



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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First Sunday of Lent (Year C) 21st February, 2010

Living with Faith

Spring is in the air.

The mornings and evenings are brighter. The plúiriní sneachta (snowdrops) have put out their vibrant faces, to announce that Mother Nature has awoken from her Winter Slumber and New Life is emerging.

In Church life, we have moved into the Season of Lent. The name Lent comes from an old Anglo Saxon word for Spring Time. It's a time for new beginnings and a fresh start.

This Lent we will reflect on “Living with Faith in today’s Ireland”.

During the Tuesdays of Lent, as part of evening Mass, a Guest Speaker will reflect on Faith and their experience of life in Ireland today.

In recent times, the Irish Church has been through a long winter - battered and challenged from scandals, government reports and the changing nature of Society.

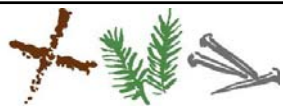
The novelist George Elliot wrote:

“It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good and we must hunger for them”.



Our Faith is given to us as a gift. It is a personal journey to make sense of that Faith and have it colour every aspect of our life.

This Lent is an opportunity to deepen that understanding.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 21st February, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎065 68 91983

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043

Lent at The Cathedral

Parish theme this year:

"Living with Faith in Ireland today".

Weekday morning Mass in Cathedral at 7.45am for Lent.

On Tuesday nights at 7.30pm as we journey through Lent, guest speakers will reflect on:

"Living with Faith in Ireland today".

This Tuesday February 23rd:

Ms. Catherine Wiley, Founder Catholic Grandparents Association.

Next Tuesday March 2nd:

Dr. Andrew O'Connell,

Communications Director of the Presentation Brothers & Columnist with The Irish Catholic.



Living With Faith in Ireland today

Taizé Prayer through Lent

Each Thursday during lent think about joining us in St. Joseph's Church at 8pm for prayer using the songs of Taizé, Readings from Scripture and quiet time for reflection. All welcome.



Lectio Divina
at 8pm in Cathedral House.



(Reflection on the Sunday Readings for Lent)
Feb 25th; March 11th & March 18th. All are welcome.

Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Abbey Mary Brigdale; Martin Pious Mongans; Lucas Dominic Gabriel Murray; Charlie Anthony O'Donoghue; twins Sarah Kate & Matilda Grace Barry.

Mass with a Difference

Is on in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday February 28th @ 6.30pm.

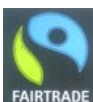


"He Loves You Without Measure.."

Come along with friends and family to enjoy the uplifting music of The Ennis Gospel Choir. You are very welcome ... (especially if you haven't been in a while, this might be right for you!)

National Adult Learners' Festival Clare VEC Adult Education Service This Mon, 22nd to 26th Feb

You are invited to drop in to an event near you or book a place on one of our free demonstration classes in the Adult Education Centre, Clonroad Business Park; the de Valera library will present films & displays on a variety of topics. All free. ☎065 6824819; Email: info@clareadulteducation.org www.clarelearningnetwork.org / www.clarevec.ie



Fairtrade Fortnight Feb 22nd to March 8th. Products sold with the Fairtrade mark makes a real difference to some of the poorest people in the world. Fairtrade is growing more & more in Ireland & this growth is the result of the choices made by thousands of customers and that support is crucial in encouraging more and more businesses to become involved with Fairtrade. Ennis Fairtrade Steering Committee will be holding some events around Ennis.

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group: Trip to Rome, Papal Audience & more, San Giovanni, Monte Sant'Angelo, Loreto, Manopello, Nettuno, Lanciano, & the Adriatic Coast. (Ex Cork); Sept 5-Sept 15 (9 nights); Price: €1285pps All taxes & dinners included. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan, Adm; ☎: Maire & Philip Coll 086 8804603.

Pilgrimage to Medugorje June 19th for anniversary of apparitions. Price €699; all inclusive; ☎Bernadette: 086 1634 553 / 6821627.

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



Just a thought

Often we seek God in all the wrong places. It would be better if we didn't look at all, If we would allow ourselves To dare to believe that it is God's delight To simply gaze upon us; That God, who birthed us in a great burst of passion, is ever standing by in waiting, longing to catch our attention, endlessly hoping that we might be startled into recognition as we wander lazily by the radiant primrose - Snuggled in the grass.

Edwina Gately—A Mystical Heart'

Comhghairdeas!

The appointment by Pope Benedict of Killaloe Priest, Monsignor Eugene Nugent, as Papal Nuncio in the Indian ocean Island state of Madagascar has brought great delight. Monsignor Nugent will be ordained Bishop in Rome on 18th March and has been given the titular see of Domnach Sechnaill (Dunshaughlin) Co Meath with the title of Archbishop.



