



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

# Ennis Parish News

## 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

### Phone Numbers:

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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 20th September, 2009

*Open the Door and  
Realise in the Next Step you've Walked Through!*

I write this "Front Page" as a means of saying a thank you for 17 years of having the joy of working as a Priest in the Parish of Ennis. In that time I spent one year living in Cloughleigh and working full time in the Community College, then 6 years at the Cathedral and the last 10 years living in Kincora Park and attached to St Joseph's Church.

Until the middle of July that's the way it was going to continue.... I thought....happily. While I was in Taize with the youth group between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July, I happened to be reading a book by Joyce Rupp entitled "Open the Door" in which she speaks about how we need to walk through doors and cross thresholds having opened new doors - all about changes in our lives and how we deal with them, I was thinking how not relevant all this was in my life... one of the passages I read

I was home four days when the news broke of the sudden death of Fr McNamara in Doora Barefield Parish. By the time I went back to Taize four days after he was laid to rest, I began to continue reading this book and slowly it dawned on me that its contents might yet become more relevant... and so the story unfolded on my return that indeed I was about to open new doors realising that I would be coming through a door that would leave me blessed from where I was coming from. Joyce Rupp encourages through her pages that we never forget what lay behind the door and to bring the richness of that experience as we cross the threshold.

Indeed I am blessed with memories that I will cherish for all of my life. People who have shared stories of life, who took on generous roles in Parish administration at the Parish Office & Parish Reps. Keep an open welcome at the parish house looking after guest and US with equal love and care, in ministries in our Liturgy, as guides and co workers at Pastoral Council and "My" beloved Connect Group, Sacristans and cleaning groups and Flower arrangers who joyfully work with love for their place of worship, a music ministry that ranges from monthly gatherings for our devotion to St Pio to being available for Funeral Liturgies to Sunday Choir and all the big events of the Church year to the Gospel Choir who sing at our monthly Mass with a Difference. To those two, as I often refer to as my right hand and my left (given that I am handless) who if they haven't thought of it themselves have only one response if I think of it first.... "When are we going to do it".

But here's the reality, I'm moving next door, quite literally, so saying goodbye is a little crazy, you will only wonder why when I turn up for something in a couple of weeks. Space has run out so to each and every one I've had the joy of rubbing shoulders with...

**THANK YOU**

*Fr. Jerry.*

# What's on this week?

## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 20th September, 2009

### Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 6824043

### Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 6822166

## VOCATIONS' DIRECTOR



The Diocese is pleased to announce that there are two men beginning seminary training during the month of September. One of the candidates is from Birr parish and the other is from the parish of Roscrea. This brings the total number of seminarians studying for the Killaloe diocese to 4. We Pray for these men and ask the Lord and his Blessed Mother to continue to bless the diocese with more vocations to Priestly and Religious life. We encourage all the people of the diocese to continue to pray unceasingly for an increase in labourers for the Lord's vineyard.

### MUNSTER OPEN DAY FOR VOCATIONS

There will be an Open Day for vocations to priestly and religious life at the Pallotine College, Thurles, Co Tipperary on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October from 2to 5pm. If interested, please contact Fr. Pat Coffey 086-2427728, Sr. Phyllis Moynihan RSM 087-9636898, Fr. Emmet O' Hara SCA 087-7542116.

**Free Course—Good Grief!** 8 wk free Loss & Change Course starting on **Tues 6th Oct at 7.45pm-9.45pm**. Have you experienced death/illness/un-employment/children leaving home etc? Tel: CIOC office on **065-6841009**.

**Enjoy a 'pre-marriage' weekend away in Esker, Athenry.** It provides the unique opportunity of hearing married couples tell their story about their marriage. Sept 25-27; Oct 23-25; Nov 27-29; Tel: 091 844 549 & email [eskerret@indigo.ie](mailto:eskerret@indigo.ie)

**Put the gloss back in your marriage. Special married couples weekend:** Taking time out for each other is essential for any couple, no matter how long or short a time they have been married. Nov 27-29; Tel: 091844549.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Daily Return Service Ennis/LIT/City Centre/Art College/UL. **WEEKEND SERVICES** Limerick/Galway/Limerick; Ennis/Limerick/Cork/Limerick. For further details please visit our website ; [www.pktravel.com](http://www.pktravel.com) or Tel: 00353 (0)61 471111.

