



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass
St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass
Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am
Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 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; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B) 18th February, 2018

LENT - A NEW SPRINGTIME

Lent comes from an old English word meaning spring. Spring is the time of the year when the days are getting longer, the land is being prepared, seeds are sown and new life begins to appear. Lent can be a new springtime in our spiritual lives also.

Pope Francis is asking us this year to celebrate family and we are privileged to be having that celebration here in Ireland. In preparation for that World Meeting of Families we could concentrate during this Lent on celebrating all that is good and special in our own family.

The family is called the domestic church. We believe that God is present everywhere. Let us be aware that God is lovingly present in every nook and corner of our home and in each person.

It is in family that we learn what it means to be a christian. We learn to respect and appreciate each other, to be kind, loving and caring, to be generous and unselfish, to listen and to respect differences and to make space for others. We learn to say sorry and to forgive, to share our stories, to break bread together and to pray. It is through these lived experiences that we come in touch with God. We come to the parish church to celebrate with other families what we are living out at home each day.

At Baptism we became part of the family of God and were entrusted with the responsibility of making known the message of Jesus. It is from our family home that we go out to witness to the values of Jesus in the wider world. God is at the heart of our lives as family and it's in our home that we most often encounter God. Let us open our hearts each day to God's loving presence in our midst. Family is good news and lived in faith, it becomes a way to share that faith and Good News with others.

Let us give God thanks each day for our family and let us celebrate one another with joy.

FAMILY

is where LIFE begins
and LOVE never ends



**HOME IS A HOLY PLACE
ÁIT NAOFA AN TEAGHLACH**

A Family Prayer

Lord bless all of us , present and absent, living and dead, in the ups and downs of our family life, in times of joy and sorrow and in light and darkness. **Amen**

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd. **1st Anniv**
Mary (Bodie) Hanley, Park Row, Francis St. MM
Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross. MM

Sun: 9.30am: Gerry Keane, St. Anne's Tce.
Patsy Quinn, Clonroad.

James (Jim) O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.
Patrick Lynch & deceased family, Ahern's Tce.
Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.
Eleanor Murphy, Magowna, Inch.

RCIA Enrolment.

11.30am: Senan Sheehan, The Hawthorns. **1st Anniv**
Johnny Joyce, Beechpark.

Ciara Fox, Hermitage.
Kearney family, O'Callaghan's Mills.
Killian O'Sullivan, Caherciveen, Co Kerry.

Mon: 7.45am: Michael & Mary Ryan, St. Michael's Vlls.

10am: John Barry & family, Limerick Rd.

7.30pm: Cyril Lane, Tobartaoscaín.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Anthony Carey, Carmody St.

7.30pm: Nora Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.

Wed: 7.45am: Corcoran family, Templemore.

10am: Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.

7.30pm: Jacksie & Lil Russell, Kilrush Rd.

Margaret Graham, Cusack Rd.

Thurs: 7.45am: Bennie Donnellan, Mullagh.

10am: Teresa Mc Cormack, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Agnes Sexton, Hermitage.

Fri: 7.45am Michael Mc Mullin, Killarney.

10am: Michael Reddan, Beechpark.

7.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sat: 10am: Danny Greene, Cahercalla Rd.

John & Nora Mc Grath, Considine Rd.

Eileen Dunne, Clare Rd.

6.30pm: Christy Shannon, Hermitage. **1st Anniv**

Peadar O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas. MM

Eileen Dinan, Cahercalla Heights. MM

Do this in Memory

Sun 9.30am: Johnny Purcell, Ard na Greine.

Michael Kelly, Beechpark.

Florence O'Brien, Circular Rd.

Frank Lillis, Beechpark.

11.30am: Flan O'Reilly, Clare Rd. MM

James Burke, Park Ave, Clonroad.

Frances & Joseph Molony, O'Connell St.

With the reduction in the number of weekend Masses in Ennis it may be now necessary to have multi intentions at all Masses in the Cathedral.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 25th February, 2018

Readers: Group 7

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.

Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.

Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.

Sun 11am: Lucille Hayes. Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh.

Do this in Memory.

