



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

17th July, 2011

God Ever Faithful

It is mid-July and our town, Ennis, is wearing its best garment. I refer to all the flowers in elaborate arrangements in wayside beds or in hanging baskets, and the magnificent rows of trees in full leaf. Not a weed to be seen, as energetic men and women step out in the evening, with brush and shovel to ensure the beauty of their area.

Whether there is a prize or not at Summer's end, is not really important. All that matters, is that we sustain the effort, to keep our town as beautiful as we would like it to be.

On this mid-July Sunday, there is a story from a farm, in our Gospel. The farmer had sown good seed in Spring, but at harvest time, there are lots of weeds among the wheat. Should those weeds be pulled out? The farmer has decided that pulling the weeds would damage his wheat crop and so he leaves them until harvesting and then takes out the weeds for burning.

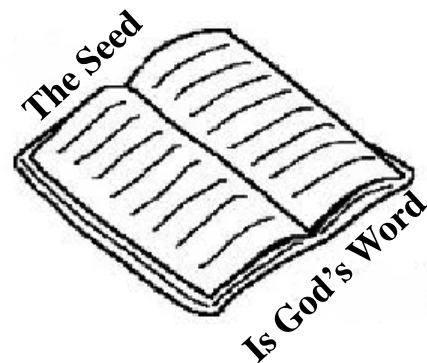
This story of the farmer was told long ago by Jesus, to illustrate God's forbearance with us people.

When we misbehave, or even become delinquent, we still retain God's friendship and His love.

The bottom line for all of us is that constant change for the better becomes a matter of supreme importance.

God loves both the saint and the sinner in us, but He wants us to strive to be more like saints.

God continues to call, even when the line is engaged,
even when there is no answer.



**God is love
and because He loves each of us
He will always be there for us**

The Eucharist: Communion with Christ & with One Another



Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido- Witajcie-Bemvindo-Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu- Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 17th July, 2011
Priest on Duty:
Please contact Parish Office at:
065 6824043



Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Salome Kucerova; Ryan Daly; Sean Paul Daly.

Opera Magic for Clare & Limerick Children

Summer Music at the Shannon's (SMS) internationally renowned summer children's Opera school and festival, returns to Ennis, July 25th to August 13th. No previous music training is required. Participants as young as 7 meet, rehearse and perform together with children of different ages, backgrounds and countries. The 10th Anniversary opera chosen for this year is *Deep Waters*



The Youth Opera staff this year include London actress, singer and director Airlie Scott, Canadian conductor Toni Rose, Co. Clare artist designer Peter Daffy, costume designer Monica Hannaford & voice instructor Edel O'Brien also living in Co. Clare. Rehearsals and classes commence July 25th Danlann an Chlair in Ennis continuing Mon to Fri for 3 weeks, with Performances in Limerick on August 10th, Ennis on August 11th and Galway on August 13th. Applications are still being accepted and some bursary funds are available. For brochures and information: E-mail: summermusic@iol.ie Tel. 065 708 7566 Web: www.summermusicingalway.com.

Golf Classic in aid of Bushypark Treatment Centre (a Clarecare Service) on Sat 27th August at Ennis Golf Club; €140/team or €35 each



Parish weddings

Recently married in Ennis Parish:

Sarah Power, Castlelawn & **Sean Murphy**, Fergus Manor;
Eimear O'Dea, Tobartaoscain & **Noel O'Grady**, Kildysart ;
Carol O'Doherty, Tobartaoscain & **Eamon O'Callaghan**, Corrovorrin Grove;
Aine Gibbons, Castlerock & **Ronan O'Reilly**, Roslevan;
Claire Dinan, Gallow's Hill & **Darragh Lynch**, Tulla Road;
Christine Kearse, Connolly Villas & **Liam O'Leary**, Turnpike Road;
Louise Guilfoyle, Roslevan & **Michael McArdle**, Dublin;
Jane Sheedy, Greendale & **Finbar Leahy**, Galway;
Lynda Shanahan, Rockmount, & **Thomas Clancy**, Lissycasey;
Susan Gannon, Headford & **Micheal Walsh**, Ballinrobe;
Caroline Watt, Scotland & **Declan Walsh**, Clonroadmore;
Nicola Moroney, Dalcassian Pk., & **Craig Ryan**, Cahercalla Heights.



Sr. Mercy Lillis



Sr. Mary Lillis from 'St. Xavier's Convent', died in Catherine McAuley House, Limerick on July 4th, 2011.