**Electric Stairs chair-life;** perfect condition; contact 087 9347979.

Thursday next 24th September is the Feast of **Our Lady of Mercy**. This is a day of celebration for the Sisters of Mercy who came to Ennis in 1854. Venerable Catherine McAuley founded the congregation in 1831 and since then it has spread throughout the world.



*We congratulate the Sisters on this special day and wish them God's Blessing.*

**Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass)**

will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sun 27th Sept next at 4.30pm. This Mass fulfils the Sunday Eucharist obligation. A second Extraordinary Form Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of St. Michael Archangel, Tue Sept 29th at 6pm in the Franciscan Friary, Ennis. Both Masses will be sung (Missa cantata) by Msgr. Seamus Horgan, a priest of Killaloe Diocese, currently in the service of the Holy See.



**Clare Community Forum** will host an Open Forum on the "An Bord Snip Nua Recommendations" and how they might affect the Community and Voluntary Sector in the West County Hotel Tuesday on 22nd September @ 8pm. Speakers:- Tom McGettrick Chairperson of the Irish National Community & Voluntary Forum; Geraldine Lambert, Paul Partnership Limerick; Elaine Harvey, Local Employment Services Galway. Fáilte roimh gach duine - All are welcome - Admission Free

**Singing Tuition** available from experienced teacher with M.A. qualification, Junior & leaving cert students. All ages & all voices welcome. Contact Deirdre 087 6420067.

**Bus to Clonfert** on Wednesday 23rd September. Leaving St. Joseph's car park at 9.15am. Bring a packed lunch. Cost €15. Contact Maura @ 065 6825739.



**Total Kids Defence:** Stranger Awareness/Teamwork/Leadership/Fire & Road Safety/Healthy Eating. Specially designed course for children aged between 3 & 6 years commencing October. Enrolling now: 6820646.

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla** Weekly Draw Results Year 9, Week 13 - Tue, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize €635: MI McMahon, Data Display, Ennistymon. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €127: Anne Kelly, Dalcassian Park, Ennis.

**Ennis Parish Book Club** resume meeting Tue 22nd Sept at 8pm in Cathedral House. Book for Sept is Albert Nolan's "Jesus Before Christianity". New members welcome.

## Parish Personnel Changes

The unexpected death of Fr. Michael McNamara, has necessitated Diocesan clerical changes. This weekend, Fr. John McGovern will move to St. Joseph's and Fr. Jerry Carey moves to Roslevan, Doora Barefield.

**We Thank Jerry** for 17 years of Ministry in Ennis Parish. His energy, enthusiasm and outgoing personality has enabled him to be involved in so many peoples lives' and have a special place of affection in their hearts.



We thank him for his commitment to his ministry and hard work for our Parish. We acknowledge his contribution to the Pastoral care of young people through his involvement in school chaplaincies and in creating inclusive liturgies.

Jerry has an extremely generous heart, ever willing to give and to do for others.

We wish him every blessing in his new role in Doora Barefield Parish. He will continue to be involved as chaplain to Colaiste Mhuire and Taizè Prayer and 'Mass with a Difference' in St. Joseph's. Contact Fr. Jerry at: 086-2508444 or Doora/Barefield Parish Office: 6822225.

**We Welcome Fr. John McGovern.** He will



live in Kincora Park and have special responsibility for St. Joseph's Church and the Pastoral Area associated with St. Joseph's. John will be

Chaplain to CBS Primary School and will form part of Ennis Parish Pastoral Team.

Fr. John is a native of Lissycasey. Since his ordination, he has worked in the Parishes of O'Callaghans Mills/Kilkishen, Birr and Clarecastle. Contact Fr. John at: 065 6822166/086 3222120.

*We hope his time in Ennis Parish will be happy and fulfilled and we wish him well.*

**Lady** looking for work with older people, would do all work in their home and do shopping etc. etc.; references: 087 9347979.



## Newly Baptised

*We welcomed the following into the Christian Community:* Gillian May Grenham; Roxane Mary Andre-Liddane; Desmond Kevin Ciaran Mongans; Sara Kate Lavan; Doireann Tess Alice McNamara; Aiden Opoku; Ella Patricia Devine; Sophia Maria Angela O'Brien; Daniel, Sylvia & Julian Ohiku; Eoin Patrick Daly; Jorja Breda Deegan Herlihy; Katie Mary Barry; Alex Colm Quigley.

