



# 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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5th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

22nd May, 2011

## The Way, the Truth, and the Life

**Sometimes, as we go through life we are always looking for the Way, looking for the Truth and something to give us life. The man in the story below, found it in the least expected place.**

**More often than not, we too can be closed to how God sends people our way, to guide us, to show us the way, to reveal the truth and to give us life...**

One evening I was parked in front of the shops, wiping off my car. I had just come from the car wash and was waiting for my wife to get out of work. Coming my way from across the parking lot, was a man society would not consider. From the looks of him, he had no car, no home, no clean clothes, and no money. There are times when you feel generous but there are other times that you just don't want to be bothered. This was one of the "Don't want to be bothered" times.

"I hope he doesn't ask me for money," I thought. He didn't. He came and sat on the curb in front of the bus stop and he didn't look like he could have enough money to even ride the bus. After a few minutes he spoke. "That's a very nice car," he said. He was ragged but had an air of dignity around him. I said, "Thanks," and continued wiping off my car.

He sat there quietly as I worked. The expected plea for money never came. As the silence between us widened something inside said, 'ask him if he needs any help.' I was sure that he would say yes, but I held true to the inner voice.

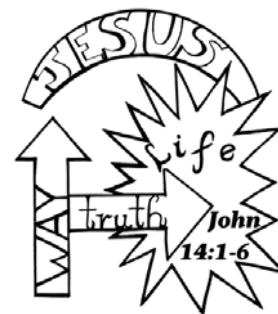
"Do you need any help?" I asked. He answered in three simple but profound words that I shall never forget. We often look for wisdom in great men and women. We expect it from those of higher learning and accomplishments. I expected nothing but an outstretched grimy hand.

He spoke three words that shook me. "Don't we all?" he said.

I needed help. Maybe not for bus fare or a place to sleep, but I needed help. I reached in my wallet and gave him not only enough for bus fare but enough to get a warm meal and shelter for the day. Those three little words still ring true.

No matter how much you have, no matter how much you have accomplished, you need help too.

No matter how little you have, no matter how loaded you are with problems, even without money or a place to sleep, you can give help. Even if it's just a compliment, you can give that.



You never know when you may see someone that appears to have it all. They are waiting on you to give them what they don't have. A different perspective on life, a glimpse at something beautiful, a respite from daily chaos, that only you through a torn world can see.

Maybe the man was just a homeless stranger wandering the streets.

Maybe he was more than that.

Maybe he was sent by a power that is great and wise to minister to a soul too comfortable in themselves.

Maybe God looked down, called an Angel, dressed him like a discard, then said, "Go minister to that man cleaning the car, that man needs help."

**"Don't We All?"**



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 22nd May, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 6840715

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 6824023

## Bring Flowers of the Rarest

The crown of the image of Mary has a long history. Depicting Mary wearing a crown is found in the early church. Later images have Mary seated on a throne dressed like a queen and surrounded by Angels and Saints.



Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from gardens and woodlands  
and hillside and dale;  
our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling  
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

**Chorus:**

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,  
Their mistress proclaim thee,  
oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
as long as the bowers  
are radiant with flowers,  
as long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.



## May Devotions

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.

- ◆ May Devotions at our Lady's Shrine in Dalcassian Pk. each evening at 7pm.
- ◆ Rosary at Lees Rd every evening during May at 6.30pm.
- ◆ Rosary at 7pm each evening at St. Michael's Villas Grotto.
- ◆ Rosary & Benediction Thursday May 19th at 7pm - Hermitage.
- ◆ Rosary, Gallows Hill, every evening at 7pm
- ◆ Rosary at 7.30pm on Monday & Thursday at Cahercalla Hospital Grotto.
- ◆ Rosary at Loughville Grotto each evening at 8pm.
- ◆ Rosary in the Buttermarket on Fri 27th @ 7pm
- ◆ McHugh Villas Mon May 30th 7pm

## Anxious about Exams?



Then take a break from the books and come along to our **SPECIAL MASS** for exam students and their families at **St Joseph's Church on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. Come and enjoy a little time to relax, to sing and to pray for all our young people preparing for exams.

