



# 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>

4th Sunday of Easter (Year C) - Vocations Sunday - 25th April, 2010

## Crisis or Opportunity

A recent letter writer to the editor of the Irish Independent stated:

*“As a non Catholic am I alone in finding myself increasingly uncomfortable with the now endemic demonisation of clergy in the Catholic Church.*

*As a non believer, I am fortunate enough to know Catholic Priests and Nuns, as human beings with a deep conviction, giving their lives over to the pursuit of these beliefs”.*

Today, Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to keep in our prayers the Priests and Religious, who work to help bring about the kingdom of God, in our parish and the community in which we live.

Priests and religious are central to our Parish communities.  
The need has never been greater.

- ♦ The age profile of so many of our Priests and Religious is a stark reminder of the need for new vibrant young adults, to discern the calling to religious life.

*The Chinese word for crisis is the same as is used for opportunity.*

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Priests and Religious are an integral part of any Faith Community. But, with the reduction in numbers of Priests and Religious, lay people are finding their rightful role in church life.

Praise God for our two new Deacons - Ger Jones from Bridgetown, ordained at Easter and Gerard Fitzgerald from Castleconnell, who is to be ordained deacon on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We remember all the young men studying for Priesthood, who will serve in our Diocese of Killaloe. We pray that the whispering of the Good Shepherd to the idealism and generosity of young people, will find receptive hearts.

Lord, make us generous people -

More considerate towards others  
More honest with ourselves  
More faithful to You

Help us all to find our true vocation In life, so that through it, we may bring happiness to ourselves and to others.

Lord, grant that those whom You call to enter the priesthood, religious life or lay ministry - may have the generosity to answer Your call, so that those who seek Your help may always find it.



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 25th April, 2010.

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John Mc Govern ☎065 68 22166

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

## Mass With A Difference



Our theme this month:

*"The Joy of the Risen Christ"*

As we continue to celebrate Eastertide may we, like the first disciples, come to experience the presence of the Risen Christ in each other. You are invited to celebrate that presence of the Risen Christ in a joyful celebration of the Eucharist in St. Joseph's Church. If this experience of Eucharist has been good for you, tell others and invite them to come, especially those who find going to Church difficult.

Venue: St. Joseph's Church

Date: Today Sunday 25th April

Time: 6.30pm

## Mini-Marathon for Breast Cancer:

Would you like to run, jog or walk the NBCRI Women's Mini-Marathon in Dublin on Bank Holiday Monday 7th June for NBCRI, the National Breast Cancer Research Institute? If so, just ring Monica Gallagher at 68 22206 or 086 1600660 for information. Transport provided.



## Coach to Knock on Sat 1st May.

Those who wish to join the Christian Life Sodality Members on this Pilgrimage contact Sr. Benedict 6842399 or any of Sodality Members. Bus leaving St. Joseph's Hospital @ 9am; a short stop outside Holy Family School at 9.20am.

## "Nasc" -E-Zine of An

Fleadh Nua in Ennis, from 23rd to 31st May. Details from

www.fleadhna.com or caswal2@eircom.net

"Nasc"- R-Iris na Fleidh Nua a bheas ar siúl in Inis, ón 23ú go dtí an 31ú Bealtaine. Má tá tuilleadh eolais uait, breathnaigh ar ár suíomh idirlín www.fleadhna.com nó cuir

r-phost chugamsa ag aswal2@eircom.net



## Loving Our Out Kids is an Irish Support

Website for parents of gay (LGBT) children - www.lovingouroutkids.org. If you would like to talk to someone in confidence, contact "Parent Support" on 087-2537699 or email info@lovingouroutkids.org.

## Week of Guided Prayer



will take place in Ennis Parish from Sun 16th May - Fri 21st May. Ideally suited to people with a busy life. It involves putting aside some time each day for five days in order to reflect and pray. The retreatant is offered the opportunity to meet a Retread Guide daily at a time convenient to both. Application forms and further details from Parish Office (6824043) or Sr. Cecelia, 1 Corrovorrin Crescent, Ennis.



