Tue 11am:** Mai Howard, St. Anthony's Tce.  
**Wed 11am:** Bridie Malone, Cragmoher, Corofin  
**Thurs 11am:** Dec'd members Noonan Family  
**Fri 11am:** Sr. Christopher Tobin, Crusheen  
**Sat 11am: First Holy Communion - CBS**  
**7pm:** Maureen Skelly, New Road, Ennis  
**Sun 22nd May 10am:** Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.  
**11.30am:** George & Peter Dillon, St. Senan's Rd.

**Padre Pio Monthly meeting** in St. Joseph's Church on Wed 18th at 7.30pm. All welcome.



 **Anxious about Exams?** Then take a break from the books and come along to our **SPECIAL MASS** for exam students and their families at **St Joseph's Church on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.** Come and enjoy a little time to relax, to sing and to pray for all our young people preparing for exams.

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Mon 16th May 9.30am:** Michael & Nora Linnane & dec'd family members.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Martin McCarthy, 12 Pearse Ave.  
**Sun 22nd May 11am:** Marie Broderick, 5 The Crescent, Lifford & Cloughleigh.

**Ladies wedding band lost;** sentimental value;  
Noelle: ☎ 6820214

**STARCAMP '11** returns to GLOR from JULY 4TH - 8TH ; 9:30 - 2:30pm. The singing, dancing, acting and feel good camp for boys & girls aged 5-13 guarantees a fantastic week for all! Book online at [www.starcamp.ie](http://www.starcamp.ie) or call 021-4377900 today! Reduced rates and excellent family discounts apply.

**Clare Abbey** - A parish pilgrimage and Mass in Clare Abbey on Sun, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.30pm for procession into Clare Abbey for Mass at 3pm. We hope as many parishioners, their family and friends will come to the celebration.

**Clare Burren Marathon Challenge Saturday 21st May 2011.** Walk jog or run across the Burren Terrain. Take part for your favourite charity, for fun for fitness for a family day out. Choice of full, half, mini or under 16's marathon. All info and to enter visit [www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com](http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com) or phone 087-7779714

**Knockanean National School** musicians have recorded their first CD "Starlings - A fledgling flight of music by our young musicians with special friends" - Martin Hayes, Kevin Crawford, Manus Maguire, Kate Purcell, Blackie O'Connell and joined by talented parents; Monica Kearney, Murty Ryan, Caroline O'Connor & Félím Ó Coileáin. On sale in Custy's, The Irish Shop, Brogan's Bar, Liddy's Costcutter, Fitzpatrick's Mace and from the school. **All proceeds go to Knockanean School Building Project.**

**Building of Hope Project** Fundraising Dance, Magowna House May 20th at 9.30pm. Admission: €10 Music by Shay O'Callaghan. Please support.

## Live The Word:

When fear and negativity can take you over. Breathe. Question your fear, it is a signal, what can you do about it? Remember fear is False Evidence Appearing Real.

**A Life in the Spirit Seminar** in Crusheen Community Centre at 8.30pm every Tues. to June 21<sup>st</sup>. welcome to all.

**Fergus ICA** - Meeting @ St Josephs meeting room - Lifford Road on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. New members welcome.

**Talk on faith, spirituality and ethics** in Chapter Room of Cathedral on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. Dr Rosemary Power, historian and folklorist will give an illustrated guide to *Lent and Easter in the Book of Kells*. No charge, donations welcomed to cover cost. Information on 087 9888 508 and [shannoncoclare.wordpress.com](http://shannoncoclare.wordpress.com)

**Woodstock Montessori School**, Shanaway Rd taking enrolments for Sept under ECCE scheme. Contact Maggie 0876228271.

## Pilgrimages 2011

**Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo** from Sept 29th-Oct 6th; Tour Leader Mary Kelly & Spiritual Director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 065 6835519.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** on Sat 17th Sept. Depart Shannon; book before 1st May, cost €639 for 7 nights; book afterwards cost €669. Fr. Paddy Conway is Spiritual Director. Few seats remaining. ☎ James Considine 9059328.

**Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group** trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Nettuno & Subiaco with Bishop Kieran O'Reilly. Sept 5th-12th, from Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. Last few seats available now. Maire 086 8804603.

