



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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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;

Friary: 6828751

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

16th October, 2011

What's all this about a ROOF?????



Sometimes even a few words of a song can trigger a memory that makes a person or place or situation very real and present to us in that moment. Scratch

the surface of any phrase used in the Mass and you uncover a reminder of some scene from the life of Christ, stories of faith, hope, healing, forgiveness and love. The secret is to recognise the words and let your imagination carry you into the story.

Msgr. Richard Antall looks at one example in a recent article. Just before communion the priest raises the host and chalice saying: **"Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."**

The inconspicuous "this is..." in the old translation now becomes **"Behold..."**, formal and bold like a trumpet fanfare announcing something amazing. Happy or fortunate, even **Blessed**, are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Our response to the **blessedness** of being invited to the supper of the Lamb is, **"Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."**

This is the prayer of the centurion in Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10. His servant is desperately ill and he seeks Jesus' help. Jesus offers to come to his house.

The centurion, who is a genuine, sincere and humble man feels unworthy of this honour and with mind-blowing faith tells the Son of God that all he needs to do is say the word and the servant will be healed.

Why is the memory of this un-named pagan Roman officer so important that the Church should make his words echo around the globe each day? He is invisibly present to us because our memory makes him so. Although we don't see the plumes of his helmet we hear him speak in our own voices, as we repeat his words. We are touched by his compassion for his servant, his simple no-nonsense approach, his awareness of the privilege of being in the presence of Jesus, his humility and respect as he dares to ask for help. We want to have his humble attitude of faith in Jesus and we seek to imitate it.

His humility and his faith win the praise of the Son of God Himself. "I assure you I have not found such faith in Israel," (Matt. 8.10).

We receive the Lord not into our homes but into our hearts in communion. We beg the healing not of a servant boy but of our very selves. We do not have words to acknowledge such a tremendous gift. All we can do is make this man's prayer our own because otherwise we would be speechless.



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 16th October, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎087 6615975

Newly Baptised

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



Ryan Edward Newton; **Mary Ellen** Ward; **Sean Silva**; **Aleasha** Shakira Maughan; **Rian** Edward Doody; **Martin** Anthony Pius Mongon.

Pius Mongon.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Céard é Comhdháil Choirp Chríost Idirnáisiúnta?

D'fhógair an Pápa Benedict XVI go mbeidh an 50ú Comhdháil Idirnáisiúnta Eocairisteach ar siúl i mBaile Átha Cliath i mí an Mheithimh 2012. Is minic a chuirtear an cheist "céard is brí le Comhdháil Chorp Chríost agus cad é a chuspóir?"

Is tionól idirnáisiúnta é an Chomhdháil Chorp Chríost a bhfuil d'aidhm aici:

- A mheabhrú dúinn an áit lárnach atá ag an Eocairist i saol agus i misean na hEaglaise Caitlicí
- cabhrú le feabhas a chur ar ár dtuiscint agus ar cheiliúradh liotúirge
- aird a dhíriú ar ghné shóisialta na hEocairiste.

Bíonn an Chomhdháil ar siúl gach ceithre bliana de ghnáth. Is é ceiliúradh na hEocairiste go laethúil croilár na Comhdhála. Tionóladh Comhdháil Chorp Chríost in Éirinn nach mór ochtó bliain ó shin i 1932.

Pope Benedict XVI announced that the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Dublin in June 2012. People ask "what exactly is a Eucharistic Congress and what is its purpose?"

A Eucharistic Congress is an international gathering of people which aims to:

- Promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church.
- Help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy.
- Draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Congress normally takes place every four years. The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the centre of the Congress. It was last held in Ireland in 1932.

Eucharistic Congress Bell



Ennis and the Abbey Cluster Parishes will welcome the Eucharistic Congress Bell on October 22nd/23rd

Programme for visit of Eucharistic Bell:

Arriving 6pm 22nd	Cathedral
Arriving 7pm	St. Joseph's
Arriving 7.30pm	Franciscan Friary
Arriving 7.45am 23rd	Poor Clare Monastery
Arriving 9.30am	Cloughleigh
Arriving 10am	Doora Church
Arriving 11am	Quin Church
Arriving 12noon	Clarecastle Church
Arriving 12.30pm	Cathedral
Arriving 3pm	Cathedral/Polish Mass
Leaving 6pm	Eucharistic Chapel

The Pilgrim bell is a call and it invites a response. St. Patrick began his Mission in Ireland long ago by lighting a fire on the Hill of Slane and ringing a bell. The bell invites people to a moment of silence.

Bible for Beginners starting on Wednesday 19th October at 8.15pm.

Venue: Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Road, Ennis. Finding your way in the Bible. Does it make sense? How do you read it? For further details contact Br. Dick Burke. Phone: 0656821471 or 0872047649.



