



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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1st Sunday of Lent (Year B)

26th February, 2012

Lent - A Time to Reflect

As a parish community, we begin the season of Lent. The word Lent means "Springtime" and we are encouraged to bring about a new springtime in our spiritual lives.

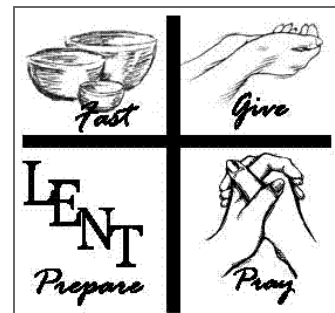
It also means "slow". We are invited to slow down, take stock of our lives and to prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Lent gives us time to look at the way we relate to people, to see how we think about life and how we live our lives as followers of Jesus. The Word of God that we will hear during Lent, will often take us into the desert, to face what in ourselves is opposed to the Gospel.

Jesus himself was led by the Spirit into the desert and there He had to choose whether He wanted to follow the way of the Father or the way of Satan. And when He emerged from the desert His choice was ratified by the voice of the Father, proclaiming Him as His beloved Son.

During Lent we will also hear about Satan. Who is Satan? Satan is any person, any structure, any group, any circumstance in our lives that hinders us from following Jesus and from living as God's beloved children.

Our journey through Lent prepares us to enter the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, remembering that we are the Body of Christ offering our daily living in union with Him. As each day passes, we are called to proclaim with our own lives that the power of Jesus in us is bringing the power of God into the world and into the lives of others.

We are already saved by the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Lent is the time to let go of anything that hinders us from living the resurrected life of our Baptism and to commit ourselves to living the goodness of the Gospel.



May the Word of God become flesh in us and transform us into the people that God wants us to be so that others can see the love of Jesus in us.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 26th February, 2012
 Priest on Duty:
 Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715
 Wednesday Duty:
 Fr. Ger Fitzgerald ☎065 68 24043

IEC 2012
 50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
 June 10th-17th

People interested in attending the final mass of the Eucharistic Congress in Croke Park on June 17th, please give your name to Parish Office. All intending participants have to be registered before end of March etc.

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Éanna Guss Ó Ceallaigh; Maeve Frances Carden; Amy Marie Fahy.

Old cards - enough collected presently. Thanks for support.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

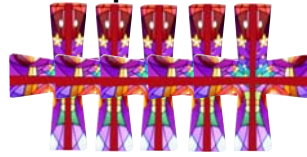
Sular chuir Íosa tús lena shaol poiblí, chaith Sé daichead lá sa bhfiántas. Sa chúinas sin bhí deis Aige éisteacht le briathar Dé agus toil a Athar maidir lena shaol féin a aimsiú. Ag tús an Charghais, iarrtar orainn breathnú ar ár saol, féachaint an bhfuilimid dáiríre faoi Íosa Críost a leanúint agus bheith dílis dár gcreideamh. Is fiú mar sin cuimhneamh ar mhóideanna ár mBaiste féachaint an bhfuil na gealltanais á chomhlíonadh againn lá i ndiaidh lae. Cuirimis fáilte roimh an gCarghas mar go dtugann sé deis dúinn aithri a dhéanamh inár bpeacaí agus sampla Críost a leanúint. Beidh Sé in éineacht linn lena ghrásta i ngach coiscéim den bhealach.

*Dia do mo stiúradh, Dia do mo shaoradh,
 Dia do mo sheoladh, Dia do mo theagasc,
 Agus Dia do mo shábháil ar gach áit a mbíonn an peaca. Aimeán (Traidisiúnta)*

Before Jesus began His public life, He spent forty days in the wilderness. In the silence of the desert He had the opportunity to listen to the word of God. As we begin the season of Lent, we are invited to look at our lives, to discern if we are faithful to Jesus Christ. It is worth reflecting on our baptismal promises to see whether we are fulfilling the commitments each day. Let us look forward to Lent as it gives us an opportunity to repent of our sins and follow the example of Christ. He will assist us with His grace every step of the way.