Monsignor Nugent has chosen the phrase "Quodcumque dixerit, facite" as his episcopal motto. "Do whatever he tells you!" Jn. 2:5 which are the words that Our Lady addressed to the stewards at the Wedding at Cana. Eugene Nugent is from Scariff and studied for the priesthood in St Patrick's College, Maynooth and the Pontifical Irish College, Rome. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Killaloe in 1983 and served as curate in Ennis Parish for two years. He then returned to Rome and completed the Doctorate in Canon Law at the Gregorian University. He entered the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See in 1992 and served in Turkey, Israel and the Philippines.

Beir bua agus saol fada!

Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau.

Aim is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions. If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?

Details from Bureau at Knock, ☎: 094 9375960 www.knockmarriagebureau.com

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla - Year 9 Week 34..Tue, Feb 9th 1st Prize €635: The Howley Family, Ennistymon. 2nd Prize €127: Eileen Daly, Co Cork.



Ennis Players are presenting J.M.Synges classic "The Playboy of the Western World" in Glór Theatre on Tuesday next Feb 23rd to Fri Feb 26th. Wed night's performance will be in aid of Sr. Ethel Normoyle's Missionvale charity. Performances at 8pm nightly and admission €14.



Taizé Summer Pilgrimage -

July 4th - 13th: Taizé a unique community founded by Bro Roger, invites young people to share in prayer, workshops & meals with the Brothers. From Sun 4th - Sun 11th July we will stay with the community. On Sun 11th we return to Paris staying in Hotel accommodation for two nights. Mon 12th in Disneyland Paris, with an evening Coach tour of Paris. Tuesday organised sightseeing, (Shopping). Returning home, Tues evening 13th July. Cost €550. Any enquiries (As soon as possible): Fr Jerry Carey - 086 2508444.



*Ennis Parish Development Fund
Sunday 14th February, €9,050.00*



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Paddy O'Donovan, 24 The Crescent.
Sun 8am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
10am: Mary & Mick Doherty, McNamara Pk.
11.30am: Brendan Armstrong, 3 Mountain View.
Mon 11am: Michael Ensko, 54 Marian Ave.
Wed 11am: Special Intention.
Fri 11am: Fr. Peter O'Driscoll.
Sat 11am: George O'Neill, Clareabbey.
7pm: Mary Sweeney, 34 Shannon Park.
Sun 28th 10am: John Mulkerrins, 62 Marian Ave. **1st Anniv**
11.30am: Sean Moloney, Tulla Rd.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Bernard & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd.
11am: Garry Murphy, 5 Considine Road.
Mon 9.30am: Margaret Graham, "Prague", Cusack Rd.
9.30am: Michael Fawl, 27 Hermitage.
Sun 28th 11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, 23 Hermitage
 Christina O'Neill (nee Hayes), Turnpike.



Vision Seminar with Fr. Flann Lynch.
 Discover freedom, power, purpose!
 Explore! Improve relationships both at home and in your workplace. **Venue:** West County on Sat 27th February. **Time:** 10am-5pm; www.visionbeinspired.com



Relationship Coaching Course Commencing: Feb 26th. **Relationship Coaching for Singles:** 27th & 28th Feb. Info: www.burrenlifebalance.com or Des 065 6827749/0851614951



Email from Fr. John Molloy:

'Jambo' from Migombani, Mombasa, Kenya. As I write to you we are on day 20. Groups one and two have been and gone. Scaffolding was 'put together', walls built and as Seamus Heaney wrote: 'showing off walls now of sure and solid stone'. The roof was next and to have that roof on meant relief and shelter for us Irish under the very hot African sun. Group three arrive tomorrow. They will plaster, plumb and do all the electrics for this training centre which will train and up skill the young people of this parish. There are sixteen counties of Ireland represented over the forty days and need I say County Clare takes the lead! Fr. Martin Keane (Cranny) and the people of the parish are so grateful and excited. We have formed a great relationship with them. From making the blocks to the foundations, mixing the concrete and barrowing we are all involved and learning from each other. Personally I am so fulfilled and happy here to give back some of the goodness I have received to date in life. Bishop Willie flies in from Rome in a little over a week's time to apply the finishing touches and then officially open and bless the new school. He will be made so welcome as we have been made feel. We will include in our opening mass prayers of gratitude and appreciation to our God for all the generosity and support of each person who contributed to making this project such a success. 'Asante' as they say here-Thank You and God's blessing. I miss you all my friends but feel your huge support and care as I 'do mission'. **amigo, John.**



Live the Word:

Luke: 9:28-36

The art of listening to your inner voice, has become increasingly challenging due to the fast pace of life we are now living. However that inner voice can hold immense power; it can solve any problem you experience, quell any anxiety, or encourage you to rejoice in the happiness of life. Put time aside in your day, even just for 5 minutes to connect with and listen to your inner voice.