**Irish Kidney Association Invitation** --- The **Clare Branch** of the Irish Kidney Association invite you, our Donor Families and transplant recipients to their **Annual Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving, on Sun 22nd May at 12 noon in the Cathedral Ennis**. This Mass will be celebrated in honour of those whose organs were donated thus giving the Gift of New Life to so many.

**We remember them,**

At the rising of the sun and its going down  
We remember them

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of  
spring

We remember them

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth  
of summer

We remember them

When we have achievements that are based  
on theirs

We remember them

As long as we live, they too will live, for they  
are now a part of us,  
as We remember them.



## Newly Baptised

*We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:* Jennifer Cifrova; Rian Michael Quinn; Kate Ellen Walsh; Niamh Ellen Harrington; Whitney Kathleen Theresa McDonagh; Aoihe Marie Mounsey Woods.



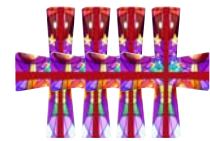
**OXFAM** needs volunteers. Ennis Branch is at 8 Parnell St.; dedicated book store. If you have a knowledge and would like to learn new skills & help out a good cause, call into shop for Application form/085 7110204.

**Lost in the Ard na Greine area:** engagement & signet rings; sentimental; 087 9628954.

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla, Year 10 Week 48 Tue, May 17th 1st Prize €635: Mary Brennan, Clancy Pk.; 2nd Prize €127: Aisling Slattery Hayes, Quin.**



## Monthly Gospel Mass



with Ennis Gospel Choir  
Sunday 29th May at 6.30pm  
in St Joseph's Church

Mid West Simon Community - **Volunteers needed** - provide services to homeless people, or those at risk of homelessness, in Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary; flag day in Ennis on **Thurs May 26<sup>th</sup>**. We are new to the area and we really need a few volunteers to collect for us. Could you give us 2 hours on this date please? If you could please call Susan at 086 1033195. See [www.midwestsimon.ie](http://www.midwestsimon.ie) for more info on our work.



**Castlerock Montessori School,** Castlerock taking enrolments for Sept, free places available under ECCE scheme. Contact Rita 087 2265819

**Bishop Kieran O'Reilly will celebrate Mass for people with disabilities and chronic illnesses** at Ennis Cathedral on Tuesday, 7th June at 2pm. The Sacrament of Anointing will also take place. All are welcome.

**Supervised Study** will run in New Road Study Centre at Rice College right throughout the Junior and Leaving Cert Exams. Opening on Saturday June 4th at 9am sharp and running up to Wednesday June 22nd. Quiet and strict supervised environment where students can prepare for exams. Booking is not necessary. Timetables will be given out on Saturday 4th at 9am. Enquiries to 0872766338 or 0863026207 only. Please do **not** ring the school office.



## Clare Abbey Pilgrimage



Clarecastle parish pilgrimage and Mass in Clare Abbey on this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.30pm for procession into Clare Abbey for Mass at 3pm. We hope as many parishioners, their family and friends will come to the celebration.

**Type 2 Diabetes Course:** Starting Wed June 1st for three weeks. To help people with Type 2 diabetes understand diabetes and will cover topics such as nutrition, physical activity and self-monitoring diabetes control. Limited to 16 participants, registration is required. Contact Regina in the Western Regional Diabetes Federation office between 9:30am and 1pm Monday to Friday ☎071 914 6001 before Friday 27th May 2011 to register.

**Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 15th May, €8,186.00**



## St. Joseph's

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

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Maureen Skelly, New Road, Ennis  
**Sun 22nd May 10am:** Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.  
**11.30am:** George & Peter Dillon, St. Senan's Rd.  
**Mon 11am:** Maurice Fitzgerald, late Kerry & Bristol MM  
**Tue 11am:** Bernard Neylon, Kilmaley.  
**Wed 11am:** Matthew & Mary Coughlan, Co Cork.  
**Thu 11am:** Gerald & Sheila Murray, Newmarket on Fergus.  
**Fri 11am:** Donor's Intentions  
**12 noon:** 1st Holy Communion - St Clare's  
**Sat 11am:** Patrick Flynn, Lifford Rd.  
**7pm: Mass for Exam Students**  
**Sun 29th 10am:** Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanoir.  
**11.30am:** Sean & Chrissie O'Connell, 22 The Crescent.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 22nd May 11am:** Marie Broderick, 5 The Crescent, Lifford & Cloughleigh.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Catherine Mulconry, Kildysart


**A night of appreciation and thanks** for all who are involved in ministry in Christ the King, Church, Cloughleigh will take place on Wednesday next 25th May at 8pm in the Old Ground Hotel.

**Cloughleigh Connect Group** will meet this Monday May 23rd for a brief meeting at 7pm in Cloughleigh Presbytery.

**Pilates for beginners, 4 week course** starts Wednesday 1st June @ 7.30pm. Call Lizzie Turvey on 087 2757703 for further information & bookings. Classes held in CTRC, Clon Road Business Park.



**Ennis Tennis & Badminton Club**, Mill Road MEMBERSHIP NOW OPEN Introductory Tennis tournaments and coaching available. Paula 087 6613261 (after 5pm) or website [www.ennistennis.com](http://www.ennistennis.com)

**Sacred Heart Messenger Promoters'**  **MESSENGER**  
Mass: Sun, 19th June at Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert. Healing Service and Confession: 3- 4p.m. Mass at 4p.m. Celebrant Fr. Bernard McGuckian, S.J. Subscribers of the 'Messenger' are most welcome, as are all who wish to attend.

**Benefit night in aid of the Geraldine Dillon Fund**, Clarecastle on Sat 28th May in the West Co. tickets or donation contact John Mangon @ 087-2602181.

**Clare Active Citizenship** will host a World Café Event in Cois na hAbhna, Friday 27th at 10.15 - 12.30 to consider Democratic Reform. Speaker Damien Bolger, UL. Local TD's invited. Come and have a say.

## Dates for your Diary

- ◆ 11th June @ 12 noon: Summer Blessing of pre school children.
- ◆ Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on 3rd July.
- ◆ Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Mon 1st August to Wed 3rd.

## Live The Word:



When it seems the to-do list is never ending, STOP. Learn to do one thing at a time. If it's not done today there is always tomorrow.

**Mary Immaculate College MA in Christian Leadership in Education:** Mary Immaculate College is offering an exciting and timely new professional qualification programme entitled MA in Christian Leadership in Education. Sponsorship of up to €2000 available to suitable applicants. For further information and full list of entry requirements see <http://www.mic.ul.ie/theology/images/MA%20CL.pdf>  
**Leadership & Change in Faith Based Second Level School:** Symposium May 26th & 27th at Mary Immaculate College, Opening Address by Mr Ruairi Quinn, TD, Minister for Education & Skills. Contact Tel 061 774727 [mary.l.martin@mic.ul.ie](mailto:mary.l.martin@mic.ul.ie) Particularly interesting for principals, members of board of management and other leaders within the second-level sector.

**Building of Hope Project:** Volunteers from the Mid-West Region required for building of school/residence for blind orphans in Kenya in January - February 2012. Enquiries to Olive Halpin 087-6994599.

### An Mhaighdean Mhuire

I mí na Bealtaine tugaimid ómós ar leith don Mhaighdean Mhuire máthair Íosa agus ár máthair. Seo paidir gur féidir a rá, chomh maith le *Sé do bheatha a Mhuire atá lán de ghrásta.*

A Mhuire mháthair, sé seo mo ghuí, go maire Íosa go deo im' chroí, A Mhuire mháthair, i rith mo shaol, bí liom mar dhéan ar gach aon bhaol.

A Mhuire mháthair, tá lán de ghrásta, go raibh tú taobh liom ar uair mo bháis.

During the month of May we honour Our Lady, the mother of Jesus and our mother also. We can say this prayer as well as the Hail Mary.

Oh Mother Mary this is my prayer, that deep within me Jesus dwells there.

Oh Mother Mary throughout my life, be my protection from harm and strife.