Born in Kilrush, she received her education in Kilrush, Spanish Point and in UCC. Her teaching career spanned forty years. She taught History, Geography, Latin and Irish in Colaiste Muire and in Spanish Point. On her retirement from teaching in 1982, Sr. Mercy went to Cocoa Beach, Florida, where she was involved in Parish Ministry for nine years. Returning from the USA, she lived with the Sisters in Rosanore and St. Xavier's Convent, before going to Catherine McAuley House, Limerick, in 2007, where she was loved and cared for, until her death.

Sr. Mercy was a dedicated teacher who loved music. She collaborated with Sr. Paul, RIP, in training the orchestra for the operas. She had a sincere love of the Irish language and our Celtic Traditions and she requested that her funeral Mass would be celebrated as Gaeilge. She will be greatly missed by her sister, Kitty Leahy, Kilrush, her Mercy Community, her nieces and nephews, her extended family, many friends and past pupils.

In iothlann Dé go gcastar sinn.

Live the Word:

Take ten minutes out in the garden. Get a chair, sit. Observe what you see. Look at the flowers, their pretty petal details. Listen to the wind rustling through the trees, as the leaves dance in ticklish delight. Sit and just be.



East Africa Drought

Thirteen million people across three countries are in urgent need of aid as a result of the most serious drought to have hit East Africa in 60 years.



If you wish to make a donation to help Trocaire's famine relief effort, you will have an opportunity to do so at all Masses next weekend, Jul 23rd and 24th.



Program to help with Arthritis sufferers in West Co on Tue 30th August from 7-9.30pm;
Tel: +353 1 647 0206
Web: www.arthritisireland.ie



Clare Hospice at Cahercalla
www.cahercalla.ie Weekly Draw Results..Year 11 Week 4

Tue, July 12th 2011. 1st Prize €635.00..Sean O'Brien, Corofin, 2nd Prize €127.00..Mary Murphy, Coolsapeen,

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday, 10th July, 2011

€7,815



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. 065 6822166

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Charelle Howard, 16 Oakwood Drive.
Sun 10am: Mulkerrins Family, Old Gort Rd & Oughterard.
11.30am: Pat & Josephine Tobin, St. Senan's Rd.
Tue 11am: Tom, Dillie & Maisie McMahon, Gort Rd.
Wed 11am: Kieran O'Dwyer, Clooney.
Sat 23rd 11am: John & Nancy O'Donoghue, St. Michael's Villas.
3.30pm: Nell Walsh, Clonroad. MM
7pm: James & Mary Meehan, Kilrush Rd.
Sun 11.30am: May & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 17th : 9.30am Int. of Temidooyo Eze & family
11am: Patrick O'Connor late of Lough, Doolin & late husband of Kathleen, Dún na hInse & decd family members USA & Scotland.
Mon: 9.30am: Jim Tobin, Ray an Tiomaire.
Tues: 9.30am: P.J. Fitzgibbon, Portacard.
Wed. 9.30am: Jim Mc Phillips Cloncoole.
Thurs. 9.30am: Michael Molloy, Ballach.
Fri. 9.30am: Mary Mc Namara, Talamh.
Sun 24th 9.30am: Maureen Moroney & dec'd family members, Clare Rd. & Miltown Malbay.

Lá Fhéile Naomh Swithin

Easpag Sacsanaigh ab ea é a mhair i Winchester na Breataine sa 9ú haois. Bhí clú agus cáil air mar dhuine an-charthanach. Dé réir na finscéalta nuair a bhí sé ar leaba a bháis thug sé le fios gur theastaigh uaidh a bheith curtha taobh amuigh faoin aer ionas go bhféadfadh na daoine siúil ar a uaigh agus go dtitfeadh an fhearhainn anuas air. Rinneadh sin ach tar éis naoi mbliana thosaigh an raic. Sa bhliain 971 AD rinneadh iarracht a chorp a thabhairt isteach san Ard -Eaglais ar an 15ú Iúil chuig scrín a bhí tógtha acu ansin. Thosaigh sé ag cur báistí go trom agus bhí sé ag cur báistí gan stad ar feadh daichead lá. Mar gheall ar an mbáisteach theip orthu an corp a aistriú go ceann daichead lá. Dúradh, freisin, go mbeadh dhá scór lá tirim ann dá mbeadh Lé 'le Swithin tirim.

St Swithin an Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester who lived in the 9th century. He was famous for his charitable works. According to tradition, on his death bed, he requested to be buried outside where passers-by could walk over his grave and raindrops fall upon it. Nine years later the shrine was built inside Winchester Cathedral for his remains. On 15th July 971 during the ceremony, it started to rain and continued for another forty days. It is also said if St.Swithin's feast is fine, it will continue for forty days.