Clare FM's 50 Cent Appeal is a new fundraising initiative for four local charities; Clare Haven, Clarecare, Cahercalla Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul. Special events to be held across the county to raise much needed funds. Stay tuned to Clare FM for details on how to get involved & raise money for a worthy cause or contact the station on 065 682 88 88

Husbands and Wives Why not give your spouse a special gift of a marriage enrichment weekend away with you in beautiful Killarney from 11th (8pm) to 13th (4pm) November 2011. Presented by Marriage Encounter. This is a break with a difference that will help rekindle and enrich the love and joys that you share together. It is for both the recently married and for those married for many years. For details and booking visit: ☎ Bernadette at 064-44319 or www.marriageencounter.ie



Arch Club is for adults with special needs and is seeking people to provide activities for members from 7.30-9.30 on Sat nights; based in St. Anthony's Hall, The Friary. Call Tom 087 9080346

Blessing of Expectant Parents



Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul
8pm next Thursday 20th October
All Welcome!!!!

New Road Study Centre, at Rice College, Ennis. Supervised study during the mid-term break for secondary school students from all schools. Opening Bank Holiday Monday 31st Oct 2pm-6pm. Tuesday 1st Nov-Sat 5th Nov 9am-2pm Sunday 6th Nov 2pm-6pm. Booking is not necessary. Enquiries to John Burns on 087 2766338. Please do not phone the school office.

Give me your hand....

An ecumenical celebration with the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland on Sun 16th Oct at 7pm, in Ennis Cathedral. Everyone is welcome. Details from: 087 9888 508 or www.shannoncoclare.wordpress.com

Ennis Musical Society Auditions for 'Sound of Music' as follows: Adults at 8pm on Tue Oct 18th at Old Ground; Auditions for children, 7 to 11 year olds 11am to 2pm on Sun 23rd Oct & 12 years + will start at 3pm. All children's auditions will be held at The Holy Family School.

World Mission Sunday - 23rd October



- ◆ Each year the society of the Propagation of the Faith encourages us to offer the young churches our prayers and support.
- ◆ The theme of this year's Mission Sunday is 'Together in Faith'.
- ◆ The Mission Poster shows Pio Lokuru a Catechist in Africa's newest country, South Sudan.
- ◆ A special thanks for your generosity in 2010 as we extend an invitation to your generosity again this year.

Live the Word



Chasing life and chasing time can be like pursuing a bandit - always one step ahead of you. Living in the moment moves time more slowly and life is made easier.



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 15th: 7.00pm: Anna McLoughlin, Ard na Gréine.

Sun 10am: Martin Byrnes, 1 Gort Road.

11.30am: Bridget Doherty, St. Michael's Park, Gort Road. 1st Anniv

Mon 11am: Mary Kate & Paddy Lynch, Kilmaley

Tue 11am: Michael Evans, Golfink's Rd.

Wed 11am: Nonie & Tony Malone, Shannon Park

Thurs 11am: Paddy & Anne Hynes, Marian Ave.

Sat 11am: Michael & Delia Kenny, Gort Rd.

7pm: Padraig O'Halloran, Woodlawn

Sun 23rd 10am: Margie (1st Anniv) & Patrick Seery, 8 Corrovorrin

11.30am: Annie & Peter Barry & dec'd members Barry family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Road.

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

Monthly Mass of the Padre Pio Prayer group will be held in St. Joseph's Church Ennis, on Wed., 19th Oct., @ 7.30 pm.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 16th 9.30am: Confirmation Enrolment

11am: Nancy & Bernard Murphy, Circular Rd.

Thurs 9.30am: Ita Lynch, Cloughleigh. 1st Anniv

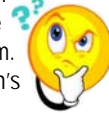
7.30pm: John Finnucane, Dublin & Late Lahinch

Sun 23rd 9.30am: Tommy & Esther O'Brien, 137 Hermitage

11am: Christina Coote, 5 Considine Terrace.

Sincere thanks to all who supported Mary Foley's Cahercalla Coffee morning. €371.72 was raised.

Table Quiz to support Conor Maher, Quin (taking part in Dublin City Marathon) in The Village Inn Bar, Quin on Thurs Oct 27 at 9pm. Tables of 4 €30; Proceeds to Children's Hospital, Crumlin. 0879282190.



Sewing classes for beginners & experienced: 7 lessons start Thurs. Oct. 27th 10am -11.30am in Cois Na Habhna; Susanna 085 1243 416.

Garden Talk & Digital Presentation Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Carl Wright, Fanore, at the West County Tue, Oct 18th at 8.15pm. Plants raffled on the night. Non members adm: €10; ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net



Matt Talbot Novena

Continues on Tuesdays at 7pm in SS. John & Paul Church Shannon: Rev. Willie Russell CC, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick. Praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. In an attempt to reach out to as many people as possible who are dealing with addiction, petitions can be sent anonymously via the petition form on the Shannon parish website at www.shannonparish.ie. The Novena is offered each year to give encouragement and spiritual support in times of suffering and stress. A warm welcome awaits all who come.



COMHALTAS

Comhaltas Concert Tour of Ireland 2011 - Macalla na hÉireann takes place in Cois na hAbhna on Mon Oct 24th A colourful and exciting show of Irish traditional music, song, dance and storytelling. Featuring many young versatile and talented performers from throughout the country.

