



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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

24th July 2011

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

“The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another”

Over the past few months there has been a lot of talk about the Eucharistic Congress that is taking place in Dublin, next June. But for many people, they are asking *what is it* and *what does it mean for me?*

So what is the Eucharistic congress?

A Eucharistic Congress is an international gathering of people which aims to:

- promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church
- help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy
- draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

The Congress normally takes place every four years. The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Congress. The wider programme of the Congress includes other liturgical events, cultural events, catechesis and testimonies, and workshops during the week of the Congress.

A little bit of history

The work of International Eucharistic Congresses began in France in 1881 as a fruit of the Eucharistic apostolate of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard, *“the apostle of the Eucharist”* (1811-1868), and of other outstanding figures such as Blessed Antoine Chevrier (1826-1879), Léon Dupont (1797-1876) and Bishop Gaston Adrian de Ségur (1820-1880).

Thanks to the insight and commitment of Miss Émilie-Marie Tamisier (1834-1910), her idea of “Eucharistic Pilgrimages” gradually changed into Congresses of Eucharistic Works, which later came to be known as “Eucharistic Congresses”.

Many people may remember that the 31st International Eucharistic Congress took place in Ireland from the 21st to the 26th June, 1932. Some parents and grand-parents speak of it as a significant event in their own experience of Church. Since preparation for the Congress taking place in Dublin next year began, people from all over Ireland and even further afield, have sent a wide range of memorabilia relating to the 1932 Congress, some of which will be on display at a special exhibition in 2012.

The 1932 Congress was celebrated throughout Ireland, but the main events took place in Dublin. Altars were erected at venues throughout the country and many thousands of people attended Masses and Benediction ceremonies, throughout the week. Thousands also attended the Eucharistic Processions through the streets. All the streets throughout the capital and provincial centres were decorated with floral arrangements and bunting.

The year 2012 will mark the **50th anniversary of the inauguration of the Second Vatican Council**. The Council marks an important moment of renewal and deepening of the Church's teaching and of her understanding of herself as the Body of Christ and the People of God.

From the beginning of the planning process, it seemed appropriate then, that the Eucharistic Congress in 2012 should celebrate this important anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and that the Congress should have a ‘Eucharistic’ theme sourced in the documents of the Council. The theme approved by Pope Benedict, and drawn from Lumen Gentium 7, is ***“The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another”***

In the Eucharist, we are invited to a personal act of encounter with the Lord, who gives Himself for us, in Word and Sacrament. That encounter opens the path for new relationships in which we, as Church and as individual Christians, are invited to engage in a social mission, in which we in turn are given for others. The Eucharist, as the theme of the previous Congress (Quebec 2008) reminds us, is “the gift of God for the life of the world”

(cf. Jn. 6:51).

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CONGRESS



Text adapted from Eucharistic Congress website: www.iec1012.ie

The Eucharist: Communion with Christ & with One Another



Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-
Witajcie-Bemvindo-Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-
Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 24th July, 2011
Priest on Duty:
Please Contact Parish Office
065 6824043

ENNIS TIDY TOWNS

National Tidy Town adjudicators are expected to carry out their final audit of Ennis either on the last week in July or the 1st week in August. Your support is vital if we are to retain our high markings. There are two areas which residents can focus on, i.e.

- (1) Make sure that litter and weeds are picked up and sweep outside your boundary wall;
- (2) If at all possible all boundary walls should be painted

From recent audits carried out by Ennis Tidy Towns Committee, the town is looking well and for this we thank everybody for their hard work and commitment.

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ella Rose Johnston, **Daniel** Pugachenko, **Ruth** Kyeremaa Boseah, **Zara** Matilda Skye Greig, **Nicol** Bozena Bogucka, **Bart** Krzysztof Bogucki, **Oscar** Gurman

The Rural Broadband Scheme was launched by the Dept of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources on May 9th 2011. This Scheme, which is an EU funded measure under the Rural Development Programme in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, is designed to make a basic broadband service available to premises in rural locations which are not served by existing internet service providers. Closing date for the Scheme is July 29th 2011.

SAMARITANS

Come and Join us this Sunday 24th July, Ennis/Clare Samaritan Branch Raffle draw is taking place at the Centre on the Kilrush Rd at 3.30pm. Thanks to all who generously supported the draw. All are welcome to join us for the draw and refreshments.

AOIC's 32nd International Choral Conducting Summer School under Artistic Director: **Bernie Sherlock** takes places at University of Limerick from Sunday 14th - Friday 19th August. Expert tuition is offered at four levels, catering for the complete beginner right up to the advanced conductor. Masterclasses, daily choir sessions, group warm-ups, an open discussion forum and open rehearsals will round off the week to ensure a varied, vibrant and valuable course is enjoyed by all. This year, the Summer School is EPV approved for primary teachers. Further information: W: www.aoic.ie E: aoic@ul.ie t: 061 234823.

Live the Word:



Life is an interesting journey. Full of twists and turns, ups and downs, but that's what makes it interesting. Facing challenges in life, makes a person stronger. So when you face a challenge, take the positive from it. Know you will rise above it, and you can get through it.

Clare Archaeological & Historical Society

Outing on Sunday 24th July to Coolinatullagh. Olive Carey will give an overview of this prehistoric landscape in the heart of the Burren. Looking at burial monuments, settlement sites and associated field systems. Meet outside Cassidy's Pub, Carron, at 2pm. Contact Edel at 087- 9165916. Non members welcome.



Sr. Bríd Hogan



Sr. Bríd Hogan died peacefully at "St. Xaviers" Convent, Ennis on July 7th, 2011.

Born in Miltown Malbay, in August 1913, Bríd received her early education in the local National school and was the first student to be enrolled in the newly opened Secondary School in Spanish Point. She received her B.A. Degree in UCC in 1938 and H Dip in 1939. She taught English & Latin in Spanish Point & Colaiste Muire from 1940 to 1958. She was appointed Mistress of Novices and then in 1967 she became Principal of Colaiste Muire. She retired in 1973 and with great joy, she returned to Spanish Point, where she found a further outlet for her interests and creativity. She became involved in collecting folklore and in conjunction with Shannon Curriculum Development Centre, she developed the model template for setting up the mini company which was later adapted for transition year mini companies nationally. Among the projects she nurtured were a prize winning herb garden and the carriage enterprise "Luibh na Mara".

Brid was a very prayerful, reflective woman and graciously accepted her loss of mobility with patience and good humour. She was widely read and when her sight failed, she enjoyed listening to books on tape. She was predeceased by her sisters Bridie Burke, The Market & Kitty Keane, Newbridge and her brother Jack, California. She is greatly missed by the community of Mercy Sisters & her nephews Brian Burke, Patrick & Michael Hogan, her extended family, friends & past pupils.

In iothlann Dé go gcastar sinn.



With Bishop Kieran's appointments this year, we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Fr. Martin Blake who will be leaving us to take up his new appointment in Kilrush on Friday next July 29th.

Fr. Martin has been in Ennis for nine years in total. Eight years as a priest and one year as a deacon. We acknowledge his contribution to Ennis and thank him for his dedication to and caring for the people in our parish. He will be missed around the town and we hope he will not forget us. We wish him

well in his new ministry in West Clare beside the ocean.

May God's Spirit fill you with His blessing as you undertake the new challenge in the service and care of the people of Kilrush. Mile Buiochas Fr. Martin.

Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald, recently ordained in June, and who spent last July with us here in Ennis, will replace Fr. Martin. Gerard is from Castleconnell, in Co. Limerick.

Gerard worked in the Castle Oaks Hotel and for MBS, a stainless steel manufacturing company, in Dublin, before he began his studies for the priesthood in 2005 in Maynooth. After two years of Philosophy, and a Bachelor of Divinity, he did a Pastoral Theology course and a course in Clinical Pastoral Education and was ordained on 19th June 2011.

We are delighted to welcome Gerard to Ennis and we wish him well as he joins us here on his first appointment.



Lough Derg: As we approach the final month of this year's Three Day Pilgrimage Season we are hosting a Youth Pilgrimage aimed at students who are anxiously waiting for Junior Cert, Leaving Cert, College results. You may begin the traditional Three Day Pilgrimage on any day of the week from now until 13th August 2011. Three Day Youth Pilgrimage:- Friday 5th until Sunday 7th August. A reduced student rate (on this date only) for youth aged between 16 and 21 For bookings or further information contact: The Lough Derg Office, Pettigo, Co Donegal; Tel/Fax 071 9861518; Email: info@loughderg.org; www.loughderg.org.

Castlerock Montessori, now taking enrolments for Sept 2011. Free places available under the government ECCE scheme. Contact Rita 087 2265819.





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. 065 6822166

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: James & Mary Meehan, Kilrush Road.
Sun 11.30am: May & Michael Mc Enery, Kilnamona.
Mon.11am: Denis, Sr. Maureen & Kevin Dunne, late O'Connel Square.
Wed 11am: Paul Howard, St. Anthony's Terrace.
Thur. 11am: Joe Daly, 7 Glassan, Clareen.
Fri. 11am: Mary Ensko, late 54 Marian Ave.
Sat 30th 11am: Vincent Killoury.
7pm: Christina Kelly, 10 Glenina, Gort Road.
Sun 27th @ 8am: Bill & Nell Hensey, Kincora Park.
10.00am: Flan & Mary Hickey, Lifford Road.
11.30am: Pat & Gary Mannion, 2 Corrovorrin Green.

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am
Everybody welcome.



Next mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on Sunday 7th August at 5.30pm. In St. Joseph's Church. Gregorian chant will be sung by the Schola Petra fertile from Corofin.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Maureen Moroney & dec'd family members, Clare Rd & Miltown Malbay.
Sat 12 noon Funeral Mass: Mary Garry, Glasgow.
Sun 31st July 9.30am: Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.

Youth 2000 Summer festival in Clonmacnois, Co Offaly from 4th - 7th August. 4-day Catholic festival for 16-35 year-olds with music, workshops, prayer, concert, inspiring talks, games, and time for relaxing and meeting new people. Festival is donation-only with free buses from around the country, just bring a sleeping bag. To book online and for information on free buses please visit www.youth2000.ie, tel 01 6753690/085 8289231

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 17th July - €7,774.00



Trocaire Collection for East Africa Crisis

You will be aware of the heightening crisis in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, where famine is emerging because of a failure in the seasonal rains over the past two years. Now up to 12 million people are at immediate risk, more than half of them children. All the classic indications of famine are visible; people moving from their homes - over one thousand a day are moving from Somalia into camps in Northern Kenya; the emergence of serious levels of malnutrition, now estimated at five times the emergency threshold (23% of children); the sale and death of livestock - 89% of livestock are currently at risk.

This has been a slowly emerging crisis which has now reached its "tipping point". Trocaire has been engaged with it in Nairobi, Northern Kenya and Ethiopia, for the past two years. Trocaire is funding 10 drought response projects in the region, bringing food to affected communities, supporting livestock projects and promoting the best use of the water supply.

Given the serious and growing nature of the crisis, there will be a retiring collection at all the masses this weekend in Ennis Parish: July 23rd & 24th.



Friary News

The Rosary is on-going after the 10am mass in the Friary on the 1st Sat of each month. We would love if you could pray with us. August 6th is the First Sat. All welcome.

Pilgrimages 2011

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Nettuno & Subiaco with Bishop Kieran O'Reilly. Sept 5th-12th, from Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. Maire 086 8804603.

Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo from Sept 29th-Oct 6th; Tour Leader Mary Kelly & Spiritual Director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 065 6835519.

Autumn Killaloe diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sun 2nd Oct to Fri 7th Oct from Shannon; €650 pps; all inclusive; booking forms from Joe Walsh Tours: 012410812.

You are invited to a conference on 'Marriage and Family' to be given by distinguished US Moral Theologian, **Professor Janet E. Smith** at Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on Fri 12th August. A presentation will also be given by **Dr. Phil Boyle**, Director of Fertility Care in the Galway Clinic. He will give a presentation on the "Ethical Treatment for the Infertile couple". Conference for Laity: Friday 12th August. Cost for the day: €40 (€20 for unemployed or students); 074 9121021 / 087 9141606 / raphoe2011@yahoo.ie

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla, Weekly Draw Results Year 11 Week 5 Tuesday, July 19th 1st Prize €635: Dan Gaffney, Gort Rd. 2nd Prize €127: Martin Organ, Ennistymon.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 23rd: 6.30 Jamie Coote, Cusack Road, 1st Anniv
Sun.:9am Peter O' Brien, St. Michael's Villas, Daniel Russell, 1 Abbeyville, Ennis.
10.30am John Brigdale, 98 Clancy Park. Paschal Hanrahan, Gallow's Hill. Michael Guerin, 9 College Park. 1st Anniv Pat, Flan & Ursula Brody, Loughville Cross. P.J. Keane, Loughville.
12noon Joseph Chandler, Sandfield & Hermitage MM
Mon:7.45am Micko Murrhly, Mullagh.
10am John & Nancy Howard, 40 St. Michael's Villas.
7.30pm Thomas Callinan, Beechpark, Ennis.
Tues.:7.45am Ryan Family.
10am Special Intention
7.30pm Stephen (Bruddy) & Kathleen McCarthy & Fagan family, 8 Considine Tce. Tom Kelly, 10 Phoenix Court.
Wed.:7.45am Martin & Agnes Kenny.
10am Ann Rynne, Cusack Road.
7.30pm Michael Ryan, 20 St Michael's Villas.
Thurs.:7.45am Merty & Joan Culligan, Clonroad.
10am Michael & Bridie O'Donoghue, 15 Limerick Road.
7.30pm John O'Neill, 12 Dalcassian Ave.
Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
10am John Hayes, Hermitage.
7.30pm Holy Souls.
Sat.:10am George Dinan, 73 Hermitage.
6.30pm Noel Davis, Bloomfield, Ballyalla. MM
Sun 31st: 9am William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.
10.30am Niall McCullough, 4 Dalcassian Drive. Denis Neylon, Shanaglish, Gort & late Bank Place. Michael, Mary & Margaret Mulqueen, Parnell St. & College Grove.
Michael & Mary Mackey, Lincoln, England & Ennis.
12 noon Mary O'Donoghue, Tobartaoscain. 1st Anniv.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 31st July, 2011

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Appeal to Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for all Churches. Now that Summertime is with us, please check roster and if unable to attend, try and get a replacement. Readers: please come to Sacristy before Mass and Eucharistic Ministers who are not rostered, please come to offer help before Mass.



Rest in Peace

Mary Farrell nee Cleary, 128 Cahercalla Estate, Mary Garry, Glasgow; Mrs. B. Johnson, Nigeria, mother of Joy Johnson, 52 Westwood;

Lough Derg

Time For Body & Soul



3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg Monday 1st August to Wednesday 3rd August. Booking & details from Parish Office 6824043.

Celtic Traditions Concert Series continues as usual this Friday July 28th In St. Columbas Church, Bindon Street. Joining singer Kate Purcell, this week features The Brock McGuire Band who have recently been awarded 'Traditional Band of the Decade' 8pm to 9.30pm.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, Ask what you would like me to give you. Solomon replied, Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. Since you have asked for this the Lord said and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

The word of the Lord.



*All things work together
for good.*

Rom 8:28

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Lord, how I love your law!

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
Is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
Than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me
By your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
For your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands
More than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

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

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many people. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I call you friends, says the Lord,
Because I have made known to you
Everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!***

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

The Gospel of the Lord

