



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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Friary: 6828751

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

Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter, (Year A)

1st May, 2011

My Soul Glorifies the Lord

Traditionally the month of May in the Liturgical Calendar, is celebrated as the month of Mary. It is not without good reason, that we turn our attention to the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Universe. Mary was unique, she was endowed with a special vocation to be the birth Mother of Christ, the Son of God. In that capacity, she assumed a privileged role in unfolding for all the world, a new creation. In her unworldliness, she was especially endowed with the great blessing of preparing the Son of God Incarnate, to undertake His redemptive mission. In that sense, she was acclaimed as Co Redemptrix, sharing in a special way as Mother of God, in the work of salvation.

We understand the role of our earthly mothers, who nurture and prepare us for life. We acknowledge Mary's divine intervention in many aspects of our lives and this leads us to the assurances, that like our own mother, she is caring for us spiritually.

Interestingly, the Islamic Community venerate Mary in their religious practises, as we do, as the Mother of God. They too submit their earthly cares to her intercession.



In Latin America, there is ultra special veneration to Mary - "Mire Flores" is the theme of veneration meaning "Flower of the Rarest". Coinciding with the blossoming of nature, to remind us that new life is more than a symbolic gesture of hope. We are assured that Mary our heavenly Mother watches over us, especially in these difficult times.

The Koran, the Islamic Scripture says:

*"Behold the Angel said:
Mary announced Good News to you by a word from God
named the Messiah the Son of Mary
honoured in this world
and the hereafter
and among the intimates."*

Koran Verse 45



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 1st May, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill: 065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern: 065 68 22166

Divine Mercy Sunday
Celebrations take place on
this Sun 1st May at 2pm in
Ennis Cathedral.



TRÓCAIRE

On this first Sunday after Easter, Trócaire has thanked the parishioners and clergy of the diocese for standing in solidarity with the world's poor this Lent. Your support will help change thousands of lives for the better all over the world. If you haven't done so already, please remember to return your Trócaire box this week. To find out more about Trocaire visit www.trocaire.org.

Ennis St John's Area Athletic Finals - Our area finals are being held in Lees Road sport complex on tomorrow Mon and Tue of this week beginning at 6.30pm sharp on both evenings. Tomorrow evening we are running off all events for children u 6 which is a novelty event to u 10. On Tuesday all Track & field events for u 12 to u 16 will be run off. If you would like to help us on any of the evenings you will be most welcome; just approach any official. Forms and information can be downloaded from our website www.enniscommunitygames.net

Clare 250 Mile Cycle Coffee Morning
Fergus Engineering are hosting a **Coffee Morning** on May 6th in Barneys Kidz Club, Gort Rd, from 10am-12pm with all proceeds going to the Clare 250 Cancer Centre. There will also be a Cake Sale & Raffle on the Day. Your support would be greatly appreciated



Golf Classic in aid of Clarecastle Daycare Centre Dementia Unit, will be held on Thurs 5th & Fri 6th May in Woodstock Golf Club. Team of 4 €120. Anyone wishing to Sponsor a Tee/Green cost is €80. For info contact Anne Marie @087 9020044.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

The crown of the image of Mary has a long history. Depicting Mary wearing a crown is found in the early church. Later images have Mary seated on a throne dressed like a queen and surrounded by Angels and Saints.



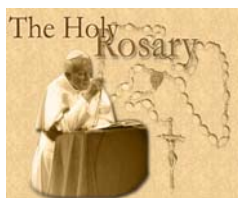
Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling

the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.



May Devotions

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.

- ◆ May Devotions at our Lady's Shrine in Dalcassian Pk each evening at 7pm . Rosary & Benediction Fri. 6th May at 7.00pm.
- ◆ Hermitage Rosary & Benediction Thursday May 19th at 7.00pm.

Coláiste Muire, Ennis, Celebrates 150 Years:

Coláiste Muire is celebrating its 150 anniversary this year. All past pupils are invited to visit Coláiste Muire on Sun, 8th May, from 2pm and 5pm. We will be holding a display of the history of the school and will provide guided tours of the old and new parts of the school. Come and see how Coláiste has changed since your time! Music and light refreshments provided. We hope to share the celebration with as many people as possible on 8th May.

Clare County Library celebrates the annual Bealtaine Festival with a talk by Brian Lawler entitled "The Golden Era of Céili Music and Dance 1955 to 1970" on Tuesday 3rd May in de Valera Public Library, Harmony Row at 12noon. For more info contact 065 6846353. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2010, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in The Cathedral on **Sun, May 8th at 2pm**. As these little babies begin to crawl, walk and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years. Baptismal Team members are most welcome.



There is a welcome to all babies and young children.

Ar chuala tú an chuach nó an bhfaca tú na fáinleoga? Tá siad tagtha chugainn ón domhan theas, áit ina mbíonn sé ina Shamhradh i gcónaí. Cuirimis fáilte mhór rompu agus go mbeirimis beo ag an am seo arís. Dúirt Íosa, "Féachaigí éanlaith an aeir. Ní dhéanann siad siolchur ná fómhar ná cnuasach sna sciobóil agus tugann bhur nAthair neamhaí bia dóibh. Nach mó is fiú sibhse ná iad sin?"
Have you heard the cuckoo or have you seen the swallows. They have arrived from the southern hemisphere where it is Summer always. Let us welcome them and may we be alive this time next year. Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" **Matthew 6:26**

The Cuckoo

"The Cuckoo comes in April
She sings her song in May
She changes her tune
In the month of June
And July she flies away"



Lourdes Diocesan Invalid Fund

(Church Gate Collection) takes place on this weekend Sat & Sun April 30th & 1st May. Envelopes can also be left at Parish Office.

Please support.



Live The Word:



Thank you for the air I breathe
Thank you for the friends I have
Thank you for the special moments
Lastly, Thank you for the life I have.

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



St. Joseph's

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

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.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Joe Arthur, Gort Rd.
Sun 1st May 8am: Haulie O'Shea, St. Senan's Rd.
10am: Rita Mulkerrins, 62 Marian Ave.
11.30am: Mary & Dan Doorty, 8 Tulla Rd.
Mon 11am: Johnny Moloney, Willbrook, Corofin.
Tue 11am: Mickey & Mary O'Gorman, 63 Marian Ave.
Thurs 11am: Denis, Maureen & Kevin Dunne, late O'Connell Square.
Fri 11am: Eileen Cosgrove, Kincora Park.
7.30pm: Michael & Catherine Hehir, Miltown Malbay
Sat 11am: Riobárd Ó'Cheallaigh, Roslevan
7pm: Frank Gibbons, 2 Kincora Park
Sun 8th May: 10am: Seán Glynn, Kincora Park & Christy Glynn, Clonroad.
11.30am: Intentions of Leslie & Brad Goodall

Mass in the extraordinary form (traditional Latin Mass) in St. Joseph's Church on next Sunday 8th May at 5.30pm. All welcome. This wonderful and solemn Mass will be enriched by beautiful Gregorian Chant led by the schola petra fertile (the choir of the fertile rock) from Corofin.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 1st May 11am: John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.
Mon 9.30am: Tony Morgan, Loughville & deceased Morgan family, Toonagh.
Fri 9.30am: Marian & John O'Brien, Mullagh
Sun 8th: 9.30am Seán Tobin 1st Anniv & his wife Essie, 14 Considine Terrace.
11.00am: Edward & Ellen Mc Kee, late of Kilfenora & decd family members, England & Northern Ireland.

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Melanie Jada Dormer; Lily Mai McCarthy; Jayden Samuel Crozier; Aleksander Rys; Jude Anthony Deegan-Shannon.

Pilates starts Tue May 2, Ozone Fitness, Quin Rd Ind., Est., 8 week course. Monica on 087 763 6744.

Celebration of New Life



A Blessing for Expectant Parents will take place in Ennis Cathedral on Thursday, 12th May at 8pm. A welcome for Parents, Grandparents, family members. Fáilte roimh cách.



Friary News

Monthly meeting of the SFO will be held on Wed 4th May at the Friary at 10am & at St. Anthony's Hall at 7.30pm. (note change of time).
The Monthly Hour of Prayer for Peace will take place at Poor Clare Chapel on Sat 7th May from 4.30-5.30pm;

Pilgrimages 2011

Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo from Sept 29th-Oct 6th; Tour Leader Mary Kelly & Spiritual Director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 065 6835519.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on Sat 17th Sept. Depart Shannon; book before 1st May, cost €639 for 7 nights; book afterwards cost €669. Fr. Paddy Conway is Spiritual Director. Few seats remaining.
James Considine 9059328.

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Nettuno & Subiaco with Bishop Kieran O'Reilly. Sept 5th-12th, from Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. Maire 086 8804603.

Knock Summer Festival 2011- 'Fuel for The Journey'; in June. 3 day event; talks, workshops, prayer, reflection, music; ages 18-35; cost: €70 949388100 / 0876927850. www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland—Visiting Warsaw, Chestochowa, Zakopane & Krakow; 5th Oct for 9 nights; Group leader: Kathleen Hayes; Spiritual Dir: Fr. John Walsh; €1154 pp; K Hayes @ 061 368549 or 087 8308393.

Annual Ennis/Clarecastle Pilgrimage to Medjugorje; 17th Sept from Shannon; €669 all incl for 7 nights. Sp Director: Fr Ml McInerney. Contact: Kathleen Lee 065 6824750 or Mary McMahon 065 6824400.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Cora and Michael Coughlan, 20 Corrovorrin Green, who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Love and best wishes from all their Family for the future



1st Sat Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in Ennis Cathedral next Sat. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with confessions, rosary & benediction after 10am Mass.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm Michael Hoare, 11 Morrissey Ave. 1st Anniv
Visiting German Choir will sing at 6.30pm Mass
Sun 1st May: 9am Michael Kelly, College Green
10.30am Eoin Linnane, 74 Parnell St.
John Curtin, Cahercalla Road
12noon Sean Hanrahan, Newpark Hostel, Roslevan
1st Anniv

1.15pm Polish Mass
2pm Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations
Mon: Bank Holiday - No 7.45am Mass
10am Nora McDonagh, Clonroad
7.30pm Jimmy Kelly, 2 Kilrush Rd.
Tues.: 7.45am Donors Intentions
10am Thomas Nihill, 5 Francis St.
7.30pm P.J. & Catherine O'Halloran, late Francis St.
Wed.: 7.45am Patrick Keane, 33 McNamara Park
10am Michael Coote, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm Michael & Theresa Slattery, 11 St. Mls Villas
Thurs.: 7.45am Mary Woods, Mountshannon
10am Cullinan Family, Drumcliffe Rd., Clareen
7.30pm Teresa Martin & Hurley Family, Tiermaclane
Fri.: 7.45am Mass for the people.
10am Dwain Walzer, USA
7.30pm John Linnane, 40 St. Flannans Tce. MM
Sat.: 10am Paschal Molloy, 18 Hermitage
6.30pm Shane Naughton, 6 Castlelawn, 1st Anniv.
Cantare Chamber Choir will sing at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 7th May.

Sun. 8th: 9am Patrick O'Loughlin, 62 St. Michael's Villas
10.30am Ciss & Paddy Hanrahan, late 77 St. Ml's Villas
Clare Burke, Mill Road
Anne (Nancy) Mac Mahon & Brian Mac Mahon, 18 Woodlawn, Lahinch Road.
Intentions of Leslie & Brad Goodall
12 noon Michael Connellan, Árd na Gréine 1st Anniv
2.00pm Blessing of Babies

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 8th May 2011

Readers: Group 5
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Rest in Peace



Gerard O'Driscoll, Carrowokeel, Crusheen; Jimmy Doohan, Frure, Lissycasey, brother of Mary Whelan, Corrovorrin Drive & Gerard Doohan, Cahercalla Estate; Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe. Jim O'Neill, Kilkenny, father of Jim, Rockmount Manor.

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ 19th May @ 1.30pm: Liturgy of thanksgiving honouring the contribution of Bishop Willie to Primary School Education.
- ◆ 11th June @ 12 noon: Summer Blessing of pre school children

Buiochas...Bishop Kieran & the Priests of the Parish would like to thank sincerely all who subscribed to their Easter Collection. A reminder to those who were away, or who forgot, that their contribution would be gratefully received today or left in at the Parish Office during the week.

Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.

Let the people of Israel say:

'God's love has no end.'

Let the people of Aaron say:

'God's love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'God's Love has no end.'

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I was thrust, thrust down and falling
But the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

The Lord was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory

In the tents of the just.

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The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

A marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord:

We rejoice and are glad.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his daughters and sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears

testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said:

'You believe because you can see me.

*Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'*

Alleluia!



Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord