



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass
St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass
Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am
Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 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; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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The Nativity of John the Baptist (Year B) 24th June 2018

The Light of God's Love

The Ministry of John The Baptist was to point to the Messiah and to bow out gracefully when Jesus came. We ourselves can have no greater ambition than to prepare the way of the Lord and then leave ourselves and our work in his hands.

We wonder about how our children and the future will turn out. We have hopes for them – for friendship, love, a good life, prosperity, a goal in life and much more. We have fears and anxieties about how they will get on in life.

The people said of John the Baptist – *'what will this child be?'* While his parents, old as they were, know that there was something special about him in God's plan, they had the usual parental fears. They put their child into the protection and the hands of God as we do at each baptismal ceremony.

John has a most unusual life, living as a hermit with a desert community and martyred

by Herod for speaking the truth and announcing the coming of Jesus.

The Gospel, today encourages us to put loved ones in the care and love of God. The love of God brings each of us into the world and can

keep us safe and joyful in life.

The vocation of each child, each person of any age and at all times is something like John's – to announce the love of God to the world in word and deed.

This for most of us is the ordinary everyday life of relationship, work, leisure, pain and joy.

So we wonder about our children and see in them what John's parents saw in him as they marked his birth – the love of God made visible in a child and in all of us, all our days and the call to bring love into the world as best we can.

We can say of every child with joy and confidence, *'Praise to God'*, echoing the prayer of John the Baptist's father.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: John Malone, Clareview, Ballybeg.
Martin Burke, 1st Anniv & Eileen, Golf Links Rd.
Niall O'Farrell, Inisgrove, Lahinch Rd.
Roddy Carmody, Larchill.

Sun: 9.30am: P.K. Ryan, Collins Pk.
Patrick & Mary Anne Rynne, Lissycasey.
Martin & Joseph Donnellan, Moyasta, Kilrush.
Katherine, Mary & Bridie Cullinan, Moyasta, Kilrush.
Peter Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
Louis Malone, Dalcassian Pk.

11.30am: Hazel Scully, Clonroadmore. 1st Anniv
Bernard Burns, Clare Rd. MM
Cyril Quinn, Hermitage.
Paddy & Mary Roche, Marian Ave.

Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Susan & David Kavanagh, Clancy Park.
Darren Stack, Golf Links Rd.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Mabel & Cormac McGuinness, &
Edie Colgan, Clonroadmore.

Wed: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Anne & Peter Hogan & George Mulcahy.

Thurs: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Sean McInerney.
7.30pm: John & Peter Sheridan, Ennis & Canterbury.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Joe & Mary Moroney & family, Cornmarket.
7.30pm: Shay Moloney, Ard Aoibhinn. MM
Colette O'Donovan nee Gleeson, Bantry &
McNamara Pk. 1st Anniv

Sat: 10am: Mick Moloney, Lahinch Rd.
Patricia & Bridget Casey, late Clare Rd.
Paddy & Josie Hahessy, St. Michael's Villas.
Dermot Hickey, Waterpark Heights.

6.30pm: Patricia, Paul & Brian McGinley, U.S.A.
Gerry Cronin, La Salette, Clare Rd.
Baby O'Neill Forde, Barefield.

Sun: 9.30am: Paddy Singleton, Hermitage.
Baby Mollie Rose O'Connell, Kilnamona.
Brid Staunton, College Green.

11.30am: Jack Kenneally, Waterpark Heights. MM
Paddy Naughton, Clare Rd.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 1st July, 2018

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



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Patrick Walsh, Pearce Ave. 1st Anniv
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Mary B. Ward, Athlone & Crusheen.
Sun 11am: Marie Broderick, Cloughleigh &
Brian Pope, Castlelawn.

Hospital & Sick Calls

24th June, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Will take place on
Sunday 29th July. Led
by Bishop Fintan Monahan.
Ceremonies begin at 2:30pm.
For bus transport please
contact: Glynn's Coaches 065
6828234.

