



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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Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st January, 2012



Migdal Eder or “Tower of the flock”



In this festive period, I hate to be the bearer of sad tidings, but, today’s Gospel passage points us towards just that.

Those tidings are that, Jesus Christ, born among us as a helpless child needing love and care, came to die. His whole earthly life, including his nativity, points towards Calvary.

For example, the visit of the wise men in a few days time and their gifts, will point towards the death of Jesus.

They bring him **gold**, for his kingship which will be revealed on the throne of the cross.

They bring him **frankincense**, (used for the worship of God in the temple, the place where heaven and earth met for the Jews), which will now be used to praise the person in whom divine and human natures are both equally present.

Lastly they bring him **myrrh**, used on the cloths which wrapped bodies for burial.

But what of the shepherds? How could this announcement of great joy to them point us towards the passion?

To discover this, one may look towards ancient Jewish writings, wherein a tradition arose which stated that the Messiah would be revealed from the Migdal Eder or “Tower of the flock” which stood on the road to Jerusalem near to Bethlehem (a name which interestingly means House of Bread).



The sheep that grazed near this tower were no ordinary sheep. They were the sheep that would be used as sacrificial offerings in the temple!!

Now, to these men, who perhaps guarded the temple flocks, the angels announce the coming of the spotless lamb, the lamb who will take away the sins of the world and do what the Migdal Eder sheep never could.

The angels tell the shepherds, “Do not be afraid ...” We too, like those shepherds are being called to the spotless lamb.

As we begin 2012, let us feel their trepidation at something very new and strange but let also the angels words ring in our ears “Do not be afraid ...”

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 1st January, 2012

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166



Jackpot: €1,500

restarting in Community Centre
in aid of Cuan an Chláir
Today January 1st from 6pm.

Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into
the Christian Community
through the Sacrament of
Baptism: Martin Darragh
William Mongans, Marek
Malar, David Rudolf Curi,
Aleksandra Bozena Krupa

Lecture on Medieval glass
Beads. The first 2012 lecture of
Shannon & Clare
Archaeological and Historical
Society will take place on Tue
3rd Jan @ 8pm in the civic rooms at Ennis
Town Council, Drumbiggle. Mgt Mannion phd
will present a lecture on Early Medieval Glass
beads.



QUIT HSE Quit Smoking Support
Group (free); Tuesdays for 4
weeks (10th– 31st Jan 2012)
11.30am– 1pm in Ennis. TO
BOOK– CALL 065-6865841

SAMARITANS

People can contact the Samari-
tans by phoning 1850 60 90 90,
email jo@samaritans.org, write to
Pat or Mary, Samaritans, Sunville,
Kilrush Rd, Ennis.



Feast of the Epiphany

Church Holy day, Friday, 6th January

Vigil Mass Thursday:

Cathedral: 7.30pm

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm

Friary: 7.30pm

The Cathedral: 7.45am, 10.00am, 7.30pm

St. Josephs: 11.00am

Cloughleigh: 9.30am

Poor Clare's: 7.45am

Friary: 10am & 1.05pm

*Go raibh ainm milis Íosa go taitheamhach
scríofa i lár mo chroí-se.
May the Sweet Name of Jesus
be written in my heart.*

Journey of the Magi

'A cold coming we had of it,
just the worst time of the year
for a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'

And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted

The Summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.

Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:

A hard time we had of it.

At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a watermill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,

And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.

But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down

This set down

This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

T.S.Eliot



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 31st December 2011

7pm: Gerard (Ger) O'Meara, 34 Tulla Rd.

Sun Jan 1st 2012: 10am: Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.

Mon 11am: Johnny O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.

Fri 11am: Thomas & Delia Curry, Athenry.

7.30pm: Catherine & Michael Griffin, Maurices Mills.

Sat 7pm: Paddy Fitzgerald, Cahercalla Cross, Kilrush Rd. MM

Sun 8th Jan 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.

10am: Eamonn Duffy, 50 Kincora Park.

11.30am: Tess O'Sullivan, New Road.

Mass in the extraordinary form

(the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite)

Sunday 1st January 2012

at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.



Mass will be enriched by beautiful Gregorian Chant led by the Schola Petra fertile (the choir of the fertile rock) from Corofin. All are welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 1st January 2012 11am: Patrick (Pappy)

Moroney, 1 Woodgrove, Cloughleigh.

5pm: Dermot O'Halloran, Limerick Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Moira Mc Mahon, Rosslare. 1st Anniv

Tue 9.30am: Bertey Finlay.

Thu 9.30am: Paschal Molloy, 14 Cloughleigh Rd.

Fri 9.30am: Juliette O'Donovan (nee O'Connor) 1

Woodlawn. 1st Anniv

Sun 8th 11am: Maisie Hayes late of Hermitage.

Cloughleigh Residents Association

Christmas raffle results

1st prize: €100.00 voucher:

Pat Mc Mahon, John Paul Ave

2nd prize: 2 bags of coal:

S. Mc Milleon, Shallee Drive.

3rd prize: bottle of whiskey:

Amy Sheedy, Bannow, Doora.

Thanks to Michael O'Brien for supplying the coal.

CHARITY WALK: A date for the New Year diary is Bank holiday Monday 2nd January for the Siul Linn walk in Doora. The walk which is in its second year raised over fifteen thousand euro for cancer care in the county last year. People are asked to assemble at the Shibeen Pub in Doora at 12noon for registration with a 1pm start on the cards. The route will take in the highways and byways of Doora and afterwards as people return to the Shibeen there will be festive fare with teas, coffee, soup and sandwiches for all. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Sewing classes for beginners and experienced; 7 lessons; Day or evening classes will start Wed 18th January 2012 in Gaelscoil, Ennis. More information contact: Susanna 085 1243 416

Positive Life Workshops and Courses. Start 2012 on a positive note with a workshop on how to cultivate happiness, positivity and optimistic thinking in your life. For details call 0860688377

Friary News



The Rosary is on going on the first Saturday of each month after 10am Mass in the Friary Church.

Saturday Jan 7th 2012 is the first Sat, please come and Pray with us. Everyone is welcome



Bluebird Care

provide a wide range of care, home help and support services in the home and community for people of all ages and with very diverse needs. Contact Kay or Breda at 065 6868222 to see how our trained staff can support you to live an independent and healthier life in your own home among your family and friends.

First Saturday Devotions

in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in The Cathedral next Saturday 7th. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary & Benediction after 10am Mass.



Migrant Sunday

15th January 2012

Pope Benedict established this Day of Remembrance as a response to the massive displacements and suffering caused by the First World War. Today the Church invites us to remember all migrants, those who have left Ireland to find a new life and those who have left their own countries to come to live here. Those migrants who have come to live here, bring gifts just as the Irish did to the countries they have gone to over the centuries. Today we remember and pray for all who experience themselves as "foreigners" or "outsiders" where they live.

Live the word:

A New Year, a new beginning. All that has happened is now in the past, so let it remain there.

Start this year with a positive approach by making simple changes in your life.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:31st December 2011

6.30 Maureen Duggan, Parnell St.

Sun 1st January 2012

9am Mary & Dan O'Keefe, Carmody St.

10.30am Thomas Mc Mahon, Carmody St.

Tamara Kavanagh, 11 Corrovorrin Drive.

Frank Roughan, Ballynealon, Fountain.

Dr. & Mrs Michael Hanrahan, Cusack Rd.

12 noon Ann Ryan, 26 Childers Rd.

Mon 12noon: Margaret & Patrick Keane, Hermitage.

7.30pm John Nevin, Summerhill.

Tues 12 noon: Fionnuala Fitzpatrick & decd members

Fitzpatrick & Blake families, 3 Springfield.

7.30pm Nora Daly, College View, Clonroadmore.

Wed.:7.45am Donor Intentions.

10am John & Delia Hanrahan, Turnpike.

7.30pm Peter Skeritt, 112 Hermitage.

Thurs:10am Haulie Reidy, 319 Golflinks Rd.

7.30pm Michael Cabey 1st Anniv, Kilmaley.

Patrick Hogan, Maryville Turnpike Rd.

Fri.:7.45am Flan & Mary Hynes, 73 St Michael's Villas.

10am O'Dwyer Families Lahinch & Limerick.

7.30pm Peter Cosgrove, 33 Castlewood Park. MM

Sat.:10am Joe Kerin & Michael Kerin, Clonroadmore.

6.30pm Martin Brooks, 18B Castlewood Park. MM

Sun.:9am Michelle Malone (nee Dinan),

10 Waterpark Heights.

10.30am Patrick Feeney, St Michael's Villas.

Liam Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.

Michael Mc Mahon, Gallows Hill.

Vincent Neylon, 16 Parnell St.

Nora Malone, Parnell St.

Kevin Keane, 15 Connolly Villas.

Catherine Considine, late 104 Hermitage.

12 noon Kitty Casey, Monument House, O'Connell Sq.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 8th January, 2012

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace



Michael Regan, Westport, father of Ann O'Reilly, Ballybeg; **Pat Lynch**, Cranny; **Margaret Cahill**, Newcastlewest, sister of Nancy Curran, St. Flannan's Drive; **Hugh Hurley** brother of Moira Kearney, Brookville; **Bridget Hurley**, sister-in-law of Moira Kearney, Brookville; **Brigid O'Neill**, Clareabbey, Clarecastle, mother of Ann Fox, Clancy Pk, Paulette Slattery, Shanaway Rd, Teresa Comerford, College Green & Breda, Clareabbey; **Anna Mary Moran**, Darragh; **Una Ryan**, 19 Brookville;

Nollaig na mBan (Women's Christmas): Continue the tradition of Women's Little Christmas on Friday January 6th at 7.30pm in Burren Centre, Corofin. Further information

ONE THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY contributed to the recent bag packing fund raising event at Dunnes Stores it realised €2,366.50. To date €397,508 has been donated by the Community toward the provision of a new Day Care Facility. **Unwanted Gifts**—if you have unwanted gifts from Christmas, they can be donated to Cuan an Chláir for sale of work on Sunday January 7th at Community Centre, Chapel Lane from 10am to 4pm. Gifts can be left at the Parish Office.



First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, Say this to Aaron and his children: This is how you are to bless the people of Israel. You shall say to them:

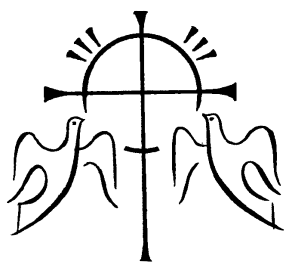
May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

This is how they are to call down my name on the people of Israel, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response:

O God, be gracious and bless us.

God, be gracious and bless us
And let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
And all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
For you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples
You guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
Till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

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

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to

The proof that you are children is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you God's child, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you child, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

but in our own time, the last days,
He has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.