*St Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare*



Many thanks to all who contributed to 'The Children's Ark' Oncology Fund, Paediatric Ward, Limerick, at the recent Cathedral Choir Concert.

Clare Branch of the Irish Kidney Association thank all who contributed so generously to their recent Church gate collection. Special thanks to all the volunteers.



2011—The Year of Craft
Craft workers are invited to display/demonstrate their craft on 22nd /23rd/ & 24th July at Gortlomain Cottage, Barefield Call 087 2196507 or 087 2799260 .

Type 2 Diabetes Meeting on Tue, 19th of July, in Marie Assumpta Hall, Station Rd, from 8 to 9:30pm. Support Group can be contacted at 087 6415747 or clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you for the Night Vigil on 23rd July from 8.30pm to 1am at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle. 0874167561; nightvigillimerick@yahoo.com

Table Quiz:

Pat Collins will travel to Ecuador for 5 weeks at the end of August to help Fr. John Molloy in his work in Monte Sinai. The Banner GAA Club have arranged a **Table Quiz** to raise funds to be spent in Ecuador. The Quiz is planned for **8:30pm, Friday next July 22nd in Woodstock Golf Club.** Tables of 4 for €40. Generous prizes, Finger food & Raffle. Pat pays for his own flights & other expenses, so any money collected will be for use in whatever work he does there. Please support



*The Lord be with you
And with your spirit.*

Volunteers required for bag packing in Tesco on **Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd** for Cuan an Chlair. Contact Mary O'Sullivan: 065 6824878.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat.:6.30pm Margaret Queally, 44 Hermitage. **1st Anniv Sun: 9am** Paddy & Josie Hahessy, 28 St. Michaels Vls
10.30am Paschal Shanahan, 23 St. Flannan's Tce.
Leona Sabroso, Phillipines.
Donors Intentions.
12 noon Nicole Moloney, Clancy Park. MM
Mon:7.45am Holy Souls.
10am Frank Hanrahan, Dalcassian Drive.
7.30pm Bernard, Mary, Michael & Bernie Dilger, 39 Connolly Villas.
Tues.:7.45am Donors Intentions.
10am Gian Franco Alborante, 7 Greendale.
7.30pm Margaret Fitzpatrick, 2 St. Patrick's Tce.
Wed.:7.45am Holy Souls.
10am Dan Lane, Mungret, Limerick.
7.30pm Margaret Pilkington, 17 St. Michael's Villas.
Thurs.:7.45am Griffin Family, Ayle, Feakle.
10am Howard Family, Lahinch Road.
7.30pm Mona Kelly, 2 Kilrush Road.
Fri.:7.45am Joe & Frances Moloney, O'Connell Street.
10am John Dinan, Kilrush Road.
7.30pm Mass for the People.
Sat.:10am Mai Brennan, "Chez Nous", Clonroad..
6.30pm Jamie Coote, Cusack Road. **1st Anniv Sun 24th :9am** Peter O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
10.30am John Brigdale, 98 Clancy Park.
Michael Guerin, 9 Colodey Park.
Pat, Flan & Ursula Brody, Loughville Cross.
P.J. Keane, Loughville.
Paschal Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.
12 noon Joseph Chandler, Sandfield Place & Hermitage. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 24th July, 2011

Readers: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

Tom O'Brien, Ardclough, Kildare, brother of Sr. Pius O'Brien, St. Xavier's convent, Ennis; **Gerry Slevin**, Nenagh, formerly of Ashfield Park & Clare Champion; **Andrew O'Mahony**, Waterford, father of Mary King, Ennis; **Sr. Brid Hogan**, St. Xavier's Convent; **Paddy Burke**, Connolly, brother of Martin, Golf Links Rd. **Nancy Slattery**, Cahercalla.

Lough Derg

Time For Body & Soul



3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg
Monday 1st August to Wednesday 3rd August.
Booking & details from Parish Office 6824043.

Family Support Programme for those distressed by a loved one's substance misuse or addiction welcomes you on Tue evenings; 7.30pm, room 13 in Clarecare Ennis

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no God, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous person must be kindly to his fellow people, and you have given your sons & daughters the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,

Full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer

And attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you

And glorify your name, O Lord:

For you are great and do marvellous deeds,

You who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,

Slow to anger, O Lord,

Abounding in love and truth,

Turn and take pity on me. **R**



Second Reading

Rm 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what the Spirit means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,

So that we can see what hope God's call holds for us.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.