



Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9, 10.30am & 12 noon
Mass in Polish each Sunday at 3pm
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7.00 p.m.; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30 a.m.
Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30, 11 a.m.
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon
Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 8.00, 10 & 7.30 p.m.; 10am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11 a.m.
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30 a.m.
Friary:- Daily: 10 a.m. & 1.05pm ; 10 a.m. on Saturday
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 a.m.

Phone Numbers:

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Friary: 6828751
Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

17th January, 2009

They Have No Wine

In today's Gospel, we read the account of Jesus' first miracle, the one that He worked at the wedding of Cana by changing water into wine. In so doing, He manifested His Glory and His disciples believed in Him.

In Jesus' time, a man's prestige was dependent on his ability to ensure the economic position of his family. If it had become known that the bridegroom was unable to have enough wine for his own wedding feast, his reputation would have been lost forever. In such a close-knit community as that of Cana, a small country village, gossip and backbiting could have ensued.

Here in this story, Christ manifested His divinity and humanity by showing His compassion and kindness of heart to a young couple. It also tells us that He enjoyed wedding feasts and festive occasions. The first miracle He performed was at the request of His mother, Mary.

She showed a mother's sensitivity and caring instinct, when she saw the wine had run out - "They have no wine".

In her role as our mother, she is sensitive to the needs of us, her children, too. We can be sure that she will continue to intercede for us as we struggle in the ups and downs of our daily lives. We can be confident that her son will listen to her as He did at Cana.



Mary, our mother, may your Son be gracious and bountiful to us as He was at your request in Cana of Galilee.

January

What's on this week?

January

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 17th January, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎087 9033682

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎087 6615975

Workshops

Workshop

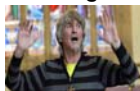
Overview of Loss
& Bereavement:



At The Irish Hospice Foundation, Education & Bereavement Resource Centre, Morrison Chambers, 4th Floor, 32 Nasau St., Dublin; Fee: €180 (2 day workshop) includes light lunch/tea & coffee. On Thurs & Fri 21st & 22nd January from 9.30am-4pm. Brid Carroll, Presenter. Brid has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation as Bereavement Liaison Officer in the HSE South East region. **To book:** Contact Iris Murray at above address; ☎ 01 6793188 or email: iris.murray@hospice-foundation.ie; website: www.hospice-foundation.ie

Workshop in Congregational Song

With John Bell, Hymn writer, broadcaster, theologian & author on **Mon 25th Jan at 8pm.** In St.



Mary's Cathedral (Church of Ireland), Limerick. His basic belief is that the principal voice in Church worship is the people's. He is one of Scotland's foremost practical theologians.

Reminder for Booking Masses

All Masses and Baptisms for St. Josephs & Cloughleigh Churches are now being booked at the Parish Office: ☎ 065 6824043.

Benefit Dance in aid of Clare Flood Victims

in Cois na hAbhna on Thursday 21st January at 9.30pm. Music by Micheál Sexton. All proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul.

Ennis Community Centre Bingo

Bingo will resume on this Sun 17th Jan at usual time of 8.30pm sharp. Weather permitting.



Michael Lynch, son of Mary & the late John Lynch, Ennis & Abbey Lawn, Clarecastle, who died recently in Germany. **Memorial Mass in Clarecastle Church, Mon, 18th Jan at 7pm**

Ennis Toastmasters:

Ennis Toastmasters' first meeting of the new year (re scheduled) is on Tue 19th Jan at 8.30pm in the Temple Gate. Come along, bring a friend. Website: ennistoastrmasters.com



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Christian Unity Week

Even Song Sunday 24th January 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church.

Fatima 2010 May 24th ex Cork (no Shannon flights this year).

7 nights; full board; €714; Spiritual Director Fr. John Walsh, Group leader Kathleen Hayes. Call Kathleen 061 368549.

Little Angels preschool, is located in the purpose built childcare facility in the Holy Family NS Ennis. We have a limited number of FREE Preschool spaces available immediately for qualifying children; HSE notified, highly qualified friendly staff, with a fun learning curriculum. To book your FREE space for January 2010 or September 2010 please contact Lara 086 843 8888

Smokers! Quit now for better health in 2010. Call Clare Health Promotion Services 065 6865839.



Clare Roots Society: Our first talk of 2010 will be given by localman Eddie Lough at 8pm on Thursday, Jan. 21st, at the Ennis Civic Rooms, Waterpark. He will speak about the history of Our Lady's Hospital, Ennis and about the records which are available from there. All are welcome.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw Results Year 9 Week 30 Tuesday, January 12th 2010. **1st Prize €635:** Rosaleen O'Sullivan, Tulla. **2nd Prize €127:** Philip Monks, Galway.



Cliffs of Moher St. Brigid's Weekend Festival January 30th, 31st & February 1st. Activities include St Brigid's cross making, traditional music & dancing, Eddie Lenihan story telling, demonstrations and information fair, local art exhibition, guided walks, and much more. Activities from 11am to 4pm each day. Saturday and Sunday a fun filled family day out from only €8 per car. Atlantic Edge Exhibition promotion only €2. Local Open Day Monday February 1st free admission to the Cliffs all day. For full details visit www.cliffsomoher.ie



World Migrant & Refugee Sunday

Lord, you meet us in the stranger at the door. Make us always open to new friendships, sympathetic to people far from home, generous to those in need and always ready to play a part in building a community of welcome.



AMEN

Newly Baptised



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

Amy Katie Marie Duggan;
Selina Margaret McDonagh.

Banner Ladies Football Club Victory Social

Woodstock Hotel Friday January 22nd at 8.15pm Tickets available through team managers (U-10 to Senior) and KG Hair Salon Parnell Street, Ennis. Cost €12.50 (Adult/ Child)



Ennis Gospel Choir present their new show "Gospel at the Movies" at Glor, Friday/ Saturday 22 & 23 January 2010. Tickets €18 from Glor: 065-6843103.

33 Castlerock. Tulla Rd. Montessori Pre School Sept. 09. Mon-Fri 9-12. Book now for free pre school year for 2010. Contact Rita: 087 2265819

Mary K's, Deerpark, Doora (Past Burke's Horse Riding Centre)- free pre school places available under ECCE scheme. Contact Mary at 065-6868575 or 086 8133553. Before and after scheme care hours available as well as full-time and part-time childcare.



Grow it yourself Ennis--: January meeting at the Grove Bar Roslevan on Mon Jan 18th at 7.45pm. This event is open to everyone interested in growing fruit and veg and is free of charge. Everyone welcome. See www.gyiireland.com or Mary at 086 3894679.

If you have an illness, injury or disability and would like some assistance to get a job, Clare Supported Employment Service can assist you.

Contact Alice/Karen on (065) 6844007 or email info@claresupportedemployment.ie or log on to www.claresupportedemployment.ie

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

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday 10th January, 2010

€7,473.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 16th Jan: 7pm Paddy Joe Moloney, 3 Glenina.
Sun: 10am John Downes, Marian Avenue.
11.30am Kalen & Catherine O'Brien, McNamara Pk.
Mon: 11am John, Josephine & Marie O'Gorman
Wed: 11am Gus & John Hynes, Drumcliffe
Sat 23rd: 11am Patrick Lyons, Avondale
7pm Mary & William Lynch, Corrovorrin
Sun 24th: 8am Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove
10am Mary Glynn, Kincora Park

Do This in Memory

11.30 Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield.

Padre Pio Mass on Wednesday 20th January in St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Mon 9.30am: Joe White Late Hermitage & Deceased family members.
Sun 24th 9.30: Do this in memory.
11am: Fergal Landy, 10 Considine Rd, Cloughleigh.

Mothers Prayers meet every Tuesday at 7pm in Cloughleigh Church. All are welcome.



"Do This in Memory"

Will take place next Sunday January 24th, in our Churches for all children and parents of those making their First Communion this year. This programme links all involved in preparing our young people for the Sacraments.



Cloughleigh 9.30am
St. Joseph's 10am
Cathedral 10.30am



The Year for Priests

Pope Benedict has declared this year a "Year for Priests" beginning on June 19, 2009. It is the 150th anniversary of the death of John Vianney, the French Parish Priest. He is patron saint of parish priests. During this Year for Priests, we are asked to pray for our priests that they be always faithful to their sacred calling and their ministry. Throughout the year we carry short interviews with some of our local clergy. This week we interview Fr. Tom Hogan Administrator, Ennis.



What age were you when you first considered priesthood? I can remember back to the age of 6 - The Congo Massacre, Captain Gleeson and the Irish Soldiers' remains coming back to Dublin and being blessed at the Airport - I copied the same action at home in the kitchen I being the priest, blessing the chairs covered with a bed sheet.

Who or what inspired you to become a priest? The Parish Priest in my native Parish of Templeberry Michael Queally; he was a great influence on my young mind. I also remember with great affection and inspiration Camin O'Carroll who was a young curate. My Father went to Mass weekday mornings, so we did that as part of routine of going to school. I was an altar server from the age of 10 like my older brother.

Where did you do your study? I spent 7 years at St. Patrick's College Maynooth, where I studied Art, Philosophy and Theology. I spent a further year at UCG taking an Education Diploma (H. Dip in Ed.).

How many years have you been a priest? I'm thirty years ordained this year. I was ordained to Priesthood in my home Parish Church in 1979 by the late Bishop Michael Harty - it was a wonderful few days of celebration.

What was/is the most rewarding / difficult part of your ministry? The most rewarding part of Priesthood is the privilege of being invited into people's lives at the most sacred moments - Birth; Marriage; Sickness; Brokenness; Death - I Tom Hogan as a Priest have the awesome privilege and responsibility to be Jesus' presence as a minister of his sacraments.

