



# 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:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

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

Friary: 6828751

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

18th September, 2011

## Growing Old Gracefully

Charlton Heston - the great actor of 'The Ten Commandments' fame, put a little humour into his growing old when he wrote: "If you see a little less spring in my step, if your name fails to leap to my lips, you'll know why and if I tell you a funny story for the second time, please laugh anyway!"

Jesus spoke the famous 'Eight Beatitudes' in the Sermon on the Mount. I came across recently the following Beatitude poem, which I publish as a salute of appreciation for and in solidarity with our senior citizens, and which I hope might be a help to all of us - young and old.

### GOLDEN AGE BEATITUDES

*Blessed are they who bring back memories of yesterday,*

*Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and shaky hand,*

*Blessed are they who know my ears today, must strain to catch the things you say,*

*Blessed are they who know that my eyes are dim and wits are slow,*

*Blessed are they who looked away when the cup spilled at my table today,*

*Blessed are they with a cheery smile, who stop to chat for a little while,*

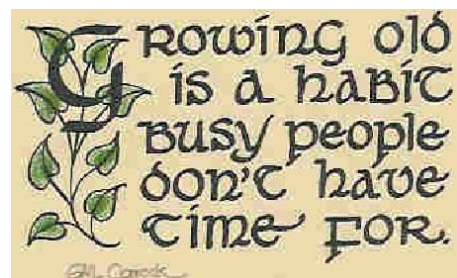
*Blessed are they who never say you've told that story twice today',*

*Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone,*

*Blessed are they who know I am at a loss to find the strength to carry my cross,*

*Blessed are they who in loving ways, ease the days on my journey home,*

*Compliments to 'Africa', Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow*



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: 18th September, 2011  
Priest on Duty:  
Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087 6615975  
Wednesday Duty:  
Fr. John McGovern ☎ 065 68 22166



### Gospel Mass

Monthly gathering in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 25th September @ 6.30pm, with The Ennis Gospel Choir. All welcome.

### Live the Word

Have courage in the face of fear. Even, when faced with the most challenging situation, have courage that you can get through it. Remember, you hold the solution and you are the answer to all of Life's problems.



### Reflecting on the Sunday Readings every Tuesday.

Time: from 11am. to 12pm. Venue: Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Rd, Ennis. For Info: Contact Br.

Dick Burke 065 6821471 or 0872047649.

NATIONAL LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, SUN, 25TH SEPT, bus leaving St. Joseph's Church 9.45am and leaving Cathedral 10am. Please book early to get a seat. Bus fare €12. Ring Conor @ 0879972214.



### Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Aoibhinn Beatha an Scoláire  
A bhíos ag déanamh léinn

(Ní fios cé chum)

Comhghairdeas leis na daltaí, a fuair torthaí an Teastais Shóisearaigh i rith na seachtaine. Go gcuire Dia rath agus bláth orthu agus iad anois ag tabhairt faoi ullmhúchán don Ardeistiméireacht. Anois an t-am chuige. Ná bígí ag cur bhur gcuid staidéir ar athló ach glac comhairle an tseanfhocail, 'má chuireann tú gach rud ar an méar fhada, beidh an mhéar fhada ró-ghairid ar ball'.

Pleasant is the scholar's life  
Engaging in learning

(Anonymous)

Congratulations to the students who received Junior Cert results during the week. May God bless them as they begin preparing for Leaving Cert. Now is the time. Do not postpone your study but heed the advice of the proverb, 'Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.'

### Ennis Tidy Towns' Committee

Congratulations to Ennis Tidy Towns' Committee, the Ennis Urban Council and County Council Staff and all the individual Business and housing Estates that contributed to the success of this year's Tidy Towns' Award. Ennis was judged the best kept urban area in Clare and in the region. It was runner up to the best kept large urban area Kilkenny on 308 and just 3 marks behind the national winner Killarney on 310. Ní neart go cur le cheile—Well done to all in helping create our town, a community, a place that is beautiful to live in and displays respect and care of people and environment.



Oxfam needs volunteers & books in their Ennis Branch at 8 Parnell St. If you have interest in volunteering & especially if you have any knowledge of books, then OXFAM Ennis is the place for you. Make new friends, learn new skills & help out a good cause. Call to shop for Application Form or 085 7110204.