Hospital & Sick Calls

18th February, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Please call: 065 6869098

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Please call: 065 6869098

Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the
Christian Community
through the Sacrament of*

*Baptism: Erik Adamcin Kelly,
Tony Patrick Mulvey, Kacper
Proszkiewicz, Oliver
Proszkiewicz, Shane Morley*

Readers' Rota. A new readers' rota has been drawn up to accommodate our young people who are doing the John Paul 11 awards. We have emailed the rota where possible and new copies are available from the Parish Office.

Guest speaker Ellen O Neal "Addiction & the Family" will speak at 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Sun 25th Feb.

Prolife Rosary Rally.

Sun 18th Feb 3p.m. to 4.15p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Ennis.

Intention: **Protect the 8th Amendment.** All are welcome.

Rest in Peace

Pauline Pender, Riverside, Clonroad, John (JT.) Madigan, Cork & Kilmurry Mc Mahon, brother of Maria Madigan, Clonroad, Teresa Crowe, Ballybeg, & Oliver, Ivy Hill, **John Scanlan**, Dalcassian Ave & Lisroe, Kilmaley, **Angela Cahill**, Cavan, Sister in Law of Brigid Milan, Morrissey Ave and Kathleen Cahill, Circular Rd, **Cecil Collins**, Galway, brother of Kevin, Cahercalla Rd, **John Mulqueen**, Ballygriffey, brother of Helen, Meadow Court & Annette, French Court, **John Lynch**, Terenure, California & Bindon St

Sale of Work 2nd Hand Goods

Cuan shop opens each week on Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat. from 10am-3pm.

Good quality second hand items are required for the Cuan Shop.



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:

Sun 10am: Teresa Kelly, Fergus Pk. **1st Anniv**

11.45am: Jim Rochford, Bodyke.

Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Tues 11am: Katie Drennan, Laureen, Lahinch Rd.

Wed 11am: Michael & Mary Ensko, Marian Ave.

Thu 11am: Margaret Mc Carthy, Cree.

Fri 11am: Mary Meehan, Cappagh, Kilrush.

Sat 11am: Mary Hegarty, Shanaway. **1st Anniv**

7pm: Tony Strand, Shannon Pk.

Sun 10am: Anna Casey, Marian Ave.

11.45am: Joe, Kitty & Sheila Glynn.

Peg Moloney, Loughville. MM

Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a prayer group on this **Tuesday Evening; 8pm; Chapter room.** All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.

Creative Journaling

during lent with Denis Crosby, Maria Assumpta Hall, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Cost: €5 per session. Places limited contact: Anthony 087 6163492, Maureen 087 2890942, Donagh 087 2322140

Christmas Concert for Organ Restoration Fund

€4000 was raised by the December Concert. Sincere thanks to Michael Hennessy & The Cathedral Choir, Carol O'Neill & The Quin & Tonic choir, Mary Curley & The Forever Young Choir, Geraldine Bradley & The Cantare Chamber Choir, The Burren Trio, Soprano Karoline O'Sullivan, Andrea Sheehan & Grace Russell, and our compere for the evening, Nigel Bridge. Thanks to all who supported the night and all who donated. **Míle Buíochas**

Pilgrimages 2018

Killaloe Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport **Tue 26th June to Sun 1st July.** €695 full board for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie or €705 for paper booking. Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims Details: Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 061-364133.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2018 from SHANNON on 16th May to 23rd May Accompanied by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald as Spiritual Director. Cost: €629 if deposit paid by 1st Feb, thereafter cost: €679. Enquiries: Kathleen: 086 1031508 or Mary: 086 3629808.

Medjugorje, 14th June 2017 with Spiritual Director Fr Paddy Conway. Contact Bernadette: 0861634553.

Medjugorje, 5th—12th Sept Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 12th—19th Sept accompanied by Fr. Martin Blake & Rev Martin Shanahan. Info: James Considine: 065 9059328 or 085 7385385

Sorrento & San Giovanni; 15th-22nd Oct Afternoon flight from Dublin; Cost: €995. Contact Mary O'Sullivan: 087 1247669; Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Hogan PP

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults- the Catholic Church welcomes adult members into the Christian Community through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please invite anyone you know who is interested. contact Parish Office 065 6824043

Prayer for RCIA Enrolment

A prayer for our candidate Roseline who will be received into the church on Holy Saturday Night

Lord eternal source of light, justice and truth, take under your tender care your servant Roseline preparing for Baptism on Holy Saturday Evening.

Purify her and make her holy. Give her true knowledge, sure hope and sound understanding.

Make her worthy to receive the grace of Baptism. Give Your Holy Spirit to her so that she will live by the truth and walk in the light of Christ.

Let her always remember that she is God's work of art and may she live a good life as from the beginning You meant her to live. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Ennis Rotary to Cuan Daycare Centre



Presentation of cheque from Bowling evening, from Ennis Rotary Club Bowling evening €1000 Cuan an Chláir. Canon Bob Hanna, president Rotary Club, Mary O'Sullivan, Chairperson, Cuan Fundraising.

Cancer Man 2 Man, men only meeting Sat, Feb 24th, 11am with visiting Oncology Nurse Specialist for Questions and Answers at Sláinte an Chláir, Clare Cancer Support Centre, Kilnamona

Thomond Bridge Club are holding a charity night in aid of the restoration of the Organ at Ennis Cathedral on Wed 21st Feb @ 7.30pm in the Bridge Centre, Harmony Row. All Bridge players welcome.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass; Sunday, 18th February; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick and Janice and Moss Carrigg, Limerick.

Cloughleigh Comhaltas and Woodstock set dancers will host a Table Quiz in aid of the Clare Crusaders Clinic, at Woodstock Golf and Country Club on Thurs 22nd Feb at 8pm. Table of four €20.

Spring Floral Demonstration Annual Membership Night. Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Helen Cusack, Limerick at Treacy's West County Hotel, on Tues Feb 20th. Demonstration commences at 8.15pm Doors open 7.30pm. Demonstrator's Arrangements raffled on the night. All are welcome. Further enquiries to ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

FR. Nikola, and catechists of the Neo-Catechuman Way invite you to talks beginning Feb 18th Sun & Wed, 8pm, Parish centre. Theme: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." Come to all or any.

Ennis Tidy Towns first major project is the Spring Biodiversity Lecture series which takes place every Wed from 7-8pm in Waterpark House, Drumbiggle Rd, 21st Feb with renowned artist and wildlife expert Gordon D'Arcy. Events are free, all are welcome

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

At Carghas.

Is tráth liotúigeach troscadh, tréanais agus aithrí, ó Chéadaoin an Luathrigh go Domhnach Cásca é, an Carghas. Iarrtar orainn scaradh lenár bpeacaí agus iompú chun Dé. Tréimhse daichead lá ag ullmhú d'Aiséirí ár dTiarna Íosa Críost atá ann. Is ceann de na tréimhsí is tábhachtaí é i bhféilire na hEaglaise. Ba é an phríomhaidhm a bhí i gcónaí ag an Eaglais i leith an Charghais ná guí, aithrí, agus déanamh déirce agus féindiúlú.

Sular chuir Íosa tús lena shaol poiblí, chaith Sé daichead lá sa bhfiántas. Sa chiúnas sin bhí deis aige éisteacht le briathar Dé agus toil a Athar maidir lena shaol féin a aimsiú. Ag tús an Charghais, iarrtar orainn breathnú ar ár saol, féachaint an bhfuilimid dáiríre faoi Íosa Críost a leanúint agus bheith dílis dár greideamh. Is fiú mar sin cuimhneamh ar mhóideanna ár mbaiste féachaint an bhfuil na gealltanais á chomhlíonadh againn lá i ndiaidh lae. Cuirimis fáilte roimh an gCarghas mar go dtugann sé deis dúinn aithrí a dhéanamh inár bpeacaí agus sampla Críost a leanúint. Beidh Sé in éineacht linn, lena ghrásta i ngach coiscéim den bhealach.

Dia do mo stiúradh, Dia do mo shaoradh, Dia do mo sheoladh, Dia do mo theagasc, Agus Dia do mo shábháil ar gach áit a mbionn an peaca. Aiméan

(Traidisiúnta)

Lent is a season of fast, abstinence and repentance from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. We are invited to reject sin and turn to God. It is a period of forty days in preparation for feast of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important seasons in the Church calendar. Its main objective always was prayer, repentance and alms giving. Before Jesus began his public life, he spent forty days in the wilderness. In the silence he had an opportunity to listen to the word of God and to know His will. At the beginning of Lent, we are advised to examine our lives to see if we are committed to following Christ and remain faithful to our faith. We recall our Baptismal Promises and see if we observe them daily. Let us welcome the Season of Lent as it affords us an opportunity to repent and follow the example of Jesus. He will accompany us with his grace every step of the way.

God direct me, God rescue me, God guide me, God teach me, And God deliver me from all occasions of sin. Amen

Afternoon of Renewal for Lent in St Anthony's Hall Francis Street on Sun 25th Feb, 1.30 pm, finish with Mass and Healing Service. Brendan Walsh SCA Pallottine Fathers, Rosary Praise, Worship Music Talk Theme 'What the Spirit brings is Hope' Contact Frank 087 9652864 or Clair 086 1622675



Ennis Parish in conjunction with Clare Roots Society is compiling details of parishoners, Priests, Religious Brothers & Sisters who have worked in Ireland and outside on the missions in the past and continue to this day. We wish to recognise them and their works over the years. Resulting from the information submitted it is proposed to record their contribution by the inclusion of their details and achievements in a book to be published later in the year. If you have any details of a relation or friends who fill these criteria please contact Cora at cora@ennisparish.com

Doora Pastoral Council Annual Table Quiz in aid of Hospice Jinja, Uganda on Sat 24th Feb at Shibeen Pub, Doora. Quiz starts 8.30pm. €30per team of four. Spot prizes.

Clare County Council are preparing a design scheme to revitalise the network of laneways within Ennis Town. There will be a public information evening to display the preliminary public realm proposals for the laneways on Tues 20th Feb between 5pm-7pm in the Old Ground Hotel. Please come along and have your say.

Holy Family School Fundraiser. Cash for Clobber. Please drop bags to school reception during school hours until March 2nd. We will be delighted to take all types of donations, unwanted clothes, hats, shoes, bags, belts, towels and bedlinen.

The 2018 Michael Guerin Daffodil Day launch night is on Mon Feb 19th at 8pm in Tracey's West County Hotel. Daffodil Day is on March 23rd. If you would like to volunteer please contact Clare Howard on 086 2267364.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, €5826.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. **For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. **And grant us your salvation.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

C. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise
you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify
you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Genesis

Gen 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I
establish my Covenant with you, and with
your descendants after you; also with every
living creature to be found with you, birds,
cattle and every wild beast with you:
everything that came out of the ark,
everything that lives on the earth. I establish
my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh
shall be swept away again by the waters of
the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy
the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the
Covenant I make between myself and you
and every living creature with you for all
generations: I set my bow in the clouds and
it shall be a sign of the Covenant between
me and the earth. When I gather the clouds
over the earth and the bow appears in the
clouds, I will recall the Covenant between
myself and you and every living creature of
every kind. And so the waters shall never

again become a flood to destroy all things
of flesh.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

R

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path;

He teaches his way to the poor.

R

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

1 Pt 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was,
died once for sins, died for the guilty, to
lead us to God. In the body he was put to
death, in the spirit he was raised to life,
and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the
spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when
Noah was still building that ark which saved
only a small group of eight people 'by
water', and when God was still waiting
patiently, that these spirits refused to
believe. That water is a type of the baptism
which saves you now, and which is not the
washing off of physical dirt but a pledge
made to God from a good conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has entered heaven and is at God's
right hand, now that he has made the
angels and Dominations and Powers his
subjects.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the
wilderness and he remained there for forty
days, and was tempted by Satan. He was
with the wild beasts, and the angels
looked after him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus went into Galilee. There he
proclaimed the Good News from God.
'The time has come' he said 'and the
kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent,
and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, and by the
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. For our sake he
was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he
suffered death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day In accordance with
the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**