**SEWING CLASSES** - 7 lessons in how to use a sewing machine and how to do basic sewing projects and alterations, will start on Wed. 28th of April from 7.30 -9pm in Gaelscoil, Gort Rd, Ennis. Participants must bring their own sewing machine. Places limited. For more information please contact Susanna Anker 085 1243 416.

## For needy family: car seat and buggy



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

## Family Support Programme:

**Relaxation/Meditation** Tue, April 27, 7.30pm, at Clarecare, Room 13. For those in need of an evening of quieting the body and mind, especially in stressful times, join with us for an opportunity of relaxation and meditation. Tea/coffee; free; Facilitators: Teresa Fitzgerald & Ellen O'Neal; funded by MWRDTF Cocaine Initiative sponsored by Bushypark Treatment Centre, a service of Clarecare Ltd. ☎ 065-6840944/065-6862049 (Direct Line) Website: www.bushypark.ie

## Diabetes Federation of Ireland:

CLARE BRANCH:

**Type 1 Support Group meeting with Guest speaker, Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Aine Cunningham;** Tue 11th May, Marie Assumpta Hall, Ennis. Spaces are limited; ☎ 065 684 5898. Also for family members & friends.

**Type 1 Support Group meeting with Guest Speaker Counsellor, Christine Hogan;** Tues 8th June in Marie Assumpta Hall, Ennis.

## Walk for Diabetes in the Clare People 10K

The Clare People 10K takes place on Sat 26th June at 10am from Lees Rd. There will also be a 6.4k walk. Reg: €20 with the time chip & €15 without the chip. Contact the Clare People newspaper 0656895500 or www.clare10k.com  
**Diabetes Federation (Clare) looking for participants who will raise sponsorship. If interested ☎0876415747 or 684 5898 or email clarebranchdfi@gmail.com after you register for the event; we will provide you with your sponsorship card and a t-shirt.**

**An Boithrin GAA Club.** Sincere thanks to all who supported our flag day. Training Tuesday and Thursday nights CBS pitch Ennis.

## Live The Word



**Sunday: May 2nd - Jn: 13:31-35**

'Love one another as I have loved you'.

In order to love one another, you must first learn to love yourself. This is not an act of vanity, but rather one of nurturance and acceptance. Who are you? Love who you are.

## Annual St. Therese National Day on

Mon May 3rd (Public Holiday) in the Basilica of Our Lady, Knock Shrine. **3pm:** Solemn Concelebrated Mass; Anointing of the Sick & ceremony of the Blessing of the Roses. Veneration & blessing with the relics of St. Therese & parents.



**Annual National Carmelite Pilgrimage** to Lisieux from Thurs 23rd Sept to Wed 29th Sept. Details from: 01 8387281.

**Low Cost Counselling Service:** confidential & qualified counsellor & Life Coach. ☎ 086 2511873 lifeskills@counselling-service@gmail.com

**Open Day — Páirc Na Coille Retirement Village,** Showground's Rd, Ennis, Tuesday May 4th, from 10am to 3pm. Beside the Rugby Club. Come and see how enjoyable retirement can be in our state of the art retirement village – the first in Clare. Coming shortly to Kilrush, also. View our beautiful showhouse. Complementary refreshments. Additional information ☎ Geraldine 065 68 24672.'

**Clare Branch of Arthritis Ireland is holding an Arthritis Information Evening** in Auburn Lodge Hotel, 29th April at 7.30pm. Admission Free, everybody welcome. Speakers: Professor Eric Masterson, Orthopaedic Surgeon, & Siobhan Morrison, Rheumatology Nurse Specialist, Croom Hospital; Eileen O'Connor, Physiotherapist, St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis.

**Parish Visitation** We thank the residents of Fergus Park for their hospitality during our recent visitation. In the coming weeks, we will begin to visit Bishop's Court. We look forward to meeting with you. Remembering that "where two or three are gathered in my name there I am too".



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Mateusz Bajson;**

**Billie Bridget Hussey; Ryan Dylan Casey; Olivia Aleksandra Hildebrand; Reanna Christina McDonagh; Emma Louise McInerney; Leah Jane Brohan; Zack Peter Gallagher; Oisín Robert David Kelly; Sarah Marie Smith; Hanna Peig Molly McDermott; Zoe Marie Fitzpatrick;**

**KILMALEY VINTAGE RALLY:** Sun 2nd May Kilmaley. A Vast range of stationary engines, cars and tractors on display. Cake Stall and a Bouncing Castle for the Children." Any Queries ☎ (087) 2714716.

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla,** Weekly Draw Results, Year 9 Week 44, Tue, April 20th. **1st Prize €635:** Mai Worsfold, Tulla. **2nd Prize €127:** Noreen O'Brien, Quin.

Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541

or email: info@ennisparish.com **Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.**





## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Bernadette Kelly, Clonroadmore.  
**Sun 8am:** Reidy & Kelly family, Coolmeen.  
**10am:** Bill Turner, 29 The Green.  
**11.30am:** Michael Larkin, Cusack Rd.  
**Mon 11am:** Gerald & Sheila Murray, Newmarket-on-Fergus.  
**Tue 11am:** Special Intention  
**Wed 11am:** John & Ellen Crowe, 145 Hermitage  
**Thurs 11am:** Rita Mulkerrins, 62 Marian Ave.  
**Fri 11am:** Gabriel Dillon, St. Senans Rd, & England. MM  
**7.30pm: Graduation Mass** (Rice College)  
**Sat 1st May 11am: 1st Communion** (Gaelscoil)  
**7pm:** Deceased members of the Marrinan & O'Brien families, Tobartaoscain & Michael McInerney.  
**Sun 2nd 8am:** Haulie O'Shea, St. Senan's Rd.  
**10am:** Sean & Christy Glynn.  
**11.30am:** Mary Doorty, Tulla Rd.

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 9.30am:** Michael & Maureen Kenny, Drumbiggle Rd.  
**11am:** John & Bridie Murray, Mullagh.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Peter Foley & his son Peter Joseph  
**Sun 2nd May 11am:** Frank Kierse, late Loughville

## Comhghairdeas!



Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Road, celebrated her 95th Birthday recently. She was born the day after the Titanic Liner sank, April 16th 1915. Kitty was the 4th child born to Margaret and Henry Keane, Kilfenma, Kilkee. She spent all her working life as a nurse in England. Kitty and her husband Edward returned to Clare and Ennis in the late 1980's in retirement. A daily mass goer, Kitty is an inspiration to all.  
**Bennacht Dé Ort!**



"Cuan" the project to provide a day care centre and 12 housing units for older people on lands adjacent to Cahercalla Hospital, donated by Killaloe Diocese. Thanks to all who have supported this ongoing fund raising. To date €301,318 has been contributed.  
**Up Coming Events:**  
**Mini Marathon June 7th** - Mary O'Sullivan, Abbeycourt. If you are interested in running in the event for Cuan, contact Mary at Cuan ☎6869098

Pastoral Council Meeting Tues 27th at 8pm



## Friary News

We invite you to share with us in The Rosary, on the First Saturday of each month, after 10am mass in Ennis Friary. We pray the Rosary throughout the day. Please come & pray with us. All welcome.

**TABLE QUIZ in aid of HAITI RELIEF FUND.** Wed April 28th. Temple Gate Hotel 8pm. €10 per person, tables of 4. Cash prize 1st place. Raffle. Come as a team or bring yourself and make up a team! All welcome. **Organised by the Secular Franciscans.**

**Clare Burren Marathon Challenge on Sat May 22nd in Ballyvaughan.** Full/Half/Mini Marathon - Walk/Jog/Run Ireland's Spectacular Adventure Marathon. Charity Packages available. ☎ 087-7779714. www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com **Entries by May 10th.**

**Toastmasters International** is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches communication and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Visit: www.ennistoastmasters.com & www.toastmasters.org  
**Next Ennis Toastmasters meeting on Tue 27th April at 8.30pm in the Temple Gate Hotel. Guests welcome.**

**Traveller Enterprise & Employment Office:** We have trained individuals for work experience or full employment. If you would like to find out more, please contact the office on: ☎6893771 or www.travent@eircom.net

