



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9, 10, 11, 12.15pm

Mass in Polish each Sunday at 3pm

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7.00 p.m.; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30 a.m.

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30, 11 a.m.

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: 8.00, 10, 7.30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11 a.m. on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 8.00, 11 a.m. Mon. – Fri.; 11 a.m. on Saturday

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30 a.m. Mon. – Fri.

Friary:- 10 a.m., 1.05pm daily; 10 a.m. on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m. daily

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 1st November, 2009

'Called to be Saints' But who are the Saints?

One day a man was walking through a Cathedral with his four year old son. As they walked, the young boy looked around in awe at its size and the amazing features.

He was really amazed at the size of the statues and the decorations. As he followed his father, he stopped and was curious about the stained glass windows that looked so beautiful with their bright colours.

As he looked at the windows, he asked, *who are all the people in the windows, daddy?*

They are Saints, son, said the father. And like all young curious children, another question was to follow. *What are Saints daddy?*

The father was stuck. How was he going to explain who the Saints were to a four year old boy? As the boy was still looking up at the windows and the father was still wondering how he would explain who the Saints are, the young boy suddenly shouted out, *'I know who the Saints are daddy. They are the people that the light shines through.'*

In the opening chapter of the Letter to the Romans, St Paul, writing to the Christian Community in Rome, tells them, 'that through him we have received grace and our apostolic mission

is to preach the faith to all nations.' In other words, we are to let Christ's light shine, like the light shining through the figure in the stained glass windows. We are all 'called to be saints' so that the light of Christ may shine through our words, and our actions.



A saint is always someone through whom we catch a glimpse of what God is like -- and of what we are called to be. A saint is someone whose story God tells.

What's on this week?

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 1st November, 2009

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

Wednesday Duty: 4th November

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

November

Month of Remembering

Halloween, comes from the early name for November 1st All Saints Day. This holyday remembers the Saints that are not honoured with a Feast Day. In the Celtic tradition *Oíche Shamhna*, was one of their four sacred feasts, remembering spirits of the dead. Our dead are part of the Communion of Saints and in the month of November we particularly remember them.



Blessing Of Graves



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This Sunday

Drumcliffe: 3pm

Corrovorrin: 2pm



Monday, November 2nd -

The Feast of All Souls:

Traditionally on this day & especially during all of November, we visit a church or graveyard to pray for our dead.


Bereavement Mass on Friday 6th November in Cathedral 7.30pm. Remembering all who have died in the past year.

Remembrance Sunday Remembering all who died during the early stages of pregnancy or birth.— Sunday 8th November.

The Matt Talbot Novena continues Tues. at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church, Shannon, praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. The Preacher this week will be Rev Hugh McKenna OFM, Guardian Franciscan Friary, Ennis. Petitions and prayers of thanks can be left at the shrine. Please come along and bring a friend.



New Hop & Shop Bus Service around Ennis

 starting and finishing at Friars Walk Bus stop. Cost: €1 runs Mon to Sat: 8am to 7pm on the hour every hour. Starting 29th October. Contact 065 6845345

Volunteers needed for Flag Day/Street

Collections: Rape Crisis Midwest is a free, non-judgmental service for female and male survivors of all forms of sexual abuse. Statistics are high and growing, indicating that **2 out of every 5 women** and **1 out of every 4 men** will at some point in their lives experience some form of sexual abuse. 1st annual flag day in Ennis on **Thurs 29th Oct** and we are seeking volunteers, between the hours of **10am and 6pm**, to collect outside the various shopping centres, for 1 to 3 hours. Teresa @ 0863567473 Email: teresa.aurelie@gmail.com



Solas - Suicide Support Group will take place on **Saturday 14th November from 11am - 12pm** at CIOC, Connolly House, Unit 7A, Elevation Park, Clonroad, Ennis, (Roundabout opposite turn off to Tesco). This support group is for family, friends, & co workers whose lives have been touched by suicide, either recently or in the past. It is totally confidential and free of charge. Contact Johanna Treacy, Facilitator/ Psychotherapist: 086 - 0829907

Changes to Mass Times/Frequency

As a result of declining availability and the age profile of our diocesan clergy, some changes need to be implemented to best utilise our current resources. The parishes of Doorra/Barefield, Ennis, Clarecastle & Quin have reviewed the number, location, attendances and times of Masses in their respective parishes. After consultation with Pastoral Councils it is necessary to adjust the frequency or timing of Masses in each parish.



These adjustments will begin to take place from the 1st of January, 2010. This new initiative will enhance the celebration of the Eucharist, and accommodate the needs of parishioners. A new roster of Masses will be produced showing all available choices and options in each parish.