Newly Baptised



*We welcome into the
Christian Community
through the Sacrament
of Baptism: Thomas*

**Matthew Howard; Clerissa
Mahon; Skyler Faye Tuohy Fern;
Mia Michaela Lyons;**

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 7pm: Kathleen Burke, Knockanoura, Tulla Rd. MM
Sun 10am: Joe & Nell Walsh, Clonroad.
11.45am: Betty Burke, Lifford Rd.
Mon 11am: Patrick McCarthy, Cree.
Brent Hulsey, Atlanta, Georgia.
Wed 11am: John & Molly Laffan, Dublin.
Thu 11am: Nancy Hartney, Mountain View.
Fri 11am: Alf Hanrahan, Shannon Park.
Sat 11am: Frank O'Gorman, Marian Ave.
7pm: Chrissie & Sean O'Connell, The Crescent.
Sun 10am: Fergus O'Connor, Pearse Ave.
11.45: John & Nora O'Connor, Marian Ave.

Divine Mercy Chaplet



We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday evening; 8pm; chapter room. All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will also be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) Sunday 1st July; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



World Meeting of Families Icon Ennis Cathedral Thursday 5th to Monday 9th July

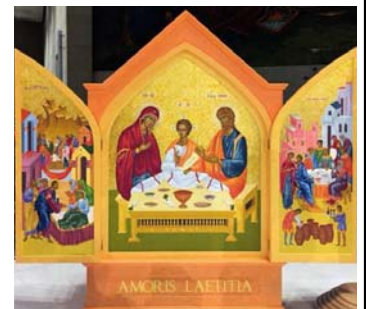
OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*



Lough Derg

LOUGH DERG



Time for Body & Soul

Bookings now being taken for the Ennis Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg from: August 6th to 8th. Cost €115.00.

Bookings & info:

Parish Office: 065 6824043.

Rest in Peace

Bridie Bowe, Shalee Drive; **Christy O'Donohue**, NSW, Australia & formerly Parnell St, Ennis uncle of Patsy Hanrahan, Carmel Considine, Shirley Moloney & Rita Gleeson; **Adeline Frawley**, Limerick, Sister of Br. Isidore, former Guardian of Ennis Friary; **Joan Spaight**, Sixmilebridge, sister of Fr. Dan; **Noreen Robinson nee Higgins**, Shannon; **Julius Fako**, Ardcaoin;



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Bus going to Eddie Stone in Clonfert on Saturday 7th July. Stephen: (086)1943960.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat on today, Sunday, 24th June; 2.30pm; St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick; Bishop Fintan Monahan, Killaloe Diocese and Jomon Joseph, Voice of Peace.

Lost: Set Bolle Brown tinted sunglasses in Barefield / Ennis area. Eye Candy cleaning cloth in case. Contact 087 3929693. Reward offered

ENNIS TIDY TOWNS' BEST KEPT GARDEN AND GREEN AREAS COMPETITIONS: Entry forms available from Ennis Tidy Towns' Committee 54 O'Connell Street, Phone 065-6842988



Summer camp. Pre school & Junior: fun and games; July 9th to 13th; Call Ms Gráinne 087 2033328. September places available.

The recently formed Clare Branch of the Parkinson's Association of Ireland will meet at Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus; 10am; Friday next, 29th June. One of the Group's aims is to link people with **Parkinson's**, their carers, relatives, friends and interested health and care professionals. The meeting offers a forum for discussion, support and information and to raise awareness locally about **Parkinson's** and problems associated with the condition. These informal meetings normally include a presentation by a healthcare professional or complementary therapist, as well as an activity that assists people living with **Parkinson's** such as Yoga, Dance, Physiotherapy or Tai Chi. **All are Welcome** For further information contact 087 415 8430

Guided Walks for Active Agers (Over 50's) – Thursday 28th June @ 11am – The Cloondorney Lake Loop, Tulla. This is a 7km looped walk along part of the East Clare Way, walking route starting in Tulla. The walk will start and finish at the Clare Walks' office on Main Street, Tulla, V95 C4E0. For details: 065 683 5912 or 086 358 6293; info@clarewalks.ie

June Retreat Days at Glenstal Abbey Tuesday 26th - One Day Silent Retreat for Women. **Wednesday 27th** - Annual one Day Retreat for Women (not silent). **Thursday 28th** - Day Retreat for Men. Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals and Refreshment breaks are included. Cost €45. For more information; 061-621005 / events@glenstal.com

COMPUTER/INTERNET CLASSES FOR OLDER LEARNERS – COMING TO CLARECASTLE IN JULY; Age Action, in partnership with Roche Ireland, is running a special beginner/refresher computer class (iPad/ Tablet/Smartphones also) for people aged 55+ who have little or no computer experience or who are apprehensive of technology and would like to increase their confidence. This class will take place in the Roche facility in Clarecastle, Co. Clare. The volunteer tutors will be Roche employees and each student will be taught on an individual (1:1) basis so this is a great opportunity to have your own individual tutor to help you 'get connected'. This once-off course starts on Thursday, July 26th from 11:30 – 1:30pm and runs for 5 consecutive Thursdays, ending on August 23rd. We encourage you to bring your own device (Laptops/iPads/iPhones/ Tablets/Smartphones are all welcome) however if you have no device we can provide a laptop for you to learn on. There is no fee for the course. For further information or to book a place on the course, call Age Action on 091 527831. **Spaces Limited.** (NOTE: these classes are for beginners or for people who wish to refresh/build on their basic skills).

Ennis Parish, led by Fr Tom Hogan, will make a pilgrimage to Italy on October 15-22. Details: Mary 087 1247669.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Smaoineamh na Seachtaine

Ní fada go mbeidh na scoileanna go léir dúnta agus teaghlach ag dul ar saoire. Go raibh gach duine slán sábháilte ar na bóithre agus cois farraige i rith an tSamhraidh. Aon duine a thug aird ar na meáin chumarsáide le gairid, tá scéalta truaimeálacha acu cloiste faoi thubaistí uafásacha agus bás ar na bóithre. Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc. Go raibh saoire gan bhrón, gan sceon ag cách.

Sa spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,

Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,

Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,

Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar. Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,

Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,

Nára turas é in aistear,

Gura leas dúinn gach orlach. Áiméan.

Soon schools will be closed and families will be going on holidays. May everybody be safe on the roads and at the seaside during the Summer. We have heard sad reports recently in the media of disasters and deaths on the roads. God between us and all harm. May everybody have a holiday free from sadness and fear.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water that may drown me,

God between me and the fire that may burn me,

God between me and death in debt,

God between me and a road accident. Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary

Be around us on our journey

May we have a safe trip

And benefit from every inch. Amen.

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Icon Painting Workshop: October 8th-13th; Knock, Co Mayo; Alexian Brothers Monastery www.theodoreicons.com/knock

Seisiún Season in Cois na hAbhna; Wednesday & Friday nights from 27th June until 10 August; Info: 065 6824276.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

A man was sent from God, whose name was John.

He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord
C. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
C. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 49:1-6

Islands, listen to me,

pay attention, remotest peoples.

The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified';

while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing;'

and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God.

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth'.

The word of The Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

O lord, you search me and you know me

You know my resting and my rising,

You discern my purpose from afar.

You mark when I walk or lie down

All my ways lie open to you. R

For it was you who created my being
Knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you for the wonder of my being,

For the wonders of all your creation. R

Already you knew my soul,

My body held no secret from you

When I was being fashioned in secret

And moulded in the depths of the earth. R

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 13:22-26

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you'.

The word of The Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

As for you, little child, you shall be called

A prophet of God, the Most High.

You shall go ahead of the Lord

To prepare his ways before him.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 1:57-66.80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the

Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

The Gospel of The Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Through the tender mercy of our God,
The Dawn from on high will visit us.