Ask yourself a question and wait for your answer. Your answer shall come through you. That inner voice is you. You will never lead yourself wrong, trust in your own advice. Trust in the power of your inner voice.

LIFE

After Sundays

Looking for a forum to air your thoughts?
 Sometimes things happen to unsettle or challenge our faith, so why not air your views in a friendly, informal group discussion?

Our theme this month is:

"Back to Basics - Who is our God and what difference does it make anyway?"

Bring a friend, join in and share your thoughts -

8pm - Chapter Room @ The Cathedral
Wednesday 3rd of March

Tea/Coffee will be served
Facilitated by:
Dan O'Connell.

*Just to be is a blessing
 Just to live is holy*
 Araham J Heschel

TROCAIRE

Fast Boxes available at Church Door and Parish Office.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm Michael Howard, Claureen. **1st Anniv**
Sun.:9am Lil & Jacksie Russell, Kilrush Road.
 Tony Dargan, Limerick Road.
 Tommy McEvoy, 2 Park Avenue.
 Ciara Fox, 21 Hermitage, Pat & Bridget & parents Pat & Mgt Fox.
 Patrick Greene, Clonroad.
10.30am Dec'd members of McInerney Family, & Maisie and Tony O'Neill
12noon Donal O'Sullivan, 29 Greendale.
Mon:7.45am Eileen Dunne, 1 Clare Rd.
10am Teresa McCormack, late Hermitage
7.30pm Patrick & Catherine Doohan, Connolly
Tues:7.45am William & Eileen Walsh, Boher, Co. Lmk
10am Peggy O'Halloran, 33 Collins Park.
7.30pm Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas.
Wed.:7.45am Frances Molony, 72 O'Connell St.
10am Dec'd members Cullinan family, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm Maisie O'Loughlin, Maghera View, Golf Link's Rd.
Thurs.:7.45am Tom Tuttle, Castlelawn.
10am Jane Gallagher, St. Flannan's Tce, & Newmarket.
7.30pm Mary Hehir, 12 Connolly Villas.
Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
10am T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Maurices Mills.
7.30pm Haulie Molloy, late Old Mill St. **MM**
Sat.:10am Jim & Mary Rockett, 18 Dalcassian Ave.
 Corry & Mgt. Shanahan, late 1 McMahon Villas
 John & Nora McGrath, Considine Road
6.30pm Martin O'Halloran, Flat 10, O'Connell St & late Clarecastle & Newmarket-on-Fergus **MM**
Sun.:9am Enda Kerin, Clonroadmore
 Frank Lillis, Beechpark
 George Dinan, Old Military Barracks
 Johnny Purcell, 6 Ard na Greine,
 Ita White (nee McMahon), Shannon, & Ennis.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 28th February, 2010

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Elizabeth (Betty) Beirne, Gort Rd., Loughrea, Galway, sister of Patricia Graham, Cusack Rd. & Angela Cahir, Abbey St.; **Josephine Shannon**, Ennis Rd., Limerick, sister of Patricia Heffernan, Shanaway Rd.; **Liam Browne**, formerly The Bakery, Market St & Donegal; **Mai Leahy**, Kilrush, mother of Aideen Considine, Showgrounds Rd. & Michael Leahy, Carmody St.; **Thomas Clancy**, Crouaghan, Kildysart, brother of Tony Clancy, 50 Considine Rd.; **Catherine (Kay) Gallagher**, Cahercalla & South Africa; **John Sheedy**, Old Gort Rd & Darragh;

For your Diary

- Pastoral Council Meeting on Tues 23rd 8.30pm.
- Visitation Meeting on Wed 24th Feb 7pm.
- Finance & Property Meeting Wed 24th 9pm
- People of the Year Old Ground March 11th 8pm

Friary News

Collectors needed for Parish

Development Fund at the Friary.

Contact Parish Office ☎: 6824043





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our ancestors. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me. You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
And abide in the shade of the Almighty
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
My stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' *R*

Upon you no evil shall fall,
No plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
To keep you in all your ways. *R*

They shall bear you upon their hands
Lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
And trample the young lion and the dragon. *R*

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

We do not live on bread alone.

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: people do not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