*God guide me, God save me,
 God direct me, God instruct me,
 And God deliver me from all occasions of sin.
 Amen*

Gospel Mass



Monthly gathering in St. Joseph's Church on this Sunday 26th February @ 6.30pm with The Ennis Gospel Choir All welcome

The Matt Talbot Novena continues on Wed 29th Feb at 7pm in Tulla Church. Speaker: Fr. B. Quinlivan. Theme: Blessing of Keys.

Launch of Daffodil Day: Mon Feb 27th @ 8pm; West Co. Old members and new welcome. 087 6424863 & 065 6840974.

Clare 250 mile cycle and Cancer Centre Annual Coffee Day at Maddens, Tulla raised €5,752.69. Thanks to all for continued support.

Host Families required: Ennis area for secondary school foreign students; from Sept. ☎ Pauline 065 6825960 or 087 6235651. Many thanks.

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tuesday 28th February 2012 from 7-8.30pm.

2012 Ennis Book Club Festival, in association with Clare Library, runs from 2nd - 4th March. It will feature author visits, readings, lectures, workshops & walking tours in venues throughout Ennis town. Highlights include Patrick Gale, Maureen Gaffney, Fergus Finlay, Lynne Reid Banks, Paula Meehan and Michael Harding. Tickets from Glór 6843103; www.ennisbookclubfestival.com.

Sum of money found in Cathedral on Tue 14th Feb. Call 065 68 24043.

People of the Year

Presentation of Awards on Thursday 8th March The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- ◆ Donal Griffin, Lahinch Road.
- ◆ Katie Drennan, Claireen.
- ◆ Patrick Murphy, Circular Road.
- ◆ Carmel O'Grady, Childers Road.
- ◆ Joe Martin, Tulla Road.

Special Merit Award

- ◆ Canon Pat Taaffe.

Welcome to all.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

Lent 2012

Abbey Cluster: (Clarecastle/Ballyea/Doora-Barefield/Ennis/Quin-Maghera-Clooney).

'Searching for God in the World Today' is a series of talks as part of our Faith Development initiative during the Wednesday nights of Lent.

Venue: St. Flannan's College @ 7.30pm

Wed Feb 29th: Bishop Kieran O'Reilly.

Wed 7th March: Sr. Consilio Founder of Cuan Mhuire, Ireland's largest multi-site provider of Residential Detoxification and Treatment for those suffering from addictions.

Wed 14th March: Alice Leahy is Director of TRUST, a non-judgemental, befriending, social and health service for people who are homeless, which she co-founded in 1975.

Wed 21st March: Dr. Andrew O'Connell Regular columnist with the Irish Catholic newspaper, and communications officer for the Presentation Brothers

Wed 28th March: Bishop Willie Walsh, Retired Bishop of Killaloe

Everyone is most welcome and there will be time for discussion on the various topics.

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Lenten Reflection Books Available at Parish Office €2 each.

St Flannan's College short courses starting March 7th and 8th: Encaustic Wax Art; Colour Me Beautiful; Computers for Beginners; Herbal Remedies with Vivienne Campbell; Make-Up for all Occasions; Internet and Email for Beginners; Understanding social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc). Text/phone 085 1670326 for further details.

Ennis Musical Society presents Sound of Music from 6th to 10th March at 8pm and Sat 10th at 2.30pm; ticket from Glór: 6843103

Meeting of the Clonroad/Francis St. Residents Association will take place at the Temple Gate Hotel at 8pm on Wed 29th Feb.

German for 10-13 year olds, reasonable rates ☎ Josephine 087-0693674

Tommy Brennan Memorial Whist Drive will be held on Sunday 4th March in The Friary Hall, Francis St, Ennis, at 8.30pm. Please Support

Fashion Show in aid of Eire Og Ladies Football/Camogie Clubs. Thursday 1st March. Temple Gate Hotel. Wine Reception at 7.30pm. Show at 8pm. Tickets €20 from Ennis Curtain & Blinds (Market), Bermay, Kymari, Breda's Boutique, Ela Maria.