Oh Mother Mary with love so dear, be here beside me when death draws near.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat.: 6.30pm** Elizabeth (Baby) Collins, Park Row & O'Connell St. MM  
**Sun.: 9am** Mary Moroney, Lower Market St. John O'Shea, Tulla Rd.  
**10.30am** Rita & Paddy Doolan, St. Patrick's Tce. Noel Ryan, Dalcassian Ave. & Clarecastle Brendan McMahon, "Ferndown", Lahinch Rd. Laurence Cawley, Shanaway Rd. Michael Spellissy, Drumcliffe.  
**12 noon Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving, Kidney Association (Clare Branch).**  
**Mon: 7.45am** Brian Sheehan, Bristol  
**10am** Anne Higgins, 74 Hermitage  
**7.30pm** P.J. & Mary Burke & Family, Inch, Kilmaley  
**Tues.: 7.45am** Dec'd members Jordan Family, Mayo  
**10am** Kathleen Markham, Turnpike Rd.  
**7.30pm** Harry Guinnane, late 67 Hermitage  
**Wed.: 7.45am** Delia Reidy, 319 Golf Links Rd.  
**10am** Sheila & Tom Cotter, Loughville  
**3pm** John Maughan, Stone Court  
**7.30pm** Patsy McCarthy, 88 Hermitage  
**Thurs.: 7.45am** Marty Killeen, Milltown Malbay  
**10am** Michael Coote, Cornmarket St.  
**7.30pm** Dec'd members Cosgrove Family, 2 Clare Rd.  
**Fri.: 7.45am** Mass for the people.  
**10am** Flan Ryan, Drumcliffe  
**7.30pm** Martin Reddan, London & Beechpark 1st Anniv  
**Sat.: 10am** Claire & Flan O'Donoghue, Paddy & Fr. Michael, late 65 Parnell St.  
**11am First Holy Communion - Holy Family School**  
**12.30pm** Colm O'Donnell, late Steele's Tce & Canada  
**6.30pm** Mary McGrath, Cahercalla 1st Anniv  
**Sun 29th: 9am** Elizabeth Cahill, 8 Cahercalla Est & Kilmaley Bernadette Ryan (nee Meere), 88 Upper Turnpike Road & deceased members of Meere Family  
**10.30am** Evelyn & Billy Hallissey, Shanaway Rd. Bernard & Margaret Corey, Lahinch Rd. Eileen & Owen Griffin, 2 Buttermarket St. Bridget Keane, 4 Kilrush Rd & her husband Michael Eileen Murphy, Ard na Greine  
**Fleadh Nua Mass**  
**12 noon** Marie Deegan, Cusack Rd., Ashfield Hse MM

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 29th May, 2011

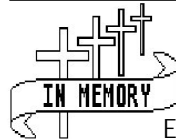
Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



### Rest in Peace



**Kieran O'Loughlin**, Shannon, brother of Betty, Ann, Catherine, Eddie & Gerald; **Lillian Holroyd**, Turnpike Rd.; **Jane Frawley**, Kildysart, mother of Martin, 7 Davitt Terrace; **Paul Lacey**, Cork, brother of Robin Lacey, College Green; **Colm O'Donnell**, Newfoundland, Canada & formally Steeles Tce., brother of Simon, Kilrush Rd.; **Kevin Scanlan**, 20 Cathedral Court, & Milltown Malbay & Lissycasey; **Denis McKenna**, Edinburgh, & Ogonneloe; **Dilly O'Halloran**, St. Senan's Rd.;

### Exam Triduum Masses:

St Joseph's Church on Sat 28th May at 7pm.  
Ennis Cathedral on Sat 11th June @ 10am.  
Cloughleigh on Sun 12th June @ 11am.  
Exam Mass Cards available at Parish Office.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## With Inclusive Language



### First Reading:

**Acts 6:1-7**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:**

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;

For praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
With a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For 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**

### Second Reading:

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by people but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to God so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the one who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring people down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for

them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

*No one can come to the Father except through me.'*

*Alleluia!*

#### Gospel:

**John 14:1-12**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am

going to the Father.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