Sean-Nos Dance for fun & fitness in Cois na hAbhanna; Tuesdays; 7pm for children; 8pm for adults. All levels & ages catered for. No dance experience necessary.



Vision Seminar with Fr. Flann Lynch. Discover freedom, power, purpose! Explore! Improve relationships

both at home and in your workplace. Venue; West Co; Sun 23rd Oct; (enrol 9.30-10am) 10am - 2pm. Followed by Mass; donation if you wish; Booking: Just turn up & bring your friends. Tea & coffee provided www.visionbeinspired.com

Maranatha Prayer Ministry

invites all to Night Vigil on Sat Oct 22nd from 8.30pm to 1am at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle. Healing Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration. Maranatha prayer ministry is a Catholic Community, committed to developing a caring environment in which the transforming graces of the Holy Spirit can renew persons into the likeness of Christ. Contact: 086 8161411, 087 4167561; nightvigillimerick@yahoo.com; All welcome.



German Grinds available from experienced teacher, in L.C. & J. Cert German. 0868036384

Mission Sunday Collection on next weekend Sat/Sun October 22nd/23rd at all masses. Total 2010 Collection: €5,087.00

Clarecare & Ennis and District Soroptimists are promoting an Information Evening with Jacinta Kitt, N.T., M.St., Lecturer at Trinity; Topic: *Creating and Maintaining A Positive Environment at Home, at School and at Work.* Thurs, Oct 20th at 8pm; Old Ground; Tickets from Clarecare 828178. No Charge.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat. 6.30pm Marie Naughton, Gort Rd. 1st Anniv

Sun 9am Maura Cotter, 38 Victoria Ct, Cusack Rd

Bernie & Martina Browne, Circular Rd.

Paddy Hennessy, 45 College Grove.

10.30am Eamon McGann (1st Anniv) &

Nuala McGann, Trail & Ard na Greine.

Michael Naughton, Inisgrove, Lahinch Rd.

Communion Enrolment ENS

12 noon Joe McCormack, Military Barracks

& late of Balbriggan. 1st Anniv

Mon: 7.45am Sarah White

10am Michael Halpin, Carmody St.

7.30pm Pakie & Frances Eustace, Kilrush Road

Tues.: 7.45am Kyle Dixon, Michigan, USA

10am Mary Lernihán, Gallow's Hill

7.30pm P.J. & Josephine Barry, 56 St. Michaels Villas

Wed.: 7.45am Special Intention

10am Irene Meere, Limerick Road

7.30pm Lena Duggan, 21 Connolly Villas

Thurs.: 7.45am Maura Kelly, 29 Abbey St.

10am Mary Reddan, Beechpark

7.30pm Dec'd members Cropera Family, Turnpike Rd.

Fri.: 7.45am Mass for the people.

10am John Kenny & dec'd family members, Corofin

7.30pm Ellen (1st Anniv) & Pierce Conlan, Dublin

Sat.: 10am Bridget & Jim Dilleen, Clonroad

6.30pm Paulette Fitzpatrick, Springfield Orchard 1st Anniv

Sun. 23rd 9am Tom Cotter & his mother

Sheila Cotter, Loughville

Mary Mahony, Parnell St.

Eamon Kelly, late Shanaway Rd.

10.30am John Flynn, 74 Turnpike Rd.

Esther Hurson, 6 Summerhill

Pakie Ryan, 7 Dalcassian Ave.

Lorraine O'Connor, 9 Showgrounds Rd.

Paschal Brooks, Brooklawn, Clonroad

Mary O'Connell, St. Therese, Limerick Rd.

12 noon Darragh Hennessy, Avondale, Kilrush Rd.

1st Anniv

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 23rd October, 2011

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw

Results Year 11 Wk 17 Tue, Oct 11th: 1st

Prize €635 Noelene Murphy, Ballynacally. 2nd

Prize €127 John Devanney, Newmarket on Fergus.



Dates for Diary

- ◆ Faith Friends for ENS continues on Tuesdays Oct 18th and 25th in Cathedral House.
- ◆ Abbey Cluster Steering Group Mon Oct 17th, Clarecastle old school meeting room.
- ◆ Blessing of Expectant Parents Thurs 20th Oct at 8pm in Cathedral.
- ◆ First Holy Communion Enrolment CBS 25th Oct at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.
- ◆ Introduction to the Year of St. Luke - Megan McKenna. Nov 1st. St. Flannan's College
- ◆ Mass remembering all who have died over the past 12 months Wed 2nd Nov. 7.30pm Cathedral
- ◆ Blessing of Graves Sunday 6th November: Drumcliffe 3pm; Corrovorrin 2pm.

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that all may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
And his wonders among all the peoples.* **R**

*The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
To be feared above all gods;
The gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.* **R**

*Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
Give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.* **R**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, sisters and brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
You will shine in the world like bright stars
Because you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what He said. And they sent their disciples to Him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that You are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that You are not afraid of anyone, because a person's rank means nothing to You. Tell us Your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed Him a denarius and He said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