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 September, €8,654.00



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Sean McInerney, 14 Shannon Park.  
 Sun 10am: Ann Hewitt, Shannon Park.  
 11.30am: Alice Carmody, 50 Marian Avenue.  
 Mon 11am: Teresa Moloney, 34 Marian Avenue.  
 Tues 11am: Mary McMahon, Drumbiggle.  
 Wed 11am: Paddy O'Doherty, Tulla Rd.  
 Thurs 11am: Michael O'Loughlin, 44 Corrovorrin Grove.  
 Sat 7pm: Martin & Maureen Mullins, 52 Marian Ave.  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 10am: Carmel McInerney, 30 The Crescent.  
 11.30am: Francis Woods, Kevin Barry Ave & Ballyvaughan

## Padre Pio Triduum

St Joseph's Church for 3 Nights;  
 Mass & Devotional Prayers

Monday 21st 7.30pm  
 Fr Jerry Carey & Fr John McGovern

Tuesday 22nd 7.30pm  
 Fr Fergal O'Neill

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm  
 Blessing with Relic



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Esther & Thomas O'Brien, 137 Hermitage.  
 11am: Patrick Joyce, Cloughleigh.  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am: Daniel Walsh, Claureen.  
 11am: Eugene & Seamus Curley, Limerick Road.

Eucharistic Ministers' & Readers' Rosters are available for collection at the front of the church.

Bingo in Community Centre on Sunday night at 8.30pm. All welcome.

To celebrate Positive Ageing Week, Clare County Library presents a very special evening with the Forever Young Choir at the DeValera Library, Ennis on Fri. 25th Sept. at 8pm. All are welcome and entry is free. Don't miss it! Further details from the DeValera Public Library tel. 065 - 6846353 or email [mailbox@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:mailbox@clarelibrary.ie)



Clare Independent Advocacy Service - an independent advocacy service for adults with disabilities living in Co. Clare. Contact Helen Collins 086 6010830, Greg Duff 087 9697404.

Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge is offering a Diploma in Irish at three levels: A2 beginners; B2 Intermediate and C1 higher level. Registration before 18th September and classes begin 28th. If there are more than 20 applicants for the area the classes will be held locally. Contact 091 495248/091493061. [www.acadamh.ie](http://www.acadamh.ie)

PRH (Personality & Human Relationships) INFORMATION EVENING on the personal development workshop Growing in Personal Solidity on Tues 22nd Sept in the Parish Centre, Lisseycasey, Ennis at 8pm. Anne Leavy 6891069; Mary Daly 6834167; Fr Joe Hourigan 6834145, Eibhlín Maher at 067 43383.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland: visiting Warsaw, Czestochowa & Krakow. Following in the footsteps of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe & Pope John Paul 2nd; 8th Oct - 9 nights; with Fr. John Walsh; Details from Kathleen Hayes, Ballycar Rd., Newmarket-on-Fergus; 061-11111 368549; Price €1169.00.

## Friary News



It was a happy occasion in the Friary last Saturday when two friars made their first profession of vows in the Franciscans, in the presence of Fr. Caoimín Ó Laoide, OFM, Minister Provincial, and of their families and friends. Br. Jack O'Riordan hails from near Mallow, Br. David Collins from Cork city. The joy of the Mass and profession was added to by the glorious weather and the refreshments in St Anthony's Hall. After a short holiday the two newly professed friars will move to Canterbury, where they will spend the next year in study of Franciscan writings.

We will miss their presence in the friary, and ask you all to remember them in your prayers, as well as the three postulants who have just begun their year and will, please God, be in Ennis next year for their novitiate.

Brainwave The Irish Epilepsy Association is holding National Conference in the Strand Hotel, Limerick on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. A once off opportunity for people in the Mid-West to listen to an eminent panel of experts speak with authority about the latest thinking and treatments for the condition. Prior booking essential - to book a place call 01-4557500

CONRADH A.G.M.: Conradh na Gaeilge Inis will hold its AGM in the Templegate Hotel on Tuesday, 22nd Meán Fómhair ag 8pm. Beidh fáilte is fiche roimh gach aon duine. Bigé linn!

Ennis Town Football Academy's Registration morning Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at Ennis National School. 11 - 11.45: U4s, U5s & U6s (Born '03, '04 and '05). 12noon - 1 U7s & U8s (Born '01 & '02).