**Child's Changing bench,** waist high, suitable for child with special needs. ☎ 6821899

**Ennis Track Club Annual General Meeting** on Wed April 28th at 8pm in St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Kincora Pk., opposite Fair Green. **Parents of all athletes are invited to attend.**

**Ennis Players** will be performing their award winning production of JM *Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World"* in Glór Mon 3rd and Tue 4th May at 8pm. The following Thurs they will be representing Ennis at the RTE All Ireland Drama Finals in Athlone. Tickets €14 from Glór Box Office.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat:6.30** Michael Coote, Upper Market Street. **1st Anniv Sun.:9am** Tom Linnane, Kerry  
**10.30am** Christopher Keane, 49 Fergus Park.  
 Ann & Mick Liston, Martin & Fanny Mulcahy, late Ogonnelloe.  
**12 noon** Mass for the People  
**Mon:7.45am** Mass for the People.  
**10am** Ned Collins, 39 St. Flannan's Terrace.  
**7.30pm** Alfred & Patricia O' Neill, 50 St. Michael's Villas  
**Tues.:7.45am** Special Intention  
**10am** John & Katie Keane, Clonlara.  
**7.30pm** John McAllister, 62 Drumbiggle Road.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Easter Triduum Intentions.  
**10am** Bridie & Joe Moroney, Inagh & Ennis  
**7.30pm** Rachel O'Loughlin & Dolores Roberts, Turnpike Rd.  
**Thurs.:7.45am** Rita O'Brien, Kilrush Road.  
**10am** Kelly Family, 16 Dalcassian Avenue.  
**7.30pm** Jimmy Kelly, 2 Kilrush Road.  
**Fri.:7.45am** Anne Murphy, late 108 Clancy Park  
**10am** Bridie & Michael O'Donoghue, 15 Limerick Road.  
**7.30pm** Martin Hogan, 42 St. Flannan's Terrace. MM  
**Sat.:10am** Eoin Linnane, 74 Parnell Street.  
**6.30pm** Joseph Skelly, New Road. MM  
**Sun.:9am** Nora McDonagh, Clonroad  
 Michael & Bridget Linnane, St. Michael's Villas.  
**10.30am** Gerry Liston, 24 Mountain View.  
 Chris Meaney, Limerick Road  
**12noon** Michael Patrick Kelly, 1 College Grn. **1st Anniv Rallying Together for 4 Clare Charities Mass.**

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 2nd May 2010

Readers: Group 4  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



### Rest in Peace

We remember with Love and Affection those who have gone to God recently:

**Vera MacMahon**, Fountain House, Lahinch Rd.; **Joe Mulcaire**, Thurles, brother of John, St. Senan's Rd.; **Margaret Stack (nee Whelan)**, Nenagh & Ennis; **Frank Dinan**, 25 McNamara Pk.; **Breda Sheridan**, Clarecastle, sister of Eugene Moylan, Ennis.

**Lourdes Diocesan Invalid Fund** (Church Gate Collection) takes place on next weekend Sat & Sun May 1st & 2nd. Please support.



**McAuley Conference Series at Mary Immaculate College** on May 27th "The Emerging Challenges for Leadership in Ireland Today". Various crises have brought the spotlight to bear on leadership as it has been exercised in some of the key institutions in Irish society. This conference will explore how leadership has been functioning and attempt to discover ways in which it can function better with a view to serving the whole society in a more positive fashion. For Further Information Please Contact: Dr. Eugene Duffy, Tel: +353 61 204968; Email: eugene.duffy@mic.ul.ie  
 Ms. Mary T. Martin, Tel: +353 61 774727; Email: mary.t.martin@mic.ul.ie

**First Saturday Devotions** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in The Cathedral next Saturday. Confessions, Rosary & Benediction after 10am Mass.





# Today's Scripture Readings

## With Inclusive Text



### First Reading: Acts 13:14.43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy.



Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
Eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.

### Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

### The word of the Lord



### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*  
*I know my own sheep and my own know me.*  
*Alleluia!*

### Gospel: John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:  
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

### The Gospel of the Lord