As with all changes in life, this will take time to settle, and we thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

Fr. Pat Ryan

1922 - 2009



Fr. Pat Ryan, Cottage Gardens, Station Road, was buried on Wednesday in the grounds of Quin Church. He had served as parish Priest of Quin until his retirement to Ennis in 1998. For several years Fr. Pat was a familiar presence at the 10.00am Mass in the Cathedral until his health prevented him from moving out. A native of Kilrush and brother of the late Fr. Peter, former Administrator of the Cathedral.

Fr. Pat was ordained to the Priesthood in 1947 and served a wide variety of appointments across the Diocese in his 51 years of faithful service to the people of Killaloe.

His life long interest in reading, theology and music always made for interesting conversations.

We sympathise with his sister, Margaret King, his brother Senan and his faithful housekeeper Peggy.

We give thanks for a lifetime of ministry in the Priesthood and pray the goodness of his life is now rewarded in the company of the Saints

Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dó a Thiarna, agus go lonraí solas suthain air.

Lost and Found - Diamond Solitaire ring lost outside Cathedral on O'Connell St last week. Reward offered. Contact Parish Office.

November Book Club Book – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November 2009. Book for this month is: *Jesus the Village Psychiatrist*. Author: Donal Capps

St Flannan's College Parents' Association AGM takes place on **Tuesday November 3rd 2009 at 8pm** in the new building in the College. Garda Seamus McMahon from Ennis Gardai will be among the speakers on the night. **All parents of students attending the school are urged to attend.**

FREE Return to Learning Workshop for adults, at Ennis Regional Learning Centre on Wednesday Nov 4th in the Ennis RLC, Clare County Museum, Arthur's Row, from 7pm to 9pm. To book contact Anne at 065-6866844 or email info@ennisrlc.ie



Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Antonia Maria Galka; **Taylor** Marie Mulqueen Howard; **Glen** Talstsiakov; **Harlow** Madden; **Faye** Sylvia McNamara.

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

Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday 25th October, €9,261



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 10am: Deceased members Carmody family
Old Boreen & Gort Road.

11am: Margaret & John Canny, Corofin.

Mon 11am: John Joe, Mary & Noel Mangan, Roscommon.

Tue 11am: Deceased members Kelly family, Ruan.

Wed 11am: Bernard Neylon, Kilmaley.

Thurs 11am: Elizabeth Hannigan, Cashel.

Fri 8am: Jimmy & Bridget Burke, Miltown Malbay.

11am: Bridget Mulcaire, St Senans Road.

Sat 11am: Eileen Keane, 18 Corrovorrin Green.

7pm: George Hume, 20 Pine Grove.

Sun 8th 10am: Thomas Cassidy, Marian Ave.

11.30am: John Houlihan, Sandfield Park.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30: Helena & Patrick Kearney, 45D Orchard Lane.

11am: Nance Lyons, Loughville.

Mon 9.30am: Maureen Moroney, late 89 Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: PJ Dilger, 64 Hermitage.

Wed 9.30am: Annie Barry, 92 Hermitage.

Sun 8th 9.30: Nancy & Bernard Murphy, Circular Rd.

11am: Maureen Joyce, Cloughleigh.

Cloughleigh Residents' Association Meeting this Monday Nov. 2nd in the Community Centre @8pm.

Month of the Holy Souls

House Masses for The Month of the Holy Souls will take place in the Cloughleigh Pastoral Area for the four Wednesdays of November. The following families have accepted the invitation to host the Mass. The Mass will begin at 8pm.

Nov. 4th: McDonagh Family 38 John Paul Ave.

Nov 11th: Noreen & Tom Flynn, Drumcliffe

Nov. 18th: Moloney Family 32 Morrissey Ave.

Nov. 25th: Michael & Ann Carey Loughville.

People are welcome to attend any or all of the Masses.



Friary News

Secular Franciscan Order

The two monthly meetings of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) take place next Wed. Nov. 4th. At 10am in the Friary there is Mass and the reading of the Office. At 7pm in St Anthony's Hall we have Lectio Divina and ongoing Formation. As it is November, deceased members will be remembered especially at the evening meeting.



Are you or yours suffering because of the economic downturn? If so, you are particularly invited to share in the monthly Mass at 10am. If you would like an SFO member to pray for your needs in this regard please place your intention in the box provided during this Mass. At the end of Mass each written intention is given to a member who will hold it in prayer for the following month.

Prayer and healing service

by Jamie & Moss Carrig on Sun Nov 8th in the Franciscan Friary. Prayers, praise, laying of hands & healing of our nation. Everyone welcome. Contact 069 72000 for more information.



Life in the Spirit Seminars: 5th seminar: Baptism in the Spirit: Tuesday night Nov 3rd, St Anthony's Hall, Francis St 8pm. *"I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness"*. All welcome. Now is the Time.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Frank Haugh, Waterpark View. **1st Anniv**

Sun.: 9am John O'Dwyer, 34 Castlewood Park.

10am Martin Griffin, Shanaway Rd.

Brendan Kenneally, 114 Clancy Park.

Mick Doherty, McNamara Park.

Con Delaney, late 2 High St.