German Grinds available by native speaker; all levels; contact Kerstin: 086 0581216.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Johnny Griffey, 1st Anniv & parents Maura & Joe.  
 Sun.:9am John Joe & Kathleen Cullinan, Cornmarket.  
 10am Olive O'Malley nee Ensko Doorra & Ennis.  
 Joan Dargan, Limerick Road  
 Martin Crowe, 78 St Michaels Villas  
 Gerard Guerin, 42 St Michaels Villas & parents Eileen & Paddy  
 Patsy Scicluna nee McMahon London & Drumbiggle  
 John Joe Walsh, Kilimer

11am Annie Burns, Cloughleigh Rd. MM  
 12.15pm Mass for the People.  
 Mon:8am Patrick Reidy, 319 Golfinks Rd.  
 10am Mass for the People.  
 7.30pm James & Agnes Colgan, Parnell St.  
 Tues.:8am Mass for the People.  
 10am Michael Burke, 16 Park Row.  
 7.30pm Paddy Kelly, Carmody Street.  
 Wed.:8am James & Norah Spaight, Sixmilebridge.  
 10am Bridget O'Connor, Inagh.  
 7.30pm Helen Coffey, 39 Hermitage.  
 Thurs.:8am Mass for the People.  
 10am Ralph Martin, California.  
 7.30pm Micheal & Peggy Roche, 23 St Michael's Villas.  
 Fri.:8am Mass for the People.  
 10am Kit & Jack Carroll, Harmony row & James Lynch Flannans Tce.  
 7.30pm Mass for the People.  
 Sat.:10am Dan 7 Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.  
 11am Neil & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.  
 6.30pm Mass for the People.  
 Sun.:9am Paddy Hanrahan, 77 St Michaels Villas.  
 10am Jason Wood, 8 Connolly Villas.  
 Carmel O'Reilly, Clare Road.  
 Nevin family, Fairview, Dublin.  
 11am Tom Browne, Shannon & Ennis. 1st Anniv  
 12.15pm Mary Browne, Upper Market St. 1st Anniv  
 4.30pm Latin Mass Society.

## Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 27th September, 2009

Readers: Group 6  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



## Rest in Peace

Liz Looney, Kilmihil & USA, sister of Peggy Dillon, St. Senans Rd.; Sr. Mary Roche, Good Shepherd Waterford, sister of Margaret Earlie, Limerick Rd.; Marion Kelly, 25 Cahercalla Heights; Peter Sheridan, 7 Morrissey Ave.; Derry Curran, Tralee, father of Chris, Westfields; Harry Counihan, late of Ennis & Dublin, brother of Frank, Golf Links Rd.; Patrick Hassett, Kilimer, father of Flan, 72 Abbey Court; Pa O'Brien, Willow Park & Late of Cloughleigh Rd.; Margaret Earlie, Limerick Road; Patricia Meehan, Morrissey Ave.; Kate Mongan (nee McDonagh), Enniscorthy, sister of Ned McDonagh, Davitt Tce;

## For Your Diary

◆ Blessing of expectant parents in Cathedral on Thursday 15th October at 8.15 in Cathedral.

Invitation to Past & Present students, and families to join in honouring Thomas Clohessy, who retired as Principal of Rice College, Christian Brothers, New Road, Ennis last October. To celebrate his immense contribution to the school, a Celebratory Mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Thurs Sept 24 at 7.30, followed by light refreshments.





# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



## First Reading

Ws 2:12.17-20

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,  
 Let us lie in wait for the virtuous, since they annoy us  
 and oppose our way of life,  
 They reproache us for our breaches of the law  
 and accuse us of playing false to our upbringing.  
 Let us see if what they say is true,  
 let us observe what kind of end they themselves will  
 have.  
 If the virtuous are God's children, God will take their  
 part  
 and rescue them from the clutches of their enemies.  
 Let us test them with cruelty and with torture,  
 and thus explore this gentleness of theirs  
 and put their endurance to the proof.  
 Let us condemn them to a shameful death  
 since they will be looked after - we have their word for it.

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:* .

*The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;  
 By your power, uphold my cause.  
 O God, hear my prayer;  
 Listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud people have risen against me,  
 Ruthless people seek my life.  
 They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help.  
 The Lord upholds my life.  
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
 And praise your name for it is good. **R**

## Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

### A reading from the letter of St. James.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is

because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
 Anyone who follows me  
 Will have the light of life.  
 Alleluia!*



## Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of wicked people; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