The most difficult part is without question my humanity with its very obvious imperfections and failure. I'm very aware of the earthenware vessel I am. There is a constant call and challenge to wholeness and holiness.

If someone said they were considering priesthood, what would you say to them? I would encourage them to be proactive like the words of Jesus "Come and See" - get involved in local parish/attend a reflection day - Pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection

The days are short,
The sun a spark
Hung thin between
The dark and dark.

Fat snowy footsteps
Track the floor,
And parkas pike up
Near the door.

The river is
A frozen place
Held still beneath
The trees' black lace.

The sky is low.
The wind is gray.
The radiator
Purrs all day

John Updike

Table Quiz in aid of a Kenya Orphanage in Woodstock Golf club Fri 22nd Jan at 8pm. Table of 4 €40; Finger Food; Spot prizes; Volunteers 086 8383829

St. Bridget

& Celtic Spirituality

Presentation:

Fr. Denis Crosby,
Liscannor.

St. Flannan's
College (entrance at
Main Door, Old
Building) Thursday
28th January 8pm.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Liam Murray, 24 Francis Street. **1st Anniv**
Sun.9am :Gillian Brennan, Considine Rd & Mary
Theresa Heaslip, Knocktoper, Co Kilkenny.
Martin Staunton & Marguerite Hastings, Dublin.
Catherine & Patrick Murphy, Ballybeg
10.30am Bobby O'Rourke, 6 Dalcassian Ave **MM**
12 noon John O'Donoghue, Old Military Barracks & St
Michaels Villas **1st Anniv**
Mon:8am James Coughlan, Clonmel.
10am Tom & Peggy Fox, late Barrack Street.
7.30pm Tom Kelly, College Road.
Tues.:8am Joe Coffey, 55 Circular Road.
10am Martin, Michael, Catherine & Maura Hassett, Inch
7.30pm Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.
Wed.:8am Mass for the People.
10am Paddy Cunningham, mother Ann, 16 Honans
Tce, brother Anthony & sister Mary Brace.
2pm Anne Marie O'Loughlin, 1 Radharc na hInse
7.30pm PJ & Lily Brooks, College Park
Thurs.:8am Mass for the People
10am Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.
7.30pm Michael O'Donoghue, Sanborn Hse, Edenvale.
Fri.:8am Mass for the people.
10am Jimmy Morgan, late Shanaway Road
6.30pm Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.
7.30pm Elizabeth Lough, Ennis & London **MM**
Sat.:10am Anna & Liam Cunningham, Ardlea Road.
6.30pm Michael Neylon, 139 Cahercalla Est. **1st Anniv**
Sun.:9am Agnes Fox, 8 Cornmarket Street.
George & Mgt Mc Mahon, St Michaels Villas
Denis Willington, Dublin & Wales.
10.30am Catherine Cotter, College View
Do This in Memory
12 noon Margaret Pearse, late Clonroad. **MM**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 24th January, 2010

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

Kevin Keane, 15 Connolly Villas; **Francis Kenny**, 66 St. Michaels Villas & Kildysart; **Kitty Considine**, 104 Hermitage; **Mamie Murphy**, Cloughleigh Rd; **Michael Lynch**, son of Mary & the late John Lynch, Ennis & Abbey Lawn, Clarecastle; **Sr. Teresa Celine O'Connell**, late Bridgetown & Nazareth House, Cambria, Australia aunt of Michael O'Connell, Tulla Rd; **Ann Kenny**, Corofin, sister in law of Sr. Benedict, Ardlea Close; **Helen Marie Kearns** (nee Lyons), Clareen & Thurles

Society of St Vincent de Paul

"Local people helping those in need to help themselves." New volunteers are needed. The SVP are holding an open night in the Temple Gate Hotel on Wed 27th Jan at 8.30pm. Anyone interested in the work of the society or in becoming a volunteer is welcome to come along.



Date for Diary

- ✦ Finance/Property Committee meeting on Wednesday 20th Jan at 8pm, Cathedral House.
- ✦ Cathedral Liturgy Group, meeting on Monday 25th Jan at 8.30pm, Cathedral House.



Today's Scripture Readings



With Inclusive Language

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
 about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
 until her integrity shines out like the dawn
 and her salvation flames like a torch.
 The nations then will see your integrity,
 all the kings your glory,
 and you will be called by a new name,
 one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
 You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the
 Lord,
 a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
 no longer are you to be named Forsaken,
 nor your land Abandoned,
 but you shall be called My Delight
 and your land The Wedded;
 for the Lord takes delight in you
 and your land will have its wedding.
 Like a young man marrying a young woman,
 so will the one who built you wed you,
 and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
 So will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
 Among all the peoples.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
 Sing to the Lord all the earth.
 O sing to the Lord, bless his name. ℣

Proclaim his help day by day,
 Tell among the nations his glory
 And his wonders among all the peoples. ℣

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 Give the Lord glory and power,
 Give the Lord the glory of his name. ℣

Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king'.
 He will judge the peoples in fairness. ℣

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is

given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the works of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
And they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants. 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