Charity Cycle Sept 24 for TLC4CF - Cystic Fibrosis from Kilnaboy NS at 10am 0868390942; www.tlc4cf.com

Major gospel choirs and artists to perform at gospel music festival 24 Sep at 18:30; Liberty Hall Theatre, Dublin 1; www.tickets.ie or www.dublinglegospelmusicfestival.com

Turnpike Family Fun Day, in Dalcassian Ave Green on September 18th 2.30pm—5.30pm Lots of fun for everyone; Fancy Dress; Glamorous Gran; Dog Show; Vintage Cars etc Refreshments; Come along and enjoy the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Weather Permitting)

### September Meeting of Clare Roots Society:

speaker John Joe Conwell of Ireland XO project. Wed Sept 21st in usual place. Time 7.45; Any member who wishes to register for the conference can do so at this event.



### Share a Dream Foundation - - -

(which receives no official funding), has been very generous to Jason Lorrigan, a 6 year old child who is terminally ill & from Kildysart. Fr. Colm Hogan & Eugene Lorrigan, (Jason's dad) are undertaking 2 challenges to raise funds. (1) 4 day hike in the Alps from Sept 20-24th & (2) walking the Dublin city marathon end Oct. Cards available from Fr. Colm or Eugene or please send donations directly to Fr. Colm Hogan, Parochial Hse, Kildysart. We make a living by what we make but we make a life by what we give.



## Re-Opening

Martial Arts Classes in Holy Family Hall; Tue: 7-9pm & Thurs: 7-8.30pm. Gerry 0858203252.

Floral Demonstration: Ennis Flower & Garden Club present Martina Flynn, Sligo at the West Co on Tue, 20th Sept at 8.15pm. Floral arrangements raffled on the night. ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net

Gortlomáin ICA Art Exhibition - An exhibition of paintings by members is at the Co Museum, Ennis, until 1st Oct. A percentage from all sales will go to a local charity. Adm free.

Dal gCais Juvenile GAA Club have recommenced Gaelic Football & Hurling training for U6's, U8's and under 10's boys/ girls on Mon & Wed nights at 6:30pm at the rear of St. Flannans College. New persons are always welcome. ☎ John Casey, 087 2785876.

Full daycare & playschool at MaryK's for babies/ children; located off the Ennis bypass & Quin Road (Take road alongside Doora Church signposted for Clare Equestrian Centre MaryK's is on left 150m before Doora N.S.) 0656868575/086 8133553.

Clare Haven Services Walk the Talk Programme - free & confidential program for women who are or have been in a domestic abusive relationship commencing in Ennis at the end of Sept. ☎ Clare Haven on 065 6842646 by Fri 23rd of Sept.

Fiddle lessons for beginners or advanced students. Individual or group classes available. Contact 087 7424749

Music Classes (concertina) with Edel Fox - this week in Ennis; available on all levels - beginner, intermediate and advanced. Individual and group classes provided for children, teenagers and adults. ☎ Edel on 087 9664436.

Sewing classes for beginners and experienced start Wed. 29th Sept., evenings, in Gaelscoil Ennis.: Susanna Anker 085 1243 416.

Concert / Masterclass in flute and piano Concert. Sat 24th Sept at 8pm, Ennis Civic Building (UDC), Drumbiggle Rd, Ennis. Tickets €10; €5 concessions. Masterclass: Sun 25th Sept at 10 am at Clare Music Makers, Bank Pl., Participants: €20.

Beginner Piano and Concertina Lessons available weekends and during the week. Contact 0861988283

Irish Classes begin on Monday 19th September 2011 at Cois na hAbhna, Gort Road, Ennis. 3 levels, beginners, improvers, advanced. €50 for 8 week course. Registration at 6.30; Class 7-8pm.-Is leatsa an Teanga, Use your Gaeilge!

Rockmount Montessori- now enrolling 2 to 5 yr olds. Free early childhood year available (ECCE). Book now for 2012, 2013. Call Edel at 086-8125871 or call in with your child for info.

