



# 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>

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

22nd January 2012

## Accepting Brokenness

We live in a flawed creation and have to cope with earthquakes and other natural disasters. Our humanity too is flawed. Selfishness and sin account for more of the misery and spoiling of the world than all other causes. We use our gift of freedom badly at times; it is human to err. Good people do bad things and bad people do good things. A touch of the saint and the sinner in everyone.

Every day's end we need to make a double confession:

- of sorrow that we have not prayed and loved as we should and of
- thanks for the good we have received and done.



It is surprising that we easily distort the image of the church, by seeing it as a place for good people, a fellowship of the devout! Such a fellowship permits no one to be a sinner. The effect is that many Christians are horrified to find a real sinner among the righteous. Hence the shock if priest or bishop are publicly shown to be sinners. But the real shock would be to find a sinless church leader!

The true response to brokenness is, to accept the fact that we are '*only human*', always incomplete, and imperfect, this side of the Blessed Vision. We reach with sympathy to those who show amiable human weakness: "*Why should not frailty be frail?*" (St. Francis de Sales).

At the heart of the faith is the good news that New Life comes out of the ultimate brokenness of death. This suggests that experiences of brokenness can become stepping stones to union with God, building blocks of transfigured humanity. Bad spiritual experiences have been described as the '*recruiting ground of Christian hope*'. This is the wisdom of the good use of bad experiences: it involves

two movements:

- I. First, a frank acknowledgement of the evil done, allowing it to open our eyes to the truth '*I am a sinner*'. God stoops down to the lowly of heart.
- II. Immediately borrow from the Lord the grace we need.

**His Spirit, life, prayer, love and strength are ours for the borrowing.**



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 22nd January, 2012

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald ☎065 68 24043

## St. Brigid and Cows for Africa

St. Brigid is most often depicted with a cow. The legend says she had a famous cow that could provide an endless supply of milk for all visitors and for the poor. To honour the spirit of this legend—to make the word flesh—the Liscannor community make thousands of Brigid's Crosses and offer them at €3 a cross to raise funds to provide cows for African families. Every 300 crosses buys one cow and the spirit of Brigid and her generosity lives. If you would like to participate in this gift project, crosses are available in church after Mass, at the entrance to the Cathedral or at the Parish Office this coming week.



## Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Seán Michael Daly; Dylan Samuel Rynne; Jennifer Ann Hehir; Ned Anthony Joyce.**

Clare VEC - Ennis Community College are currently enrolling for their Spring Evening Classes. Check our website: [www.enniscommunitycollege.com](http://www.enniscommunitycollege.com) for a full list of our courses which will commence early Feb. We have a wide variety of courses on offer, including Social Studies, Equality in Childcare, Art, Photography, Cooking on a Budget and Computers. To book any of our courses, simply mail in your contact details (mobile very important), course title and fee to Elizabeth at Ennis Community College, Harmony Row.

Trip to Medjugorje - Date 27<sup>th</sup> June Ex Shannon; Accommodation beside Church; €629 €100 off if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> February. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Blake; Contact Bernadette Murphy 0861634553

Bushypark Treatment Centre (a Clarecare Ltd service) sponsors two weekly Family Support Programmes funded by the OMD Cocaine Initiative through the MWRDTF. These programmes are for anyone who has someone in their family whose alcohol or other drug use, abuse or addiction is causing them great concern. They are drop-in services and are counsellor and facilitator led; tea/coffee served. If questions, call Ellen O'Neal at Bushypark at 065-6840944. Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm at Clarecare room 13, Harmony Row. Wednesdays 3.30-5pm Pastoral Centre, Denmark St, Limerick.

Grinds in Irish; to Leaving Cert. Preparation for Oral Exam. Small groups. Tel: 087-2760590

Grinds available in maths, Chemistry Junior and Leaving cert all levels. Jackie 087 9278199.

Piano Lessons: New term commencing end of January. Ring Fiona Walsh 087 6886378 <http://ennisgospelchoir.com>

Dancing classes at Halla CBS, New Rd Sat 11am & Wed 6.30pm for children. Adults: Halla CBS Wed 7.30pm and Edenvale Thurs 7pm. Summerville Academy. Cora: 0862213219; Marie 0872885807; Bessa 0860527609.

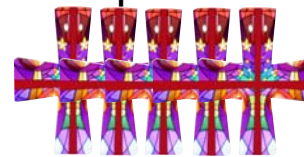
Afternoon Tea Dance with P.J. Murrhy and Michael Sexton Band Sun Jan 29th at Kilfenora Hall from 3pm to 6pm. Adm €10; Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice.



## Live the Word:

There is nothing you cannot do. If you approach things in life in the right order, you will do everything you want. Believe in yourself and know that you are capable of doing whatever it is you wish.

## Gospel Mass



Monthly gathering in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 29th January @ 6.30pm, with The Ennis Gospel Choir. All welcome.

Ennis Creative Arts Centre taking bookings for classes/workshops starting soon. Classes in all forms of Art, Craft and design; Sugar Crafting, Knitting and Crochet, Sewing workshop, Pottery classes, Painting through meditation (Thurs 11-1pm 086 8177464.), Mosaic mirrors, English classes, Cup cake classes, Scrapbooking, Card making, Hand painted furniture, Portrait drawing, Papier mache hens, Millinery classes, Polymer clay jewellery and much more. For details contact Ennis Creative Arts 086 0443434.

New Year Yoga & Meditation at Ennis Yoga Studio with Clodagh Kelly starting Jan 16 Mon 4-5.30pm, Wed 10-11.30am, Thurs 6.15- 7.45pm Yoga Dance for Kids Tue/Wed 4-5pm

Sean Nos Dance: or fun & fitness, Cois na hAbhna, Gort Rd; weekly classes: Tuesdays. Kids 6.30pm & adults 8pm

An Clár as Gaeilge holding Irish Classes in Cois na hAbhna, Gort Rd Mon Jan 23rd. Reg at 6.30pm & classes at 7pm; Beginners, Improvers & Advanced. Fee: €50.

Opening Soon: Laura Minogue School of Irish Dancing (former member of Riverdance). Laura 0876163121 for details.

Toonagh Walk for Special Olympics St. Clare's School Ennis; Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 12.30pm Start and finish Toonagh Hall: 2ml, 3ml, and 6.5ml. Walks Refreshments after walk; info Breda 0851947763 or 065 6837380

Youth Basketball Club from local area, seeking help to coach boys and girls U-12/U-14's. Not necessary to have background in basketball. Call: Maureen 086-1655327 or Stasia 086-8102423

Rockmount Montessori, Kilrush Rd, Ballybeg. Two sessions running from Sept 2012 with free ECCE places available. 9 to 12 and 12 to 3pm. check on facebook. Contact Edel at 0868125871

Scolairi Beaga Montessori Elm Pk Ennis now enrolling for Sept 2012. Free ECCE places available, small numbers so book early. For more details PH Elaine on 087-6744077.

Children's Set Dancing Weds Cois na hAbhanna 6.15pm. 0861587681/0868706175.

## Sr. Eileen's Clíinne

### Rúin na Bliana Nua

Níl sé ródhéanach fós cinneadh a dhéanamh maidir le Rúin na Bliana nua. Is féidir linn ár n-aire a dhíriú ar na Deich nAitheanta. Is acoimre orthu i bhfoirm véarsaíochta an rann seo ón mBéaloideas:

Creid, a Mhic, i nDia go glan.

Ná tabhair ainm Dé gan fáth.

Coimeád an tsaoire mar is cóir.

Tabhair dod' athair is dod mháthair onóir.

Ná déan marú, goid ná drúis

Ná fianaise bhréige ar aon chúis.

Ná santaigh bean nach leat féin,

Clann duine eile ná a airnéis.

### New Year's Resolutions

It is not too late to make New Year Resolutions. It is an opportune time to look at the Ten Commandments. This poem is a summary of them in verse handed down through Irish Oral Tradition:

Believe in God and in Him alone.

His holy name take not in vain.

Preserve the Sabbath as is right.

Give not to parents any slight.

