



# 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>

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

20th February, 2011

## Love Your Neighbours & Your Enemies

**J**esus used simple words to teach us the most difficult of lessons, but they are only difficult because we are human.

How difficult would we find it to take a second slap or to hand over the coat when only asked for a shirt?

When we feel wronged by others and they do not apologise, it is hurtful and sometimes can be impossible to forgive them within ourselves.

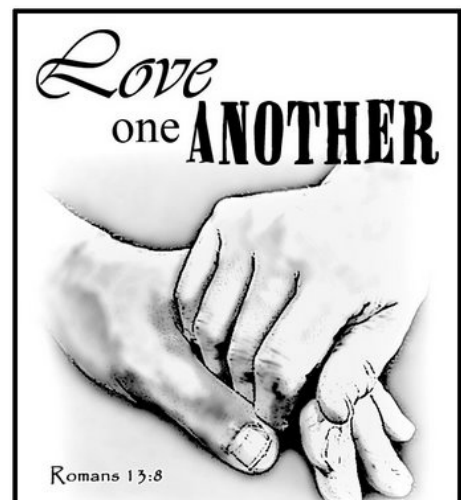
But Jesus, who became human like us all, knew what it was like to experience all of this.

He was well experienced to the ways of humans and how hurtful we can be, sometimes without realising it, towards

others. As soon as we do realise that we have hurt another, we should not hesitate to apologise.

If we are the one who has been hurt, we must not only forgive but also love those who have caused that hurt. This may seem to be asking a lot from us, but Christ never hesitated to forgive, as He knew that to do so would be doing what God asks of us all, as His children

*“Love one another as I have loved you.”*



# What's on this week?

## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 20th February, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

## Family Mass With The Ennis Gospel Choir



on Sunday February 27th at 6.30pm  
St. Joseph's Church  
Come and bring a friend!

## Live The Word

February 27th



Slow yourself down to the present moment. Practise living where your body is - be with it. Use your senses and your breath to help you do this. There is great power in the Now.



June 10th-17th

You are cordially invited to an International Eucharistic Congress presentation which will take place on Friday 25th February at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Nenagh. The presentation will be given by Collette Furlong, Pastoral Development Officer with IEC. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Centre.

**Ennis Tidy Towns & Sculpture Initiative**  
Presents a night of Music and Dancing with Dave Culligan and Mountain Dew. At Cois na hAbhna on Saturday April 2nd 2011 from 9.30pm - 12.30pm; Tickets €10 Proceeds in Aid of Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador

**Ray Simpson, noted author** and founder of the Community of Aidan and Hilda in Northumbria, will be speaking on **Monday 21st February at 8pm** in Ennis Cathedral Chapter Room on 'The new monasticism'. All welcome. details from: shannonocclare.wordpress.com or ☎ 0879 888 508

**National Adult Learners' Festival - 21st to February 25th 2011.** The fifth annual nationwide Adult Learners' Festival will take place from February 21st to February 25th 2011. You are invited to drop in to an event near you or book a place on one of our free taster classes in Clare VEC Adult Education Centre, Clonroad Business Park, Ennis. Further information from local press or [www.clarelearningnetwork.org](http://www.clarelearningnetwork.org). Bookings can be made by phoning 065 6824819

A series of studies for adults on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** will commence in March. This is a home study course, with a weekly meeting in Ennis on Wednesday mornings. For further information please contact Eithne Gleeson @ 087 6679516.

**Bereavement Information Evening**, Tuesday 22nd Feb 7pm-8.30pm, Milford care centre, first floor, new day care building, seminar rooms 1 & 2. For further information contact Mary O'Sullivan @ 061 485800.

**Life Skills group for 15-18 year olds.....** Clare Youth Service are running a Life Skills Programme for 4 weeks in March; for those who are interested in learning how to cook quick and easy meals, or interested in learning how to knit their own hat / scarf in four weeks. Thursdays 7-9pm in Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street. Programme dates are: March 03rd, 10th, 24th and 31st and costs €1 per night. Places limited. Jean Tierney on 086-1568650.



**Corofin Drama Society** presents *The Righteous are Bold* in Glór on Feb 27th at 8pm. Adm €12

## Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Oisín McDonnell; Clodagh Maria O'Hagan; Patrick Pio Ryan, Clodagh Marian Kelly; Adam James Fallon; Turlough Brendan Mulqueen**

## Fundraising Cycle For Bushypark

**Treatment Centre** in The Burren Area Of North Clare, in Conjunction with: Burren Cycling Club, Dolmen Cycling Club, Clare Sports Partnership And Other Groups On Sat, 30th April 2011 (May Bank Holiday Weekend); Time: 10.30 am; Option A: 100 Km; Option B: 50 Km; Cycle starting & finishing At The Town Hall, Pavillion, Lisdoonvarna; Reg €30 In Advance; All Are Welcome; Sponsorship Cards From Bushypark Treatment Centre At 065-6840944 Or Email: [Bushyparkhouse@Clarecare.ie](mailto:Bushyparkhouse@Clarecare.ie); [www.bushypark.ie](http://www.bushypark.ie)



## Reception of

### Holy Communion at Cathedral

1. The two centre blocks of seats: will people come up the centre aisle and return by the side aisles.
2. In so far as possible will people nearest the Altar come first.
3. People on the two side blocks come up on the side nearest your seat.
4. People at gallery side aisle as normal.

**Clare Local Development Company; Aontas Adult Learners Festival:** Wednesday 23rd February Tim O Connell will be delivering an introduction to "Learning to Draw" session for beginners. No previous art training is needed by the participants; this workshop will show you how to gain and master drawing skills and get beyond a child like level. Pop in between 10am to 11am. Ennis Access Programme, Westgate, Westgate Business Park, Kilrush Rd.



**Daffodil Day Launch** on Monday 28th February, West County Hotel at 8pm. Members old and new welcome.

## Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly

**Draw Results Year 10 Week 35**  
Tuesday, February 15th, **1st Prize €635:** Theresa Daly, Cahercalla Rd; **2nd Prize €127:** Terence Kelly, Corrib Dr., Shannon.



The **Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music**, St. Joseph's Primary School, Kinvara: Thurs, Feb. 24th - Sat 26th. (Note change of venue); **Classes/ workshops in Traditional Music.** Top quality tuition; Special feature: **Traditional Singing Workshop** Sat, Feb. 26th. (Singers of all ages welcome). **Concert** in Johnston's Hostel, Kinvara, Friday, Feb. 25th at 8.30pm with top artists. [www.josephbrowne.org](http://www.josephbrowne.org) or call 087 0674335



**2011 Ennis Book Club Festival**, in association with Clare Library, runs from 4th to 6th March. Will feature author visits, readings, lectures, workshops, walking tours/exhibitions in various venues around Ennis. Highlights include Anne Enright, author of 'The Gathering', Senator David Norris, John Lonergan, Pauline McLynn, Tickets from Glór; 6843103; [www.ennisbookclubfestival.com](http://www.ennisbookclubfestival.com)

**Clarecastle NS and GAA are organising the Clarecastle Fashion Show** on Wednesday 2nd March at 7p.m. in West County Hotel. Featuring Spring/Summer Collections from 15 local boutiques. Tickets €20 and are available from West County Hotel, Clarecastle NS or Clarecastle Post Office.

**Conversation group in Irish.** An Clár as Gaeilge Ciorcal Cainte on Tue 22nd Feb @ 11am in Food Heaven, Market St. All welcome contact 6864474. Bígí Linn!

**Drum/Percussion** Lessons in Ennis area. Ages 13+, group settings, limited places, now enrolling for March 2011. contact John 087 7761234 or Nicky 087 2097122

**Wanted: Fridge required for needy family.**

**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 13th February, €8,340.00*



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Pat O'Brien, 27 Shannon Park.  
 Sun 10am: John Carmody, 50 Marian Ave.  
 11.30am: Brendan Armstrong, 3 Mountain View  
 Mon 11am: Seán Keane, Limerick Road..  
 Tue 11am: Ann & Michael Lyons, Clarecastle  
 Wed 11am: Gerry & Agnes O'Dwyer, Gort Rd.  
 Thurs 11am: O'Brien Family, late Crusheen  
 Sat 11am: George O'Neill, Clareabbey, Clarecastle  
 Sat 7pm: Mary Sweeney, 34 Shannon Park  
 Sun 27th 10am: John Mulkerrins, 62 Marian Ave.  
 11.30am: Tony Dargan, Limerick Rd.