Little Ducks Crèche is now open in Skehanagh, Clarecastle. Katie: 065 6842533 or 086 2002095, E-mail: [littleducks@eircom.net](mailto:littleducks@eircom.net)

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 11th September, €7,580.00



## 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 7pm:** Alice Hartnett, Tulla Rd.  
**Sun 10am:** Alice Carmody, 50 Marian Ave.  
**11.30am:** Barney Finn, 4 Castle Lawn. MM  
**Mon 11am:** Mary Wynne, Clounmaccon, Inagh.  
**Tue 11am:** Micheál O'Loughlin.  
**Wed 11am:** Mary McMahon, Drumbiggie.  
**7.30 Padre Pio Triduum**  
**Thurs 11am:** Teresa Moloney, late 34 Marian Ave.  
**7.30pm:** Padre Pio Triduum  
**Fri 11am:** Paddy O'Doherty, St. Senan's Rd.  
**7.30 Padre Pio Triduum**  
**Sat 11am:** Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.  
**3pm:** Paul Schmidt Memorial Mass.  
**Sat 7pm:** Sean McNerney, 14 Shannon Park.  
**Sun 25th 10am:** P.J. O'Donnell, Ballyalla.  
**11.30am:** Tom & Carmel MacInerney, 30 The Crescent

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am  
Everybody welcome.

**Padre Pio Triduum** on Wed 21st, Thu 22nd & Fri 23rd Sept in St. Joseph's Church at 7.30pm. **Fr. Kevin McNamara** will speak on Wednesday. Also blessing of Padre Pio Relic. Guest speakers on Thursday: **Fr. Ger Fitzgerald** and Friday: **Fr. Tom Hogan**.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Mon 9.30am:** Sean & Rita O'Brien, late Kilrush Rd.  
**Sun 25th 11am:** Eugene & Seamus Curley, Limerick Rd.

**Shannon Archaeological & Hist Society** organising outing today Sun 18th Sep to Adare village where Br. Colmán O Clabaigh OSB will give a tour of Adare churches & an explanation of the origin of the village & its surrounds. Meet at Heritage Centre, Adare 12 noon.

**Smokers! Free 6 week smoking cessation group in Ennis. Thursdays 1.30- pm from Sept 22.** Book with HSE smoking cessation service: 6865841/6865839

**Building of Hope 2012** fundraising table quiz in Eire Óg on Fri Sept 23rd @ 8.30pm. €40 per table of 4.

**\*Clare Conquest\*** - White Collar Boxing Event in aid of The Clare Crusaders and Ennis Chamber. Info/registration night on Mon the 19th of Sept at 8pm in Knox's Bar & Restaurant Abbey Street, Ennis; 18 and over welcome. **\*Clare Conquest Fight Night to Take Place Friday 25th Nov 201\***

### Dates for Diary

- ◆ Visitation Meeting on Wed Sept 21st @ 7pm in Cathedral House.
- ◆ Planning Group of Abbey Cluster Mon 19th Sep Meeting Room Clarecastle.

Message to young people across the Diocese  
By way of invitation to come to Ennis on Saturday September 24th

Brother Jean- Marie is a member of the Taize Community in France, where upwards of 4,000 young people gather each week of the summer months. A group from the Diocese have travelled there each summer over the past 20 years. Each year 45 young people have taken part. This year we extended an invitation to the Community to send one of The Community to visit us.

Bro Jean-Marie will lead an afternoon from 2.15pm in the Holy Family Hall, Station Road Ennis, organised with a number of the young people, who have been with us in Taize.

**Theme: Joy Compassion Forgiveness**

That night we will bring the evening to a close with an experience of prayer, creating a beautiful atmosphere, using the songs of prayer used in Taize, again led by our young people. This will begin at 8pm in the Cathedral. We invite parents, and people of all ages to join with us for this Prayer.

**When:** Saturday 24th September

**Where:** Holy Family School Hall (across the road from the Cathedral)

**Time:** Afternoon begins at 2.15 for the gathering of young people

**Prayer begins 8pm** in the Cathedral for all who would like to join us

**Who:** 2.15pm young people 17 years and older

**8pm:** Prayer in the Cathedral. Everybody is welcome.

**All queries to Fr Jerry 086 2508444**

### Clarecare Parenting Programmes Autumn 2011

Parents Plus (1-6 yrs) Ennis Tues Sept 27 (10am-12noon) Clarecare, Harmony Row.

☎Michelle Barnes 6894246 or parentingupport@clarecare.ie

*Provides parents with practical ideas, discussions re everyday challenges & step by step suggestions to help.*

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat.:6.30pm** Mary Bredin, 13 Limerick Rd. MM  
**Sun 9am** Olive O'Malley, Kilbricken, Doorra & Fergus Pk.  
Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Prague, Ardlea Rd.  
**10.30am** Neil & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.  
Patrick (Pa) O'Brien, Willow Park.  
Kathleen McGovern, St. Martin's, College View.  
**12noon:** Mass for the People.  
**Mon:7.45am** Donors Intentions.  
**10am** Mary Clancy, Morehaun, Fountain.  
**7.30pm** Nancy Shannon, & dec'd family, 86 Hermitage.  
**Tues.:7.45am** Special Intention.  
**10am** Patrick Reidy, 319 Golf Links Rd.  
**7.30pm** Sean Lernihan & dec'd family, Gallows Hill.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Special Intention.  
**10am** Bernard & Agnes O'Shaughnessy, St. Michaels Villas  
**7.30pm** Martin & Catherine Brody, 12 Limerick Rd.  
**Thurs.:7.45am** Mass for the People  
**10am** Bridget O'Connor, Inagh  
**7.30pm** Micheál & Peggy Roche, 23 St. Michaels Villas  
**Fri.:7.45am** Donors Intentions.  
**10am** Special Intention  
**7.30pm** John Ryan, Ardlea Rd. **1st Anniv**  
**Sat.:10am** Jason Wood, 8 Connolly Villas  
Ralph Martin, California  
**6.30pm** Sean Mullarkey, 70 College Green **1st Anniv**  
**Sun. 25th: 9am** John Joe & Kathleen Cullinan, Cornmarket  
**10.30am** Martin Crowe, 78 St. Michaels Villas  
Kitty Kelly, College Rd.  
**12 noon** Michael Butler, Claireen. **1st Anniv**

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 25th September 2011

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



### Rest in Peace

**Mary Barrett**, Rushane, Kilnamona, mother of Paul Barrett, Claireen; **Theresa McMahon**, Mullagh, mother of Mary Walsh, Inis Grove; **Pauline Greer**, Kilrush Rd.; **Veronica Drinan**, "Ashmeer", Cusack Rd.; **Dominic (Timothy) O'Sullivan**, 82 College Green;



**Celebrate Clare's Culture on September 23rd** Clare hosts **Clare Culture Night**, a free night of entertainment, discovery and adventure for the whole family. Events include everything from guided tours of Ennis Courthouse to bouncing on an inflatable replica of Poulabroune Dolmen in Friar's Walk Carpark. Further details available at [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie) and [www.culturenight.ie](http://www.culturenight.ie). Follow Clare Culture Night on Facebook for updates.

**Fancy being a part of Clare's first Culture Night?** Clare Arts Office is looking for volunteers to help with running Clare Culture Night events in Ennis. In order to volunteer you must be available during Friday September 23rd. Volunteers must be over 16 years. In exchange for your time you will get to see some fantastic culture and entertainment and undoubtedly have fun along the way. Those interested should get in touch with Clare Arts Office at 065 6899091 or email [clareculturenight@gmail.com](mailto:clareculturenight@gmail.com). A volunteers meeting will take place on Wednesday September 21st at 3pm in Glór.

## First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while the Lord is still to be found,  
call to God while God is still near.  
Let the wicked people abandon their ways,  
the evil people their thoughts.  
Let them turn back to the Lord who will take pity on  
them,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

### The word of the Lord



## Responsorial Psalm

### Response:

#### *The Lord is close to all who call.*

I will bless you day after day  
And praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
God's greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
And loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord is close to all who call,  
Who call from their hearts. **R.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or  
by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then  
death would bring me something more; but then again, if  
living in this body means doing work which is having  
good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am  
caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with  
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me  
to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your  
sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would  
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on the King who comes,  
In the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven*

*And glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!*



## Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is  
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers  
for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the  
workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw  
others standing idle in the market place and said to  
them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a  
fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and  
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and  
found more men standing round, and he said to them,  
"Why have you been standing here idle all day?"  
"Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said  
to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the  
evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff,  
"Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting  
with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So  
those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came  
forward and received one denarius each. When the first  
came, they expected to get more, but they too received  
one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the  
landowner. "Those who came last" they said "have  
done only one hour, and you have treated them the  
same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in  
all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My  
friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree  
on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose  
to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no  
right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious  
because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and  
the first last.'

### The Gospel of the Lord