Kill not, thief not, nor lust commit

Of false witness bear not one whit.

Desire no woman who is not yours,

Another's children or his goods.

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 15th January, €8,483.00



## St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 21st 7pm:** William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.  
**Sun 10am:** James Casey, Gort Rd  
**11.30am:** Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.  
**Mon 11am:** John Mc Dermott, Doonbeg.  
**Tue 11am:** Agnes & Patrick Keane, Clare Rd.  
**Wed 11am:** Denis Willington, Dublin & Wales.  
**Thurs 11am:** Deceased membs O'Dwyer family, Clooney.  
**Fri 11am:** Kitty Begley, St. Senan's Rd.  
**Sat 11am:** Bridie Flynn, Lifford Rd.  
**7pm:** Brid Madigan, 66 Ivy Hill.  
**Sun 29th 8am:** Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove & Julia Titterington.  
**10am:** Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.  
**11.30am:** Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

*Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion*  
St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am.  
Everybody welcome.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 22nd 9.30am:** Tom Kelly, Golf Links Rd.  
**11am:** Fergal Landy, 10 Considine Rd.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Joe White, Hermitage & decd family.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Patrick & Bridget O'Loughlin & decd family.  
**Sun 29th 9.30am:** Elizabeth Hanrahan, Circular Rd.  
**11am:** Eileen & Willie O'Carroll, late of Brookville

Mothers Prayers meets each Tuesday evening at 7pm in Christ the King Church, Cloughleigh. We are simply a group of mothers praying for all our children. Won't you join us? Tuesday next the 24th we will have Mass at 8pm (after our 7pm meeting), and all are welcome.



Cloughleigh Residents' Association kindly invite you to a Senior Citizens Social Evening including music, song, dance with light refreshments at Cloughleigh Community Centre on Sunday 29th January from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Music by Larry McEvoy. Community bus will be available, if required. Contact Dolores Nevin, immediately at 086-8597863 or Noel Fawl at 086-0610211.

### Grave Cleaning:

Transition Year Students at Colaiste Muire are offering free grave tidying for Drumcliffe Cemetery to families because of infirmity, age or unable to keep their loved one's grave. If interested please contact Parish Office 6824043


**St. Brigid's Crosses in aid of Haiti Displaced Children's Home.** Before Masses on Sat. 28th/Sun 29th and Tue 31st Jan/Wed 1st Feb at the doors of Franciscan Friary and St. Josephs Church. St. Brigid's crosses will be sold at €2 each in aid of Displaced Children's Home at Port-eu-Price in Haiti. Young, Clare based, girl, Bianca Szostak - is going to volunteer there for AMURT Natural Disaster Relief organisation and will look after the small children in that home. Please, support generously the organisation and Bianca's work.

# BINGO

**Jackpot: €1,500.00**  
in Community Centre in aid of Cuan an Chláir  
**Every Sunday from 8pm.**

Clare Local Development Company are currently delivering 4 courses in Ennis; Courses include: First Impressions for improving employability skills; Start Your Own Business; Beginners & Intermediate computer courses. ☎ 6866800

## St. Bridget & Celtic Spirituality



**Presentation:**  
**Fr. Denis Crosby,**  
Liscannor.  
Old School  
Clarecastle  
**Wednesday 25th January**  
**7pm**

**Suicide Awareness & Prevention Session** for parents on Wed Jan 25th from 10.30am-12.30pm in Clarecare, Harmony Row by Resource officers for Suicide Prevention from HSE West. Call Michelle Barnes, Parenting Support Clarecare 065 6894246 or parentingssupport@clarecre.ie

**Ennis Laughter Club:** Connect with your inner Spirit of Laughter & connect with your heart & community in a safe supportive club. Tuesdays from 6-7pm in Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosog. Donation.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** from Shannon 8th Sep. 7 nights all inclusive €50 deposit secures; €619 before 17th Feb. After 17th Feb cost will be €669. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Pat Conway and Fr. Tom O'Gorman. Leader James Considine 065 9059328/085 7385385

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat :6.30** Michael Butler, late Brady's Lane. **1st Anniv**  
**9am:** James & Mary Theresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.  
P.J. Mungovan, Mullagh.  
**10.30am** John Sweeney, Achill. **1st Anniv**  
Mary Bolger, Turnpike Rd.  
John O'Donoghue, Military Barracks & St. Mls Villas.  
Claire, Flan, Paddy Donohue, late 65 Parnell St & Fr. Michael Donohue.  
Martin O'Halloran, O'Connell St & Newmarket on Fergus.  
**12 noon** Margaret O'Dea, Upper O'Connell St. **MM**  
Geraldine Kenny, Corofin & Davitt Terrace **1st Anniv.**  
**Mon.:7.45am** Special Intention.  
**10am** Michael, Mgt & Michael Jnr Mc Mahon, Drumcaurin.  
**7.30pm** Colm Slattery, Moyriesk & 28 Golfinks Rd.  
**Tues.:7.45am** Special Intention.  
**10am** Peter & Tim O'Connor.  
**7.30pm** Agnes Fox, 8 Cornmarket St. & her sister Alice Lacey, Waterford City.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Sheila & Tom Coote, St. Michaels Villas.  
**10am** Austin Nagle, 118 Cahercalla Estate.  
**7.30pm** Michael O'Donohue, Sanborn Hse, Edenvale.  
**Thurs.:7.45am** Mary & Paddy Kissane, Hermitage.  
**10am** John & Delia Hanrahan, Turnpike.  
**7.30pm** Martin & Anne Cronin, Drumbiggle Rd.  
**Fri.:7.45am** Mass for the people.  
**10am** Daisy Redican, 75 O'Connell St.  
**7.30pm** Una Ryan, 19 Brookville. **MM**  
**Sat.:10am** Patrick Toomey, Mc Namara Park.  
**6.30pm** Joe Boland, 53 Phoenix Court. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun. 29th :9am** Theresa Ryan, 19 Gallows Hill  
**10.30am** Al Wrafter, late Tullamore  
Nuala Dinan nee Guerin, Newmarket on Fergus.  
Mike & Maura Duggan, late of Inagh.  
**12 noon** Agnes Kelly, 54 McNamara Park. **1st Anniv**

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 29th January, 2011

Readers: Group 2  
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4  
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



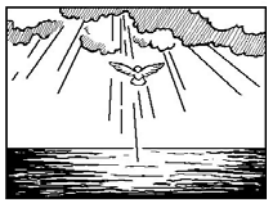
### Rest in Peace

Elizabeth (Dottie) Flynn, Dungarvan mother of Allen, Old Ground hotel; **Noreen Moroney**, Morrissey Ave; **Bridget Coote (nee Murphy)**, 4 Cloughleigh Rd; **Nora Moroney, nee Lynch**, Killanena, Caher and Unit 1 St Joseph's; **John Marrinan**, Curraghodea, Miltown Malbay and Unit 7 St Joseph's; **Mary Lynch**, Kilclogher, Cross and unit 2 St Joseph's; **Nora Lynch**, Fairyhill House Kilmaley and unit 2 St Joseph's; **Rudolph Ballerin**, Kilkishen and Unit 7 St Joseph's.



### Date For Diary

- ◆ **Workshop of Spirituality and Traditions of St. Bridget** presented by Denis Crosby. Wednesday 25th January. Old School, Clarecastle. 7pm.
- ◆ **Abbey Cluster Steering Group** meeting Old School House, Clarecastle Monday 30th January at 8pm.
- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Council** Tuesday 31st January at 8pm in Chapter Room.



Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

- John 4:14

### First Reading **Jonah 3:1-5.10**

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: Up! he said Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to. Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a days journey. He preached in these words, Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed. And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: God did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

### Lord, make me know your ways

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

For you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

And the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

Because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Lord you are good and upright.

You show the path to those who stray,

You guide the humble in the right path;

You teach your way to the poor. **R**

### Second Reading **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters, our time is growing short. Those who have spouses should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The kingdom of God is close at hand;*

*Believe the Good News*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel **Mk. 1:14-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of people.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### The Gospel of the Lord

