



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) 21st March, 2010.

"Go in Peace and sin no more"

The incident of the forgiveness of Jesus for the woman caught in adultery, has very special lessons for all of us, during this Lenten season.

We are all sinners to a certain degree and all of us offend the good God in so many ways. But thankfully we are not dealing with the scribes and Pharisees who made the woman stand there in full view of everyone. *"Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery"*. No matter how many and how serious our sins are, the mercy and forgiveness of God are there for the asking.

A second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should try to imitate our Lord's mercy in our dealings with others. Sometimes we judge too harshly the one whose sins happen to be made public.

Let us remember our Lord's words to the Pharisees *"Let him who is without sin among you*

cast the first stone". Then all of her accusers discreetly withdrew, leaving nobody there except Jesus and the woman.

The woman was repentant and Jesus asked her to form a firm purpose of amendment and then He set her free. *"Go in peace and sin no more"*, were Jesus' gentle words to her.



Jesus does not condemn. He just wants to love us back to life. That is what He did with the woman caught in adultery.

Bless us, Lord God, and free us from the power of evil. May we receive new life from Christ who urges us "to go our way and sin no more", and may

we bear witness to you in your cross and suffering and so, know the power of your resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 21st March, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

Congratulations



Monsignor Eugene Nugent was ordained by Pope Benedict, to the office of Bishop on Thursday in a Ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. Eugene, a native of Scariff and priest of the Diocese of Killaloe, spent three years in Parish Ministry here in Ennis from 1984-87. For the last 23 years, he has worked in the Diplomatic Service for the Holy See in Turkey, Israel & Hong Kong.

Eugene has two aunts living in Ennis - Josephine Cregg, Meadowcourt, Clonroad & Margaret Holmes, Oakpark.

We congratulate Eugene and his family and wish him every success in his new role.

Archbishop Eugene will be chief celebrant at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, April 11th in Ennis Cathedral.

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".

Tuesday March 23rd:

Ms Helen Toner,

Leader Knock Youth Minister Team, Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo



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)

March 25th. All are welcome.



Ennis Parish People of The Year - 2010



Congratulations to the Recipients of this years People of the Year Awards.

Larry Brennan, Fr. Sean Sexton (Special Merit Award), Tom Mannion, Mary Hanrahan, Cyril O'Dowd, representing his wife Helena & Maureen Cronin

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Linda Josephine Molloy; Elizabeth Martina Thompson; Erin Mary Moloney; Jack Michael McDonnell; Emma Marie Maloney;

Corrovorrin Graveyard: The Clare Roots Society have recorded over 200 graves with 430 burials and they are now seeking the help of family members and locals who may be able to identify further unmarked stones and graves and location of deceased persons. Anybody with further information that may be of assistance can contact Fiona de Builléir at: fionadeb@gmail.com who will arrange for the additional mapping and recording



Mothers Prayers: For mothers who wish to find out more about this movement of prayer set up in 1995 and has now spread to 95 countries.

Time will also be set aside for prayers & sharing: St. John's Rest, Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo; **Sat March 27 from 10.30-6pm (Mass at 5pm); Sun March 28 from 10.30-4pm (Mass 12 noon);** you are welcome even if only for a short time. Tea/coffee available, should you wish to bring a packed lunch. ☎087 6184110 / 091 771009.

Ennis Flower & Garden Club: Floral Demonstration by Samantha Foran, Galway at West Co. on Tue, March 23. Demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night. At 8.15pm. Sales Table & Easter Bonnet Competition. Open to non-members. Doors open at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Adm €10; enquiries to: ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net

Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of

Cuan an Chlair: good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.



Turn of the Hand": A book on the life of a Traveller by Mary Moriarty Warde will be launched by Bishop Willie Walsh at the Auburn Lodge Hotel on Wed 24th March 11am. All proceeds will be donated to Down's Syndrome Ireland.

Home Share Clare Fundraising Walk; 28th March @ 12.30pm; Flaggy Shore, Newquay, Co. Clare. Home Share Clare is a service developed by the Brothers of Charity, providing much needed short breaks for adults and children with learning disabilities throughout the county. Home Share Clare is totally reliant on donations. Please support our walk along 9k of breathtaking scenery. Sponsorship cards available from Suzanne 065 6869750 or Patricia 087 6680081 or you can make a donation on the day.

Pakie Ryan Memorial 10k Run: /5k Walk/40k Cycle - Sat March 27th - 11am: takes place in Newmarket-on-Fergus. Reg Fee €20. Proceeds will be donated to Milford Hospice, Mid Western Cancer Care Centre and the Clare Crusaders. Flan (086 8662920) or email: pakiememorialrun@gmail.com

Burren Outdoor Retreat, 23rd-26th April - 12 places. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the unique natural beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Nóirin at 087 9459151 or Mary at 065 6839530.

Pilates for beginners continues at 7.30pm in The Clare Training Resource Centre, Clonroad Business Pk, Class is one hour long and the term is 8 weeks long. Booking essential as places are limited. Contact: Lizzie 087 2757703.

Junior chess players; between 5 and 19 - U6, u8, u10, u12, u14, u16 and u19; event will be held in Ennis on 9, 10 and 11th April - phone Connie on 087 9777011 or check out www.icu.ie

Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday, 14th March, 2010

€9,250.00

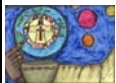


St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mary Hayes, 20 Pine Grove.
 Sun 10am: Josephine O'Grady, 39 Marian Ave.
 11.30am: Martin Kelly, Rock Bungalow, Old Gort Rd.
 Mon 11am: Sr. Maura Clune, Corofin.
 Tue 11am: Joe & Bgt. Casserly, Gort Rd.
 Wed 11am: Martin O'Dea.
 Thurs 11am: Dec'd memb's O'Brien family, Crusheen.
 Fri 11am: Ml & Mary Anne Barry, Kylea, Inagh.
 Sat 11am: Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.
 7.00pm: Fr. Michael Considine.
 Sun 28th 10am: Paddy Coughlan, 12 Marian Ave.
 1st Anniv
 11.30am: Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.

Padre Pio Mass in St. Josephs Church on Wednesday next 24th at 7.30pm.



A Service of Readings & Communion
 St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday at 8am.
 Everybody welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Patrick, Mary Ann & JJ Fitzpatrick,
 50 Circular Road & late Ennistymon.
 11am: Michael & Catherine Hehir, Dunsallagh.
 Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.
 Wed 9.30am: Mary Costelloe, New Hall.
 Sun 28th 9.30am: Rachel Walsh, 2 Piersa Ave.
 11am: Brigid Culliney, 8 Cloughleigh.

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



Local Ennis Band on the road to the Nationals

up-coming promotion gig on 3rd April 2010. Local young Ennis band have been selected to perform at the National Youth Music Awards on 24th April and are holding a promotional event for the band here in Ennis.



For your Diary

- Visitation Meeting on Wed 24th Feb 7pm.
- Finance & Property Meeting Wed 24th 9pm
- Pastoral Council Meeting on Tues 30th 8.30pm.

2010 Pilgrimage Trips

04 Aug: Lourdes (from Shannon) 7 Nights Agena Hotel. Full Board. Spiritual Director; Fr Michael McInerney, Includes Transfers & Full Religious Programme
 22 Aug: Killaloe Italy Trip Assisi, Rimini, Loreto & Rome, 7 Nights, 4* Star Hotels, Half Board. Leader; Canon Brendan O'Donoghue. Includes full itinerary of excursions
 Contact: Tom Mannion Travel; 065 6824211
 05 Sep; Ennis Padre Pio Group, Rome, San Giovanni & the Adriatic 10 Nights, various hotels, half board. Spiritual Director ; Fr Tom Hogan. Includes full itinerary of excursions
 Contact: Maire Coll at 086 8804603
 Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo from 29th Sept - 6th Oct. Tour Leader: Mary Kelly at 065 6835519.



Seán Connolly Bridge Memorial will take place in Woodstock on Sunday 28th March at 7.30pm. Proceeds to local Cancer Support. All Bridge players welcome

Acies Ceremony (consecration to Our Lady) for active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary will take place in Ennis Cathedral after the 7.30 Mass on Thursday 25th March. All welcome.



Live The Word:

Lk:19:28-40

In today's world we can often be caught up in the 'I want...I have to have...'

Stop and ask yourself where does this all get me? Am I forgetting to stop and listen to the birds sing, or take notice of the new daffodils beginning to bloom. When was the last time you stopped and just let the present moment sink totally into your being. Let this week be a week of 'being'. Make yourself aware of the present moment, capture it, 'be' in it. 'Yesterday is past, tomorrow is the future, today is a gift, that's why it is called the 'present'.'

Feast of St. Joseph



Let us give praise for Joseph, that just man, husband of Mary & called to be the father of Jesus.

Joseph, help husbands & wives to relate to each other, with reverence & mutual respect.

Joseph, help us to be generous in caring for the resources of our earth.

Joseph, lived with generosity, make us more grateful for all that we have been given in life.

Joseph, chosen by God to be the guide & teacher of Jesus, give parents the courage to instill good values in their children.

Joseph & Mary experienced the loss of Jesus for 3 days; comfort parents who live through this dilemma.

Joseph, died knowing the love of Jesus & Mary, give us the grace to die at peace with our families.

Final Blessing: May each of us be filled with courage & bigheartedness as Joseph was, to walk together in new pathways. May Joseph, that wise & humble man, watch over our families & teach us reverence for all life. Amen.



March 15th to May 2nd
 Supporting 4 Clare Charities
 Clare Haven; Cuan an Chláir
 Clare Crusaders and Home
 Share Clare (Brothers of Charity)

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm Kay Guihen, Cathedral Ct & My Lady Fashions MM
 Sun.:9am Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.
 Beenie Fitzpatrick, Clonroadmore.
 Thomas & Mgt Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
 10.30am Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, 79 Hermitage.
 Christina & Martin O'Neill, 94 Turnpike Road
 Angela & Jack Mulkere, Crusheen.
 Féile na hInse, Aifreann tré Gaeilge.

12 noon Special Intention.

Mon:7.45am Patrick & Mary McGarry, Ard na Greine.

10am Kathleen Gilgunn, (1st Anniv), husband Pat & son Padraic, Manorhamilton

7.30pm Jane & Michael Fahy, Danganbrack, Quin.

Tues.:7.45am Margaret Killeen, Broadford.

10am Paddy Coffey, 14 McNamara Pk.

7.30pm John McMullen, 11 McNamara Pk.

Wed.:7.45am Sr. Senanus Murrhly, Mullagh.

10am Mary & Peter White & dec'd members of Callinan Family, Halfway House, Clare Road.

7.30pm Sean & Bridget O'Keeffe, Ard na Greine.

Thurs.:7.45am Brother Niall McCarthy, Clara.

10am Pete Boland, Mullagh & Mai Gallagher, Donegal.

7.30pm Ml & Mary Kate Griffin, 60 Parnell St.

Fri.:7.45am Roche Family, 9 St. Michaels Villas.

10am Patrick McInerney, 20 Dalcassian Pk.

7.30pm Julie Fawl, 94 Shallee Drive.

Sat.:10am Donors Intentions.

6.30pm Catherine McNeill, 151 Hermitage. 1st Anniv

Sun.:9am Agnes Hehir, Gortmore.

Jim Kitson, Laureen Drive.

William & Martha Costin & members of McAulliffe Family, Hospital, Co. Limerick

10.30am Tom Slattery, 3 College Park

Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd.

12 noon Alice Tierney, St. Clares Tce. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 28th March 2010

Readers: Group 7

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace



Miriam Woodford, Dysart; Viktors Savcuks, Avondale, Kilrush Road & Latvia; Kevin Murray, 36 St. Flannan's Terrace; Margo Smythe, Canada, wife of Conor Smythe, formerly of Gort Rd.; Sarah O'Keeffe, Pallasgreen, mother of Tom, Tulla Road and Helen Mc Garry, The Woods, Cappahard.

If you are concerned about someone's drinking, gambling or use of drugs, and are feeling anxious, lost, helpless, alone and don't know where to turn, contact the caring, professional (and confidential) staff at Bushypark Treatment Centre at 6840944 or website: www.bushypark.ie.

Easter Mass Bouquets Available from Parish Office. Mass will be said for your intentions during the Easter Season.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:-

A special Meeting of Co-ordinators will be held on this Wednesday March 24th. at 8.05pm, in the Chapter Room (usual meeting place). Because there is a particular and urgent problem requiring our attention, each Co-ordinator is earnestly requested to attend this meeting, please.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horses in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
On our lips there were songs. ℣

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
The Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. ℣

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
As streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
Will sing when they reap. ℣

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing

the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my sisters and brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Gospel

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