**Knock Summer Festival 2011** - "Fuel for The Journey"; in June. 3 day event; talks, workshops, prayer, reflection, music; ages 18-35; cost: €70 0949388100 / 0876927850. [www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival](http://www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival).

**Medjugorje Youth Festival.** From July 31st -Aug 7th. ☎ 0872497617. A new spiritual experience.

**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.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 6.30pm** Liam Daly, 14 Hermitage  
**Sun. 15th: 9am** Theresa Nugent, 26 Cusack Rd.  
**10.30am** Donal MacMathúna, Ballybeg  
Mary Ellen & Joe Hickey, Tullassa, Inch  
Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.  
Dec'd members of Brody family, St. Patrick's Tce.  
**12noon:** Ciara Conroy, 80 Abbey Court **1st Anniv**  
**Mon:7.45am** Special Intention  
**10am** Peggy Smyth (nee Cullen), Drumcliffe Rd & England  
**7.30pm** Anthony O'Loughlin, 44 St. Michael's Villas.  
**Tues.:7.45am** Sheila Connolly, 1 Kilrush Road.  
**10am** Frank Corcoran, 4 Highfield Pk.  
**7.30pm** Mary & Matt O'Brien, Ard na Greine.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Joseph & Mgt O'Malley, Cree.  
**10am** Nora & Ml Coughlan, Turnpike Rd.  
**7.30pm** Paddy & Sheila Connolly, 1 Kilrush Rd.  
**Thurs:7.45am** Jack & Henrietta Darcy, Upr O'Connell St.  
**10am** Donors Intentions (Holy Souls).  
**7.30pm** Christopher Rynne, 62 Honan's Tce., Hermitage.  
**Fri.:7.45am** Mass for the People.  
**10am** Frank O'Dwyer, Clonroad Beg.  
**7.30pm** Darren O'Grady, Ennis **1st Anniv.**  
**Sat.:10am** Madge Moloney, 45 McNamara Pk.  
**6.30pm** Elizabeth (Baby) Collins, Pk Row & O'Connell St. MM  
**Sun.:9am** Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.  
John O'Shea, Tulla Rd.  
**10.30am** Rita & Paddy Doolan, St. Patrick's Tce.  
Noel Ryan, Dalcassian Ave. & Clarecastle  
Brendan McMahon, "Ferndown", Lahinch Rd.  
Laurence Cawley, Shanaway Rd.  
Michael Spellissy, Drumcliffe.  
**12 noon** Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving,  
Kidney Association (Clare Branch).


## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 22nd May, 2011

Readers: Group 1  
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3  
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



## Rest in Peace

 P.J. Kelly, 65 College Green & Ballynacally;  
Joan Barry (nee Fitzgibbons), 19 St Senan's Rd; Madgie (Margaret) Chowz (nee Linnane), late Considine Tce & England; Paul Schmid, Canada, husband of Niamh Cotter, St. Senan's Road; Bill McGrath, Shannon, father of Josephine Sweeney, Dromard & William McGrath Limerick Road; Jorge Luque, Chile, father of Pamela, Cusack View;

## Dates for your Diary

- ♦ Visitation Meeting on Wed 18th at 7pm in Cathedral House.
- ♦ 11th June @ 12 noon: Summer Blessing of pre school children.
- ♦ Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on 3rd July.
- ♦ Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Mon 1st August to Wed 3rd.

**Our Sacred Sounds**, Folk Concert Series, St. Columba's Church every Friday at 8pm to 9.30pm. Inquiries Kate Purcell ☎ 087-2728069 or [www.claresounds.com](http://www.claresounds.com)



**Floral Demonstration:** Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Una Fleming, Cork, at West Co. on Tue, May 17th at 8.15pm. Floral arrangements raffled on night. Doors open 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to [ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net).



# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



## First Reading:

**Acts 2:14.36-41**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, What must we do? You must repent, Peter answered and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself. He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, Save yourselves from this perverse generation. They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

##### Response: .

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

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He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

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You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

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Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

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## Second Reading:

**1 Peter 2:20-25**

### A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the

way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my own sheep and my own know me.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel:

**John 10:1-10**

### Reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

### The Gospel of the Lord