



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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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;
Friary: 6828751
Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

20th March, 2011

'Operation Transfiguration'

The Gospel speaks of Jesus' appearance changing, and his face and clothing changing. It is a bit like the television programme 'Operation Transformation'.

The transformation that these people are going through is somewhat a *Transfiguration*...their appearance will be changed and also their clothes, and their physical appearance.

In the culture we live in today, body beautiful seems more important...than what is inside the person.

So many people spend thousands altering their image...through various forms of Botox and extreme dieting, and surgery. And there is fierce pressure to look good...even to the extent of air brushing images to make oneself look better...but does it make one feel better?

There is another form of Transfiguration that people go through, and that is the internal transformation, of looking '*Inside*' oneself and seeing where we can change, who we are...and where we are going in our lives.

If we take a hard Look at our Lenten Gospels...they invite us to look seriously at ourselves...as our Lenten Journey is about a Transfiguration...

The Lenten journey is seen as a Desert experience. And like Jesus' 40 days in the desert...we too, have this time to look at what is going on in our lives for us.

Our Lenten theme 'From Pain to Promise' is about Transfiguration. It is about how people have their lives transfigured by changing their ways.

Lent is our time. Our time, to look at our lives and see where we need to be transfigured, and to see where our Resurrection moments will come from.

As St Paul said, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.'

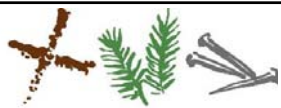


**The road to success is not straight.
There is a curve called Failure.**

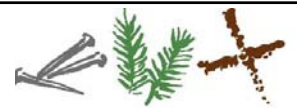
**A loop called confusion, speed bumps called
Friends, red lights called Enemies,
caution lights called Family.**

You will have flats called Jobs.

**But, if you have a spare called Determination, an
engine called Perseverance, Insurance called
Faith, A driver called Jesus, you will make it to a
place called Success!**



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 27th March, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Parish Office ☎065 6824043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 6824043

Lent 2011



*From Pain to Promise
Journeying Together in Hope*

Lent Programme

Saturday 26th March at 6.30pm Mass
Ennis Cathedral

Gareth O'Callaghan will be no stranger to radio listeners. He can currently be heard on 4fm, and previously presented shows on RTÉ 2fm. He is also an author and former television presenter.

Gareth is outspoken on suicide and depression-related topics, having had personal experience.



Ennis Parish People Of The Year 2011



Congratulations to the Recipients of this year's People of the Year Awards
Sr. de Montford; Jackie Browne; Justin O'Regan; Peggy Eustace;
Rosaleen Gormley for her mother Patricia (RIP);
& Bishop Willie Walsh (Special Merit Award)

Wanted: Support Workers for the Brothers of Charity, Community Employment Scheme based in Ennis. People interested in this must have a full driver's licence and be eligible for a FAS CES. Call Thomas Gilligan CES Supervisor 065 6797590



On this second Sunday in Lent please remember little Digna, who appears on this year's Trócaire Box. Her family are living in poverty and in fear in northern Honduras. For almost 40 years the change from the Trócaire box has been transforming lives and giving the poor a voice. Please give Digna and her community a voice this Lent. For more information on the campaign visit www.trocaire.org/lent

Census 2011

A National census takes place on April 10th. Objective is to count all people in Ireland, both residents & visitors on that night & it will record vital information regarding our existing population. Due to our current economic situation, it is considered to be perhaps the most important census taken in our country in recent times. Enumerators have begun distributing forms to all households and it is most important that they are given every assistance in their work.

Féile na hInse 2011: An nglacfaidh tú páirt i bhFéile na hInse? 24ú Márta -3ú Aibreán in Óstán an Auburn Lodge Ceol, Amhránaíocht, Labhairt na Gaeilge agus Spraoi do Dhaoine Óga. Aifreann na Féile 10.30 a.m Dé Domhnaigh 27ú Márta san Ardeaglais.

St. Flannan's College Transition

Students present a Fashion Show with The Celia Holman-Lee Model Agency, on March 24th @ 8pm in West County. Donation: part proceeds to Clare Crusaders & Clare 250 Mile Cycle. Tickets @ €15, available from College, participating boutiques or West County. Tel 087 2942182 for details.



Mothers' Prayers annual weekend in St. John's Rest, Knock, Co. Mayo. Sat March 25th at 10am & finishing with Mass at 5pm. Sun March 26th at 10am & finishing with Mass at 4pm. All welcome, even if only for a short time. 091 771009 or ireland@mothersprayers.org



Mini-Marathon for Breast Cancer. Would you like to run, jog or walk the Womens' Mini-Marathon in Dublin on Bank Holiday Mon June 6th for NBCRI, the National Breast Cancer Research Institute? If so, just ring Monica Gallagher at 68 22206 or 086 1600660 for any info. Registration, tee-shirt, transport provided.

Pilgrimages 2011

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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on 17th Sept. Depart Shannon Sat afternoon. Cost €639 for 7 nights. Spiritual Director Fr. Paddy Conway. Seats remaining. Call James Considine 065 69059328

Ennis Tidy Towns & Sculpture Initiative Presents a night of Music/Dancing with Dave Culligan & Mountain Dew. At Cois na hAbhna on Sat April 2nd from 9.30-12.30pm; Tickets €10 from either The Parish Office, Committee Members or at reception in Ennis Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds in Aid of Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador.

Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Emer Catherine Curley; Oscar James Carnochan; Aoife Margaret Rose O'Dwyer; Alice Julia Crean; Maria Philomena Ann Wilton; Oilly Joe Whelan; Jude Anthony Deegan Shannon; Sophie Noelle O'Sullivan; Éabha Christina Eita McNamara; Rose Margaret Joyce;



Acies Ceremony of the Legion of Mary will take place in Ennis Cathedral on Thurs 24th March after 7.30 mass.

All are welcome.



Clare 250 mile cycle and cancer centre coffee morning at Kay & Lavender, Tulla raised: €5936.41 Buiochas.

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



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Mary Hayes, 20 Pine Grove.
 10am: Gabriel Dillon, St. Senan's Rd & London 1st Anniv
 11.30am: Tina Conole & Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron.
 Mon 11am: Joe & Bridget Casserley, Gort Rd.
 Wed 11am: Pappy Hayes, Shannon Park.
 Thu 11am: Martin O'Dea.
 Fri 11am: Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.
 Sat 11am: Confirmation CBS
 7pm: Joseph Skelly, New Road. 1st Anniv
 Sun 27th 10am: Gerard Lane, 9 Crescent.
 11.30am: Maureen O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.

Padre Pio Mass It will be celebrated on March 23rd in St. Joseph's Church. All Welcome.



Feast of St Joseph: this weekend 19th of March, a special time for all associated with St. Joseph's church and hospital.



Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph, we ask you to watch over and protect the faith community of St Joseph's church and hospital.

Whether St Joseph's is our home, our place of work or our place of worship, may it always be a place of prayer, comfort and healing where we experience the love and compassion of Christ.

Draw us ever closer as a family that we may cherish and nurture the seeds of faith planted among us.

Make us ever joyful as we work together to build a community of Faith Hope and Love.

Amen



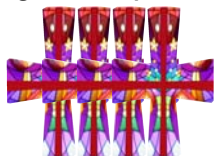
Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Patrick, Mary Anne & JJ Fitzpatrick, 50 Circular Rd & late Ennistymon
 11am Martin Kelly, Rock Bungalow, Old Gort Rd.
 Mon 9.30am: Tom Collins, late of Carron.
 Tue 9.30am: Special Intention
 Fri 7am: Lucille Hayes, Bridge Court & Pearse Ave. MM
 Sun 27th 9.30am: Rachel Walsh, 2 Pearse Ave.
 11am: John & Mary Flanagan, Ballygriffey.

French for Fun! Classes fro 3-12 year olds commencing Sat 26th March @ Glór. To book please contact Rhona 086 8262500

Monthly Gospel Mass



with Ennis Gospel Choir
 Sunday 27th March at 6.30pm
 in St Joseph's Church

Clarecastle Church

Lenten Talks at 7pm:

23rd March: Fr. Joe Roche - Ardrahan Parish Galway.

Monday 21st March at 8pm in the chapter house of Ennis cathedral. "The procession of life" Evolution and Faith a talk and discussion, Led by Rev. Dr John Parkin, a geologist and Methodist minister. All welcome. Further information: 0879888508 shannoncoclare.wordpress.com.

Ennis Players: Hilarious production of Willy Russell's comedy "Stags and Hens" will take place from Wed April 6th to Sat April 9th at 8pm nightly in Glór. The first night is in aid of Cuan an Chláir. Hope to see you all there.

Early Irish Christianity and The Foundations of Modern Humanism, St. Columba's, Church Bindon St., March 25th 8pm.

Volunteers required to pick daffodils week commencing March 21st and sell daffodils for Daffodil Day March 25th for the Clare Branch of Daffodil Day (Michael Guerin's Daffodil Day). Pls contact Mikey Guerin @ 087 2045759; Cora Moloney @ 087 6424863; Mary McAllister @ 087 2108867 or 6840974 or your local daffodil day contact.

Pakie Ryan Memorial Challenge takes place in Newmarket on Fergus on the 26th of March at 11am. Choice of 5k walk, 10k run or 30/50k cycle. Registration is €20. Information contact David on 087 - 9478550 or www.pakieryanrun.com.

Lenten Reflections on the Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent, available at the Parish Office.

Clare Roots Society presents a timely talk entitled "Clare in the 1901 + 1911 census" by Cairiona Crowe of the National Archives, Dublin. She will demonstrate how the site can be used for information about Clare people. The talk will take place at the Civic Rooms, Ennis Town Council on Thursday 24th March at 8pm. Admission €5 to non members. Members free.

Ennis Rotary Club



A Bowling night in aid of CUAN will take place at Clare Leisure World, Drumbiggle, Ennis on Thursday 31st March 2011 from 6pm. Cost of entry is €60 per team, entries can be made on line at www.cuan.ie Great prizes for winning teams.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat.: 10am Moria & Louis Brennan, Lime Kilns, Clare Rd
 6.30pm Mary White, 99 Hermitage Road. MM
 Sun.: 9am Michael & Jane Fahy, Danganbrack, Quin Angela & Jack Mulkere, Crusheen.
 10.30am Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's, Clare Rd.
 Beenie Fitzpatrick, Clonroadmore.
 James Vaughan, Market Street.
 John & Bridget Ward & dec'd Ward families, 25 Westbourne

Billy & Bridie Ryan, 19 Gallows Hill
 Josephine O'Grady, 39 Marian Avenue

Mon.: 7.45am Mgt Killeen, Broadford.

10am Frank Costello, Castlelawn.
 7.30pm Maisie & John Bradley, Limerick Rd & son Jim.
 Tues.: 7.45am Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, 79 Hermitage.
 10am Maureen & Michael Rice, Summerhill.
 7.30pm Peter & Mary White, Halfway Hse, Clare Rd & Callinan family.

Wed.: 7.45am Bridie & Jim Daly, NY & Ennis.

10am Paddy Coffey, 14 McNamara Park.
 7.30pm Sean & Bridget O'Keeffe, Ard na Greine.
 Thurs.: 7.45am Mary Ann Murrighy, Mullagh.
 10am Roche family, late 9 St Michaels Villas.
 7.30pm Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, 60 Parnell Street.

Fri.: 7.45am Mass for the people.
 10am Michael & Mary Ann Barry, Kylea, Inagh.
 7.30pm Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd. MM
 Sat.: 10am John McMullin, Mc Namara Park.
 6.30pm: Michael Devitt, 11 St Senans Rd.
 Sun.: 10.30am Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd
 Martha & William Costin & membs McAuliffe family, Lmk.
 Thomas Slattery, 3 College Park.
 Catherine McNeill, 151 Circular Rd.
 Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.

12noon: Féile na hInse

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 27th March, 2011

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



Rest in Peace



Brid Walsh, Limerick Rd; **Jim O'Driscoll**, 75 Elm Park, Ennis; **Jimmy Gaffney**, Co. Cavan, brother of Dan, Gort Road; **John Linnane**, St. Flannan's Tce.; **Ann McCarthy**, Kilrush mother of Meadh Kilroy, Woodstock; **James Donnelly**, Tyrone, father of Barry, Gallows Hill;

'Scheme of Tax relief for

Donations to Eligible Charities'

We are at present finalising our Parish Accounts for 2010 and we are asking taxpayers who have contributed at least €250 to Parish Funds (Weekly collection, Priests' Collections, etc.) during 2010 to consider enabling us to avail of this relief. Details from Parish Office.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The postponed Meeting of coordinators is on this Wednesday March 23rd, at 8.05pm in the Chapter Room. As there is much literature to be distributed, the presence of each Co-ordinator will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you.





Today's Scripture Readings



with Inclusive Language

First Reading : *Genesis 12:1-4*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, Leave your country, your family and your home, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

***May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.***

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
On those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death,
To keep them alive in famine.

R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.

R.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been

granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:*

*"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!"
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