What are you doing for Lent? Why not come to the Burren Centre, Corofin. Experience various forms of meditation - in stillness, through sacred art and in gentle movement. Wed Feb 29th and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March. Booking 6827749

Table Quiz, Shibeen Pub Doora Sat 3rd March at 8.30pm; Table 4 €20 in aid of Hospice Jinja.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 19th February, €7,417.00



St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Francis & Alice Tierney, Clonroad.
Sun 26th 8am: Michael, Heather & Tara Glynn, New Jersey & formerly Clonroad.
10am: John & Rita Mulkerrins, Marian Ave.
11.30am: Catherine & Kalen O'Brien, late 29 McNamara Pk.
Mon 11am: Philomena Casey (Babs), 11 Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd. MM
Wed 11am: Bernard Neylon, Kilmaley
Thurs 11am: Dec'd membs O'Brien Family, Crusheen
Fri 7.30: Mary & John Rynne, Carron, Co. Clare & Josephine O'Looney
Sat 11am: Harry Ballinger, Gort Road
7pm: James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay
Sun 4th March 10am: Tony Strand, 40 Shannon Pk
11.30am: Joan Ryan, Enniskerry, Cusack Rd. MM

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am.
Everybody welcome.

Mass in the extraordinary form
(the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite)
In St Joseph's Church
Sunday 4th March at 5.30pm
Mass will be enriched by beautiful Gregorian Chant led by the Schola Petra fertile (the choir of the fertile rock) from Corofin. All welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.
11am: Lucille Hayes, Pearse Ave. 1st Anniv
Sun 4th March
9.30am: Bill & Liam O'Sullivan, late Inisgrove
11am: John & Mary Flanagan, Ballygriffey.

Junior Youth Group! Recently, a group for the ages of 11 – 14 years old started in the Cloughleigh area! Everyone is so excited about this group, as many young people have been learning about how to develop talents and qualities that help us in our life. The group has also thought about how to improve the area and 'bring peace' to our lives and recently carried out a project in the area to 'make the environment greener'. Anyone aged 11 or older is encouraged to join us! For more information as to how to participate, please contact Stephen Murphy: 0851068505.

Live the Word:
Spring has finally arrived, and with it the mornings are brighter, the days longer, nature awakes. The winter has passed. Spring symbolises new life, a fresh start. So let it be one for you.

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Sale of Work
In Community Centre, Chapel Lane
on
Saturday 3rd March
10am - 4pm

Friary News

Lenten Day of Renewal 26th February: St Anthony's Hall Francis St. Theme: 'In the quiet of your presence are we listening Lord'; Guest Speaker: Joe Dalton (Dublin); Prayer, Praise, Teaching & Healing: 10am-10.30am: Prayer & Praise 10.45am-11.30am: **Session 1** 11.45am-12.30pm: **Session 2** Lunch Break: 2-3.15pm **Session 3:** 4pm Eucharist with Bishop Kieran O'Reilly. Bring a friend. All welcome; Tea Coffee available; Hosted by Killaloe DSC Teams; ☎ Bernie 065 9058060; Mary 0872318580.

March 3rd First Saturday, The Rosary is on going after the 10am Mass in the Friary. Please come and Pray with us. All welcome.

First Saturday Devotions
in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in The Cathedral next Saturday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary & Benediction after 10am Mass.

Taize Prayer - Our monthly gathering praying with the chants of Taize; reading from Scripture and a little quiet time. Thurs 1st March at 7.45pm at the Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. All more than welcome.

Mothers' Prayers:
For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children. Sun Feb 26th at 3pm sharp. Venue: Fahy Hall, Roslevan; Contact: 065 6848937. All are welcome.

Parish of Doora Barefield asks for your support: EBS National Community Fund Prize - Roslevan Community Centre – Fahy Hall and Church of Our Lady. The redeveloped Fahy Hall and new Church of Our Lady has received the EBS County Community Award; you can help us go this step further to win the National Award of €10,000. We need 3 minutes of your time: If you log onto www.ebs.ie you will see "EBS Community Fund Prize"; By clicking on this you will be entering into the process of voting; You will see there are 23 Projects contesting. Please vote for "Roslevan Pastoral Council" and you will be helping us in our endeavours to win this prize. Ensure you press to submit your vote. Many Thanks from Doora Barefield Pastoral Councils.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat.:6.30pm Maureen Lavery, 7 John Paul Avenue. MM
Sun. 26th Feb: 9am Johnny Purcell, Ard na Greine.
10.30am: Frank Lillis, Beechpark.
Michael Kelly, Beechpark.
Thomas Kenny, Maurices Mills.
Monica O'Hara.
Patrick Reddan, England & Beechpark.
12 noon Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd. MM
Mon.:7.45am Dan Greene, Bridget Cotter, Kilmaley.
10am Deceased members Kenny Family.
7.30pm Jane Gallagher, Newmarket-on-Fergus
Tues.:7.45am Special Intention
10am Tom Tuttle, Castlilawn, Tulla Rd.
7.30pm Maisie O'Loughlin, Maghera View, Golf Link's Rd
Wed.:7.45am Special Intention
10am Nora Meaney, Boloughara
7.30pm Mary Pigott, Connolly Villas
Thurs.:7.45am Special Intention
10am Ciara Fox, 21 Hermitage
7.30pm Kevin Hinton, England
Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
10am Bridget & Patrick Dalton
7.30pm Johnny McNamara, 313 Circular Rd MM
Sat.:10am Galvin & Slattery families, Cahercalla
11am: Confirmation (Holy Family Students)
6.30pm Carmel Ryan, 31 Collins Park 1st Anniv
Sun.:9am Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Rd.
10.30am Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.
Angela Slattery, Clonroadbeg
Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville
John & Bgt Guilfoyle, 32 Hermitage
Aifreann Fhéile na hInse - Mass in Irish

Roster for Cathedral:
Sunday, 4th March 2012
Readers: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3

Rest in Peace
IN MEMORY Joe Considine, Clare Rd. & Oxford; Gerard (Gerry) Keane, 1 St. Anne's Tce.; Vera McGovern, Athlone, sister of Noreen McDonagh, Station View; Sean Doab, Ballincollig, brother of Mike Doab's Family's Butcher, Clarecastle;

Killaloe Diocesan Education Fund Collection;
weekend of March 3rd & 4th.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign: **TROCAIRE**
On this 1st Sun in Lent Trocaire asks people to remember the thousands of families in Uganda who have been torn apart by conflict. Please take a Trocaire Box home available in Church Porches.

Lectio Divina for Lent: Join us as we pray and meditate upon the readings for Lent. Occurring on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays of Lent. A time of prayer, reflection and peace with our Lord Jesus as we allow his Word to nourish our Lenten Journey towards Calvary and resurrection.

BINGO Jackpot: €1,500
in Community Centre in aid of Cuan an Chláir
Sunday from 8pm.

First Reading**Genesis 9:8-15****A reading from the book of Genesis**

God spoke to Noah and his family, See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.

God said, Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.

The word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm****Response:**

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *R*

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *R*

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor. *R*

Second Reading**1 Peter 3:18-22****A reading from the first letter of St. Peter**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

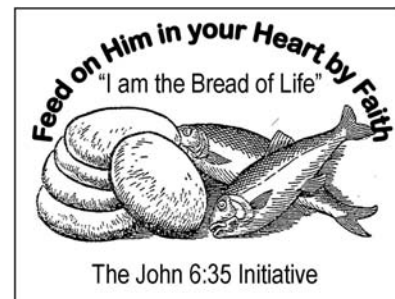
The word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

We do not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!



The John 6:35 Initiative

Gospel**Mark 1:12-15****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord