



Ennis Parish News

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

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9, 10.30am & 12 noon
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: Mon. – Fri: 8.00, 10 & 7.30 p.m.; 10am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11 a.m.
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30 a.m.
Friary:- Daily: 10 a.m. & 1.05pm; 10 a.m. on Saturday
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 a.m.

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3rd week in Ordinary Time (Year C), 24th January, 2010



**“This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen”
but maybe HOW it is fulfilled depends on HOW you listen.**

Today it is high drama in Nazareth. The carpenter's son had left a respectable trade behind and moved away. When his name came up in

conversation, it was rumoured that he was healing people, others had heard he was preaching in synagogues and some even suggested that he was now being called Rabbi.

This man, Jesus, is now coming home. This creates quite a stir in the village. The locals are getting excited and they pile into the synagogue on the Sabbath expecting some drama. And with Luke writing the script, drama is what they get. Luke choreographs the scene in a succession of clear and deliberate movements, to be played out almost in slow motion:

Jesus enters the synagogue.

He stands up to read.

They hand him the scroll.

He unrolls the scroll

Then he reads,

“The spirit of the Lord has been given to me for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind, new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.”

Then the long silent pause, the tension builds, all eyes are fixed on him and he says **“This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.”**

Fulfilled? But how? That's what the people in the synagogue were asking, and different groups were coming up with very different answers.

The lads he grew up with reckoned that he was full of himself. Reactions probably varied from *“The Lord's anointed indeed! We knew him when he was*

sweeping up sawdust”. To those so hurt they are afraid to trust and hope again. They just couldn't accept what he was saying.

The scribes and religious authorities were definitely not happy to be reminded that holy scripture had something to say regarding the poor and the downtrodden. They liked to ignore those people. But they did have a little snigger or a snide comment about Jesus' reading ability since what they had just heard was Isaiah 61:1-2 with a few bits missing and piece of Isaiah 58:6 thrown into the middle for good measure.

The passive admirers applauded politely from a safe distance. *“Isn't he so good to be giving up his career to be doing all this. Didn't he read that so well, we must come back the next time he is here.”*

The inspired few felt a sudden fire ignite in their bellies. Each one, bursting with new insight, exclaims ... *“Yes the Lord has anointed ME! He has sent ME! Where do I start? Who are the poor? How can I be a bearer of good news to them? Who are the captives, the downtrodden and the blind in my community?”*

In an instant, they begin to see the chains that enslave people; poverty, addiction, isolation, loneliness, fear, depression, despair, sickness, hunger, oppression, violence and so many more.

What does God expect of me?

Are there some that I alone can set free?

How do I recognise my particular call in a world crying out for peace and justice?

How will I make time in my busy life to be God's anointed, his ambassador for peace?

How can I set about playing my part in forming a society where all people are cherished and cared for.”

This is not just another pious Gospel story!

As Rex Hunt, an Australian pastor puts it so well

“This text is being acted out today in your presence to be completed by you as you listen!”

What's on this week?

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 24th January, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎086 3221210

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Christian Unity Week

The Third week of January is designated Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Ennis Parish Community marks this week with **Even Song** on this Sunday 24th January at 7.30pm in St. Columba's Church.

The Cathedral Choir & St. Columba's will join with Canon Bob Hanna & Fr. Martin Blake in celebrating this Liturgy.



Clare Youth Service

Ennis Youth Club – Re-Opening on Fri 22nd Jan. Youth club runs every Fri from 8-9.30pm for young people aged 13-17 years. It offers young people a safe place to meet friends, develop relationships, become active in the community and avail of developmental opportunities. Club offers a variety of activities each week: Soccer, Arts-n-Crafts, Hip-Hop, Cooking, Wii, Guitar Hero, Music workshops, Issue-Based programmes, Club Competitions, Trips away and much more. The youth club is located at Clare Youth Service, Carmody, Street, Ennis. Nightly admission is €2 and Annual registration is €10. Drug and alcohol free. ☎: Jean Tierney 0656845356, 086-1568650; Youthworker; jtierney@clareyouthservice.org

Youth Information Bureau, Clare Youth Service: New late Opening Times Thursday & Friday until 7pm...why not drop in & Check your emails & browse the Internet, practice for your driver theory test, read the daily papers or if you have a query, we would be delighted to help. ☎ Trish & Iretí 065-6845350



Clare Crusaders Walking Club - Interested in walking & raising money for Charity! Please register @ Coote's Shop, Kilrush Road, Ennis

The Clár as Gaeilge Ciorcal Cainte will be held on Tue Jan 26 @ 11am in Beehive Café, Parnell St., Ennis. 065 6864474. Bigí Linn!

The Treasure Chest



We sat down last night at your home in Hillview to brainstorm and pack a Treasure Chest for you.

We made it quite big, and filled to the brim and here are some things that we placed within.

The first thing we placed, and with the greatest of care was a Rachel Smile and a lock of her hair.

Next in we put, a rosary beads flowers from your garden budding shrubs and seeds.

For fun we added a greyhounds book, a China tea-set, card games in Cork.

We didn't know what next to do, so we added glamour and clothes for you a coat, a dress, an expensive hat, a turquoise ring - you'd be pleased with that.

We placed a day in your native Ballagh some prayers from Knock and a hymn from tal.

We added in some Achill air - your children's voices, from a beach in Clare.

As some of us began to yawn we added aromas from Tim's fresh cut lawn.

Though hard to fit, but for Lena's sake, we had to add a Rhianna tape.

Now completely full, we locked it tight and packaged it, to send for flight.

As we sat, to watch and wait God take these things to Mary Kate.

We heard a whisper from snow-clad trees—she's here with me what need of these.

For though you'd like to send some more

She has the Treasure Behind God's Door.

*Read at the funeral Mass of
Mamie Murphy, Cloughleigh Rd.,
by her niece, Betty Hyde.*



Mass with a Difference

will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday January 31st at 6.30pm.

The Theme this month is *Spring; New Life and New Beginnings.*

After the cold and snow of Winter, let us journey into new life this Spring and allow The Gospel Choir to fill our hearts with joy.

All ages are welcome to join with Fr. Jerry Carey for Mass with a Difference!

Ennis Community shines at Ennis Tidy Towns Local Awards



Ennis Tidy Towns presented over 162 awards to members of the Ennis Community at their Annual Local Awards ceremony in recognition of the huge community effort that resulted in another very successful year for Ennis in the National Tidy Towns Awards.

Ennis Tidy Towns Committee Chairman Noel Crowley expressed his gratitude to the Ennis public for their ongoing support. He asked people to continue to show through example what is possible, if everyone takes responsibility for their areas and also recognised Ennis Town Council for their hard work and co-operation.

Students from the Gaelscoil, Scoil Chríost Rí, Ennis National, Holy Family Senior, CBS Primary and Holy Family Junior School received awards. The overall winner was Hannah Bugler from Holy Family Senior School. A special class award went to Sarah McGowan's Class. Green Areas Award category winners included Clancy Park, The Green, Lifford, Pine Grove and Francis Street. The overall winner was Pine Grove. Winner of the Small Garden Category was Teresa Lynch of Clancy Park, Mr. Vincent McDermot won the Medium Garden section and Anne McCullagh received the award for the Large Garden category with the Bereaved Garden in Cloughleigh.

Care Workers required by Alzheimer's Society, Clare Branch, FAS C.E scheme. (FAS criteria applies). Application to Alzheimers Society, Unit 17 Clonroad Business Park. Tel: 065 6845835

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday, 17th January, 2010

€9,535.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 23rd 7pm: Mary & William Lynch, Corrovorrin.
 Sun 8am: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
 10am: Mary Glynn, Kincora Park.
Do This in Memory
 11.30am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
 Mon 11.00am: John Mc Dermott, Doonbeg.
 Tue 11.00am: Ned & Eileen Hennessy, Clarecastle.
 Wed 11.00am: Special Intention.
 Thu 11.00am: Special Intention.
 Fri 11.00am: Kitty Begley, St Senans Road.
 Sat 11.00am: Mary Arthur, Gort Road.
 7.00pm: Kevin & Mary O Donoghue, Kincora Pk.
 Sun 31st 8.00am: Kitty Flynn, New York MM
 10.00 Bridie Flynn, Lifford Road.
 11.30am: Peter Burke, Lifford Road.




A service of Readings & Communion is held in St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday at 8.00 a.m. **Everybody welcome**

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun. 24th: 9.30 *Do This in Memory*
 11am: Fergal Landy, 10 Considine Road.
 Mon. 25th: 9.30am Thomas Considine.
 Thurs. 28th 9.30am Charlie & his mother Biddy Mc Donagh, Davitt Terrace.
 Sat 30th 3pm: Baby Angel Angelina Mc Donagh, 45 Childers Road. M.M.
 Sun. 31st; 9.30am James Maloney, 3 Mc Hugh Villas & late Kilmaley.
 11am Eileen & Willie O' Carroll, Brookville.

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

St. Bridget & Celtic Spirituality
Presentation: Fr. Denis Crosby, Liscannor in St. Flannan's College (entrance at Main Door, Old Building) 
Thursday 28th January 8pm

Bushypark Treatment Centre, Ennis - As part of its Cocaine Initiative, is sponsoring a 7-week Family Programme for families or any family member(s) concerned about a loved one's use of cocaine. The programme begins Tue, Jan 26th at Clarecare, Harmony Row, Ennis for 7 weeks; 7.00pm to 8.30pm. free to participants, is designed to provide education, information, and support for family members. For further info, please phone Ellen O'Neal at Bushypark Treatment Centre 065-6840944 or 065-6862049.

ENERGY AWARENESS FAIR at Ennis National School, Friday 29th Jan from 2pm-8pm. *Do you want to save money on home energy costs?* Come and meet local traders/installers of energy efficient products from light bulbs, home insulation, solar panels and much more. Admission FREE. All are welcome.

The Old Folk's Club takes place this Monday at 8.30pm in The Community Centre, Ennis. All welcome.

Vienna, Salzburg & Oberammergau Pilgrimage: This will take place from September 20th -27th. Flight from Dublin & coach transfer from Miltown Malbay included in cost. Total cost €1,699 inclusive tax. Contact Mary O' Loughlin 065-7084000 / 087-2482528 or Fr. Pat Larkin 087-2300627



Friary News

Ennis Community

College, Harmony Row are currently enrolling for their Spring Evening Classes. We have many classes on offer, Computers, French, Spanish, Art, Photography. Check website for details: www.enniscommunitycollege.com
All are welcome at our open information evening on Wed 27th January 6-8pm.



"Fr. Martin Keane Building of Hope Project"

The first 50 volunteers departed last Friday for Mombassa. On day 1 they layed 5,000 blocks in soaring temperatures of 40 degrees. Team 2 will depart next Monday, 25th. Check the website www.buildingofhope.org for photos of daily progress"

Table Quiz in aid of Fr. Martin Keane building of Hope project (postponed from 2nd January) will now take place in Magowna House on this Saturday 23rd at 9.00pm. Teams of 3, €30.00. Lots of Spot prizes. Contact 087 2766340

First Steps Montessori, Balybeg. ESTD.1994. If your child was born between 2nd Feb 2005 & 30th June 2006 they are entitled to a FREE Preschool Place from Jan -June '10 (ECCE) Cut off point 29 Jan. ☎ Cecelia 086 8513930.

33 Castlerock, Tulla Rd. Montessori Pre School Book now for free pre school year from Jan to June 2010 Contact Rita: 087 2265819 before Jan 29th

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Caitlyn Maddisson McInerney;
Lauren Sarah Breen;
Eileena Ann McDonagh.

Society of St Vincent de Paul



"Local people helping those in need to help themselves." New volunteers needed. SVP holding open night in Temple Gate Hotel Wed 27th Jan at 8.30pm. Please come.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Michael Neylon, 139 Cahercalla Est.
1st Anniv.
 Sun.:9am: Agnes Fox, 8 Cornmarket Street.
 George & Mgt. Mc Mahon, St. Michael's Villas
 Denis Willington, Dublin & Wales
 10.30am Catherine Cotter, College View.
Do This in Memory
 12 noon Margaret Pierce, late Clonroad, Ennis. M.M
 Mon:8am Daisy Redican, 75 O'Connell Street
 10am Austin Nagle, 118 Cahercalla Estate.
 7.30pm Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale & Martin & Ann O'Grady

Tues.:8am Mary & Paddy Kissane, Hermitage
 10am Elizabeth Hanrahan, Circular Road.
 7.30pm Bridget O'Loughlin, 54 St. Michaels Villas
 Wed.:8am James & Nora Spaight, Sixmilebridge.
 10am John & Delia Hanrahan, Turnpike, Ennis
 7.30pm Patrick & Bridget Cotter, Dysart
 Thurs.:8am Holy Souls
 10am Francis O'Halloran, Gallows Hill, Ennis
 7.30pm Nora & Joseph Doyle, 22 Clonroad, Ennis
 Fri.:8am Mass for the people.
 10am Austin O' Callaghan, 2 Clancy Park.
 7.30pm Bridget Mulhall (nee Cropera), London & Turnpike M.M.

Sat.:10am Margaret (Peggy) Flynn, 33 Connolly Villas
 Philomena & Josephine Nightingale, 38 Hermitage
 6.30pm Mass for People
 Sun.:9am Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage
 Michael Singleton, 48 Hermitage
 Nuala Dinan (nee Guerin), New. on Fergus
 Mary Bolger, Turnpike Road, Ennis.
 10.30am Mass for People
 12 noon Nuala White, 99 Hermitage. M.M.

Rest in Peace

Mary Doyle, Westport, Co. Mayo, sister of Alice Roche, Brookville; **Leo Kilcawley**, "Camelot", Kilrush Rd; **Martin (Marty) O'Halloran**, 52 O'Connell St & late Newmarket-on-Fergus & Clarecastle; **Chris Fitzgerald** (nee Rynne), Clonmel, & formerly of Inagh; **Desmond O'Brien**, Kilfenora, brother of Peadar O'Brien, 59 St. Michael's Villas; **Monica Coffey**, 32 The Crescent, Lifford.

Roster for Cathedral:

31st January Sunday, 2010

Readers: Group 7

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2

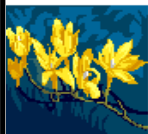


Cliffs of Moher St. Brigid's Weekend Festival January 30th, 31st & February 1st

Activities include St. Brigid's cross making, Eddie Lenihan story telling, traditional music & dancing, demonstrations and information fair, local art exhibition, guided walks, and much more. Activities from 11.00am to 4.00pm each day. Saturday and Sunday a fun filled family day out from only €8.00 per car. Atlantic Edge Exhibition promotion only €2.00. Local Open Day Monday February 1st free admission to the Cliffs all day. www.cliffsfmoher.ie

Date for Diary

- ✚ Cathedral Liturgy Group, meeting on Monday 25th Jan at 8.30pm, Cathedral House.
- ✚ Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 26th January at 8.00pm in Cathedral Chapter room



Today's Scripture Readings



First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to anyone who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
It revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
It gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
They gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
It gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
Abiding for ever
The decrees of the Lord are truth
And all of them just. R.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives.*

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