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

### Gregorian Chant Mass

in St Joseph's Church on 6th March at 5:30pm. The numbers of the group are small and anyone interested in participating or in setting up their own group is more than welcome to join.  
 ☎ Michael at 087 795 8180

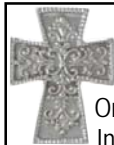


## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Bernard & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd.  
 Tues 9.30am: Margaret Graham, "Prague", Cusack Rd.  
 Wed: 9.30 Michael Fawl, 27 Hermitage Road.  
 Sun 27th Feb 11am: Garry Murphy, 5 Considine Rd.



### Exodus-15-26

#### "I am the Lord that Healeth"

One day prayer meeting will be held by The Indian Catholic Spiritual Revival Ministry Group through English. Holy Mass at 10am. Day will include Gospel Sharing, Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers for the Sick and lots more. All are welcome. Programme ends at 5pm. Contact Jomon Joseph 087 9191532 for details.



### Study of Theology & Religion for Adults Introduction to biblical Studies

Every Wed until 6th April in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick at 7pm. 23rd Feb: *Ways of Approaching Biblical Text* - Dr. Jessie Rogers. All welcome. €5 per lecture.

**Table Quiz:** Gaelscoil Mhichíl Cíosóg, Ennis will be holding, Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz) on Thurs 3rd March at the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Gort Rd, @ 8pm. A fun-filled night with plenty of spot prizes. Teams of 4 @ €5/person. All monies towards the purchase of music/drama resources for school. Bonus points for "an cúpla focal"!!

Association of Irish Choirs is pleased to announce that its spring Sight singing, Vocal Production and Choral Conducting courses are commencing soon. Special reduced rates are offered to all Association members. Details from: [aic@ul.ie](mailto:aic@ul.ie) or [www.aic.ie/events\\_education/](http://www.aic.ie/events_education/)

Meeting of the Clonroad-Francis St. Residents' Association takes place at the Temple Gate Hotel on Wed Feb 23 at 8pm

## Pilgrimages 2011

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Nettuno & Subiaco with Bishop Kieran O'Reilly. Sept 5-12th, 2011 from Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. Maire 086 8804603.

**Medjugorje Trip for Teachers, their families and friends.** July 23rd to 30th. Special reduced rate for adults and youths. Please phone Delta @ 086-8197111 for information



## Taizé



### Summer Pilgrimage.

#### July 10- 19th

For 19 years we have travelled to Taizé with 45 young people each year (Age 17-30). We join with 5,000 other young people from all parts of Europe. The community of Taizé which was founded by the late Brother Roger are our hosts. There we stay for a week: Sun 10th July-Sun 17th.

We share in prayer, workshops, meals, all that makes up a week in the life of young people.

On Sunday 17th we travel to Paris where we stay in Hotel accommodation for two nights, Monday 18th in Disneyland Paris, Mon evening a Coach tour of Paris, Tue 19th July some organised sightseeing, (Shopping), returning home that evening, Tue 19th July. Cost €550. Enquiries to Fr Jerry Carey 086 2508444 or [jerrycarey@eircom.net](mailto:jerrycarey@eircom.net)

### Trust Him

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee  
 Trust Him when thy strength is small,  
 Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
 Seems the hardest thing of all.  
 Trust Him, He is ever faithful;  
 Trust Him for His will is best;  
 Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus  
 Is the only place of rest.  
 Trust Him, then, through doubts and sunshine  
 All thy cares upon Him cast,  
 Till the storm of life is over  
 And the trusting days are past.



**Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of Cuan an Chláir:**  
 good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Paul Shannon, Clarecastle MM.  
 Michael, Heather & Tara Glynn, Ennis & USA. 1st Anniv.  
 Sun.9am Decd membs of Cahill & Mc Cannon families.  
 10.30am Bryan & Ann (Nancy) McMahon, 18 Woodlawn.  
 Ciara Fox, 21 Hermitage.  
 Thomas Murphy, 66 Hermitage.  
 Tommy McEvoy, 2 Park Ave.  
 Duro Josef Moro Sivak.  
 Christina, Michael, Patrick & Marian Ball,  
 & Michael Ryan, 65 Hermitage.  
 12 noon Joe Boland, 53 Phoenix Court. MM  
 Mon:7.45am Special Intention.  
 10am Patrick, Catherine & Margaret Doohan, Connolly.  
 7.30pm Jacksie & Lil Russell, Kilrush Road.  
 Tues.:7.45am Decd members of Duggan family.  
 10am Teresa Mc Cormack, late Hermitage.  
 7.30pm George & Chrissie Molloy  
 & Molly Butler, Old Mill Street.  
 Wed.:7.45am Mass for the people.  
 10am Peggy O'Halloran, 33 Collins Park.  
 7.30pm Lorraine Cooley, 8 Dalcassian Avenue.  
 Thurs.:7.45am Eileen Dunne, 1 Clare Road.  
 10am Danny Greene, Cahercalla Road.  
 7.30pm Mary Hehir, Connolly Villas.  
 Fri.:7.45am Frances & Joseph Molony, O'Connell St.  
 10am Jane Gallagher, Newmarket on Fergus.  
 7.30pm Geraldine Kenny, Corofin & Davitt Tce. MM  
 Tom Tuttle, Castlilawn, Tulla Rd.  
 Sat.:10am Jim & Mary Rockett, late 18 Dalcassian Ave.  
 6.30pm Nora Ryan, 13 Greendale. MM  
 Alice Tierney, Clonroad. 1st Anniv.  
 Sun.:9am Johnny Purcell, Árd na Gréine  
 10.30am Frank Lillis, Beech Park.  
 Ita White, Shannon, & formerly Drumbiggle & Turnpike.  
 John & Margaret Flynn, Ballymaley.  
 12 noon Kaye Guihan, Cathedral Court. 1st Anniv.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 27th February 2011

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



### Rest in Peace

**Mollie Burke**, Banagher, Offaly, mother of Mary Conboy, Beechpark; **Kathleen Kerin**, Ballyalla, formerly Lifford; **Michael Hassett**, 72 Drumbiggle Road; **Mary Williams**, Kilshanny brother of P.J Williams Doora Barefield; **Denis Mc Namara**, Dromard, Lahinch Rd; **Mary White**, 99 Hermitage; **Peggy Dolan**, Roscommon, mother of Padraic, Ballybeg; **Mary Brennan**, Claremorris mother of Patricia Dolan, Ballybeg; **Mary Gavin**, Unit 2 St. Joseph's Hospital & Ballynacally; **Ursula Gallagher** Unit 2 St. Joseph's Hospital & Ennistymon;

### Date for Diary

- ◆ Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday 22nd at 8pm in Chapter Room.
- ◆ Formation night for new Ministers of the Eucharist and existing ministers from Abbey Cluster, Monday 7th March, St. Flannan's College at 8pm (follow up night of training for new ministers in your own Parish).
- ◆ Ash Wednesday 9th March.



## First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

### *A reading from the book of Leviticus*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: Speak to the whole community of the people of Israel and say to them: Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

You must not bear hatred for your sister or brother in your heart. You must openly tell your neighbour, of an offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm;

#### *Response:*

*The Lord is compassion  
and love.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless God's holy name.*

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all God's blessings.*

**R.**

*It is God who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.*

*The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

*God does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.*

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

### *A reading from first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of yourself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then you must learn to be a fool before you really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The

Lord knows the thoughts of the wise person, he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

### The Word of the Lord

#### *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

If you love me you will keep my word,  
and my father will love you,  
and we shall come to you.

#### *Alleluia.*

## Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if someone takes you to law and would have your tunic, let go of your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be children of your Father in heaven, for God causes the sun to rise on bad people as well as good, and rain to fall on honest and dishonest people alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your sisters and brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