Eddie Fitzgerald, Cusack Rd.

Kitty & Jimmy Daly, formerly 19 Cloughleigh

Rose & Andrew Quinn, Corofin

11am Kathleen McCarthy, MM 8 Considine's Tce. & Don Scanlon, 63 Willow Park

12.15pm Kathleen McGovern MM, College View

Mon: 8am Mass for the Holy Souls

10am Teresa & Billy Fitzgerald, St Josephs Clare Rd

7.30pm Tamara Shannon, Greendale

Tues.: 8am Mass for the Holy Souls

10am Brendan Conway, Gort Rd

7.30pm Johnny, Margaret & Teresa Moroney, 37 Hermitage

Wed.: 8am Mass for the Holy Souls

10am Mass for the Holy Souls

7.30pm Clem & Mary Ryan, Parnell Street

Thurs.: 8am Mass for the Holy Souls

10am Linda Downes, 5 Cahercalla Heights

7.30pm Br Christopher McNamara, Connolly Villas & Dublin

Fri.: 8am Mass for the people.

10am Decd membs Kerin Family, Clonroadmore

7.30pm Mary Queally, Drumcliffe **1st Anniv**

Sat.: 10am Vincent McHugh, Clonroad.

11am Christy Gormley, 9 Dalcassian Park

6.30pm Margaret Beditto nee Sheehan, NY & Clare Rd.

Sun.: 9am John & Maud Nixon, late Turnpike.

10am Patrick (Pap) Hehir, Gortmore.

Kevin Ryan, Manchester & 13 Greendale.

William & Margaret McGovern, New Jersey.

Nora Keavey, Claireen.

Noeline Keary, Galway.

11am Rita Browne, MM Fergus Drive, Shannon.

12.15pm Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 8th November, 2009

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Rest in Peace



Rory O'Flinn, Dublin & Late of Clonroad: **Cecilia**

Freeman (nee Fox), England, sister of Frank Fox

RIP Cornmarket St., **Margaret (Peggy) Sheehan** (nee

Williams), 45 St. Flannan's Tce.; **Olive Duggan** (nee

Chapman), 25 McHugh Villas; **Francis Rynne**, Inagh;

Cathedral Prayer Group; Talk for November 5th; *Mass for Healing of the Family*; given by: Fr. John Walsh, Limerick Prison Chaplain. 8pm Cathedral Chapter Room.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly Meeting Fri 6th Nov. after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's Church. All Welcome.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The postponed Meeting of Co-ordinators is due to take place this coming Wednesday, November 4th, at 8.05pm in the usual location, the Chapter Room. It is 2 months since our last Meeting, so we earnestly request each Co-ordinator to prioritise this Meeting and grace us with your presence. We look forward to seeing you, when together with the Lord and our Spiritual Director we will work to attract ever more persons to spend satisfying time-out in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Cuan an Chláir - Buiochas



Cuan An Chláir Fundraising Committee sincerely thank all those who helped raise much needed funds over the Bank Holiday Weekend. Special thanks to Larry McEvoy for providing the music for a most enjoyable evening of dance at Cois Na hAbhna, to the staff and volunteers of Cois Na hAbhna who helped.

A big thanks to the management and staff of Tesco and all of the reliable volunteers who yet again turned out, and a special mention for the enthusiastic transition year students, from Colaiste Mhuire, who lent energy and lots of smiles to our bag packing fundraiser.

We are also very grateful to the staff and president of St. Flannan's College, for their support and hospitality in allowing us use the college and its grounds as a base for the start and finish of the 'Walk The By Pass' event, held Bank Holiday Monday. Thanks also to the St. Flannan's transition year students who manned the registration desks and to the members of the victorious Under 21 Clare Hurling Team, who gallantly led off the walkers. Thanks also to the many volunteers who assisted at water stations and who served tea and coffee to those who completed the walk. To the men, women and children who took to the By Pass in their hundreds, running, jogging, walking or strolling, thank you all very much, we really appreciate your efforts and your support. **Total amount collected €8,500**

Up-Coming Fundraising Events

- ◆ **Jigs & Reels** November 4th & 5th with Roisin Crotty (BOI) & Gary Collins in Glór.
- ◆ **A return visit of the ever popular Morryston Orpheus Choir** from Wales, who will visit Ennis for a **special concert** here in the Cathedral on Saturday November 21st. All proceeds will go directly to Cuan an Chláir and the Fr Martin Keane Building of Hope Project in Kenya. Tickets: €15 from Parish office.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading

Rv 7:2-4.9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God. Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from? I answered him, You can tell me, my lord. Then he said, These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

The lord is the earth and its fullness,
The world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
On the waters he made it firm.

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Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The one with clean hands and pure heart,
Who desires not worthless things.

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He shall receive blessings from the Lord
And reward from the God Who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
Seek the face of the God of Jacob.

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Second Reading

John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
And I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called people of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord