



# 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

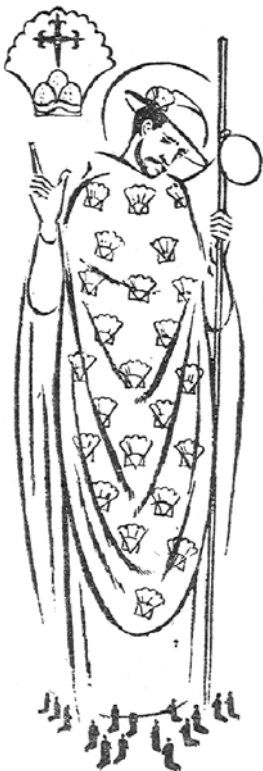
### Phone Numbers:

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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;  
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

27th February, 2011

## Blessed are those who Walk in the Way of the Lord



The mission of the Church is not restricted to crossing boundaries of language or culture, as it was traditionally held. It entails that we all share in the task of proclamation, witness and dialogue, simply put, we embody the gift of God's presence in our lived situation.

Essentially, we are pilgrim people on mission proclaiming the message of Christ and supporting each other on the way. Pilgrimages are a common feature of most eras in history. We have our annual pilgrimages to Lough Derg, Croagh Patrick, Lourdes, Fatima and more

locally to Holy Wells and places of ancient worship. In our Irish pre Christian tradition, we had recognised places of deity worship.

After the Temple was constructed, Jerusalem became the central place of worship. This tradition flowed into the post Christian eras. We have examples of Christ in obedience to the Mosaic Law, going to the temple to celebrate the great Jewish feasts. It was on such an occasion that Christ announced His salvific message and

also prepared His chosen witnesses, who were to proclaim the message of salvation to the world. **Acts 1.8**

One of the significant episodes of Bishop Willie Walsh's mission was his undertaking a pilgrimage - a journey in faith from one end of the diocese to the other. Ironically, one of the first episodes in Bishop O' Reilly's undertaking, was leading a diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Those who preceded us in faith have led the way, inspiring us by their example and loyalty. We continue to follow the great path paved by our predecessors, who despite persecution and hardship, remained loyal to their Christian calling.

As we approach the Lenten Season, we recommit ourselves to be faithful and renew our response to Christ's calling. We celebrate the great tradition of the Churches' mission. We rejuvenate our endeavours by recommitting ourselves to be faithful to our Christian calling.

*"The darkness of despair is overcome by the light of hope".*

*Confucius*

*Walking with the Lord*



# What's on this week?

## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 27th February, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043



## Gospel Mass

Will take place on

this Sunday February 27th

at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Church

with The Ennis Gospel Choir....

Special welcome is extended to the students preparing for Confirmation and their families.



**Parish Visitation** - We thank the people of Hawthorn, Limerick Rd for their welcome when we called to visit. In the coming weeks, we will begin to visit Bramble Lane. We look forward to meeting you, remembering that where "two or three are gathered in God's Name, God is with us too".



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Amelia** Grace Kelly-Quinn; **Amy** Valerie Josephine Sheehy; **Aisling** Máirín Queally; **Patrick** James Frawley; **Emily** Sue Daly; **Aoibhe** Rose Flynn; **Ronan** Joseph McDonagh

**Vision Seminar** with Fr. Flann Lynch.

Discover freedom, power, purpose! Explore! Improve relationships both at home and in your workplace. **Venue:** West County on Sunday March 13th from 10am-2pm; [www.visionbeinspired.com](http://www.visionbeinspired.com)



**The 2011 Ennis Book Club Festival**, in association with **Clare Library**, runs from 4th to 6th March. Tickets from Glór, ☎ 065 6843103. [www.ennisbookclubfestival.com](http://www.ennisbookclubfestival.com).

**Clare Youth Theatre** presents "Ex Libris", in the Temple Gate on Fri March 4th at 6pm in association with the Ennis Book Club Festival. Extracts from books such as "The Help", "Anne Frank", "Skippy dies", "Waiting for Godot", "Alice in Wonderland" and others. Tickets from Glór or on the door.

**Daffodil Day Launch** this Mon 28th Feb, West Co Hotel at 8pm. Members old and new welcome.

**Daffodil Day is here again.** Please help Irish Cancer Society in our Daffodil Campaign 2011. We need yellow cloths especially for our shop on Woodquay, for our national Window competition. Help us put our shop on the map. All cloths and bric a brac welcome. Claire 065 6848826. Thanks for generosity.

**Association of Irish Choirs: Sight singing, Vocal Production and Choral Conducting courses** commence in March/April. [aoic@ul.ie](mailto:aoic@ul.ie) or [www.aoic.ie/events\\_education/](http://www.aoic.ie/events_education/) Leinster School of Music, Griffith College.

## Lent 2011



*From Pain to Promise  
Journeying Together in Hope.*

*Lent Programme*

Ash Wednesday, 9th March

• Ennis Cathedral at 7.30pm

Brendan McGee

**Clare Youth Service** (Carmody St), runs 4 Life Skills Programmes on Thursdays from 7-9pm starting March 3rd; Jean 086-1568650



## Do you wish to deepen your understanding of your Faith?

A Series of Studies for Adults on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, will commence in March. This is a home study course, with a weekly meeting at St. Joseph's meeting room in Kincora Park on Wednesday mornings. Details from Eithne Gleeson @ 087 6679516.



## An Evening of Prayer Through Song with David Parkes



**In Ennis Cathedral on Friday 18th, March at 8pm**

David Parkes (International soccer player & well known singer) will come to our Cathedral to conduct an evening of prayer through song. Please keep that night free for this event. It is prayerful, enlightening and faith deepening. There is no cover charge - but there will be a retiring collection afterwards if you would like to contribute. **7.30 Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm to facilitate the organising of this event.**



**Sr. Agnes Melinn**

"Think of the very best you could say about a person - then say it of Agnes and it would not be good enough!" - was how she was described by the Sisters living with her over the last 45 years. A fitting tribute to a noble and gentle soul. Sr. Agnes, hailed from Navan Road, Dublin - her proud boast!

The eldest of seven children, she entered the Poor Clare Monastery in Ennis in August 1964. Her quiet and spontaneous wit often took us by surprise, not least - when she decided our email address... 'eclares' a play on the word - with our chocolate and cream attire!

For the last 10 years Agnes was afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease, eventually hospitalizing her in the incredible care of Cappahard Lodge Nursing Home. Such was the attention and love given her by every member of the staff that it virtually became "Home from Home".

As her death drew close we thought she would die on St. Valentine's Day! For such was her heart - large enough to hold the world - and maybe that is why she embraced this way of life and loved her Vocation so much, it gave her the outreach that would satisfy her totally.

Agnes went home to God last Wednesday in the presence of members of her Poor Clare Community, family and devoted staff where she had been for the last three years. 'The stone, indeed, had been rolled away from her Tomb of Darkness' - we could say as St. Clare did to herself as she neared her own death: "Go calmly in peace, [Agnes] for you have good escort. The One who created you has always guarded you as a mother does her child whom she loves. Blessed be you Lord, who have created [her]!".

Sr. Agnes' funeral took place in the Monastery Chapel among a large crowd of sympathizers, family and friends, and she was laid to rest in the adjoining Monastery cemetery. **May she enjoy His own wonderful Light...**

Sr. Gabrielle, Poor Clare Convent

## Live The Word



Worry can be a very draining emotion. Picture putting your worry into a little box, and posting it off to somewhere else. Reassure yourself that everything is going to be alright. Feel the trust as you repeat these words.

*Ennis Parish Development Fund  
for Sunday 20th February,  
€8,243.00*



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 26th Feb 7pm: Mary Sweeney, 34 Shannon Pk.  
 Sun 10am: John Mulkerrins, 62 Marian Ave.  
 11.30am: Tony Dargan, Limerick Rd.  
 Mon 11am: Rosie & Linda Woods, 5 Marian Ave.  
 Tue 11am: John Fleming, 6 Marian Ave.  
 Thu 11am: Mary Hartney, 23 Mountain View.  
 Fri 7.30pm Mary & Ml Doherty, McNamara Park.  
 Sat 11am: Kathleen Stenson, College Rd. MM  
 7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, 24 The Crescent.  
 Sun 6th March 10am: Michael, Heather & Tara Glynn, New Jersey & late Clonroad 1st Anniv



Mass in the extraordinary form (traditional Latin Mass) in St. Joseph's Church on Sun March 6th at 5.30pm. All welcome.

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 27th Feb 11am: Garry Murphy, 5 Considine Rd.  
 Mon 9.30am: Eilish Hurley, Larchill.  
 Tue 9.30am: Dec'd membs Hegarty Family, 36 Hermitage  
 Wed 9.30am: Thomas & Christina Keehan, Ballinruan.  
 Thurs 9.30am: Sean McCarrick, Bearn na Gaoithe.  
 Fri 9.30am: Thomas McLoughlin, Caher, Kilfenora.  
 Sun March 6th 9.30am: Mary, Patrick & Patrick.  
 Joseph Quigley, Ballinacarra, Ennistymon.  
 11am Rose & Peter O'Shaughnessy, Clonroad.

### Study of Theology & Religion for Adults

In Mary Immaculate College, Limerick at 7pm. Wed 2nd March: *The Social World of the Gospels & 1st Century Judaisms- Dr. Eugene Duffy.* €5 per lecture.



Shannon & Clare Arch & Hist Society are hosting a lecture by Dr Aidan O'Sullivan on Tue March 1st @ 8.30pm in the Temple Gate Hotel. All Welcome



Clare Hospice at Cahercalla, Weekly Draw Results, Year 10 Week 36, Tuesday, February 22nd, 1st Prize €635: Imelda Barrett, Gort. 2nd Prize €127: Gerard O'Neill, Sixmilebridge.



### Buy with care Think FAIRTRADE

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### Exodus-15-26

#### "I am the Lord that Healeth"

One day prayer meeting on this Tue March 1st in Ennis Cathedral, will be held by The Indian Catholic Spiritual Revival Ministry Group through English. Starts with Holy Mass at 10am. Day will include Gospel Sharing, Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers for the Sick and lots more. All are welcome. Programme ends at 5pm. Contact Jomon Joseph 087 9191532 for details.



## Friary News

### Secular Franciscans

The monthly meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order will take place in The Friary Church on next Wednesday, March 2nd at 10am. This meeting includes Mass, Office and Benediction. The evening meeting at 7pm in St. Anthony's Hall includes Prayer, Lectio Divinia, ongoing formation and a cup of tea. Non members are welcome. People affected by the economic situation may submit petitions for prayer. Members will pray for their intentions.

### Hour of Prayer for Peace

The Monthly Hour of Prayer for Peace continues in the Poor Clare's Chapel on Sat March 5th at 4.30pm. All are welcome.

### Pilgrimages 2011

Fatima 2011; Depart May 30th; ex Cork; 7 nights; Hotel Tres Pastorinhos; Guided Tours; €714 plus ins if needed €25; Spiritual Director Fr. John Walsh: K Hayes 061 368549.

### Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group

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

## People of the Year

Presentation of Awards on Tuesday 15th March  
 The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm  
 Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Welcome to all.

All parishioners are invited to attend.



### Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of Cuan an Chlair:

good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.

### First Sat Devotions

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



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Nora Ryan, 13 Greendale. MM  
 Alice Tierney, Clonroad. 1st Anniv  
 Sun.:9am Johnny Purcell, Ard na Greine.  
 10.30am Frank Lillis, Beechpark.  
 John & Mgt Flynn, Ballymaley.  
 Ita White, Shannon, late Drumbiggle & Turnpike Rd  
 12 noon Kaye Guihan, Cathedral Court. 1st Anniv  
 Mon.:7.45am George Dinan, late Old Military Barracks.  
 10am Enda Kerin, Clonroadmore.  
 7.30pm Maisie O'Loughlin, Maghera View, Golflinks Rd.  
 Tues.:7.45am Special Intention.  
 10am Thomas Kenny, Maurices Mills.  
 7.30pm Martin & Ann Cronin, Drumbiggle Rd.  
 Wed.:7.45am Special Intention.  
 10am Kevin Hinton, England.  
 7.30pm P.J. Cleary, 40 Gallows Hill & Kildysart. 1st Anniv  
 Thurs.:7.45am Special Intention.  
 10am Galvin & Slattery families, Cahercalla.  
 7.30pm Charlie O'Grady, 16 McNamara Park  
 Fri.:7.45am Mass for the People.  
 10am John & Catherine Flanagan, Mkt St & Connolly Vls.  
 7.30pm Special Intention  
 Sat.:10am Patrick (Paddy) Brennan, O'Connell Street  
 6.30pm Agnes Kelly, 54 Mc Namara Park. MM  
 Sun.:9am Patrick & Nancy Guilfoyle, 6 Gallows Hill.  
 10.30am Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.  
 Mary Pigott, 46 Connolly Villas  
 12 noon Teresa Ryan, 19 Gallows Hill. MM

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 6th March, 2011

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



### Rest in Peace

P.J. Slattery, USA & Lisdoonvarna, brother of Mary Slattery, Unit 2 St. Joseph's Hospital; Seamus Downes, Miltown Malbay brother of Bernie McMahon, Lahinch Rd; Noel Molloy, 88 Turnpike Rd; Sr. Agnes Melinn, Poor Clare Monastery; Maud O'Reilly, England & Bandon, mother of Fachtna O'Reilly, Ballybeg; Michael Flanagan, Kilfenora, father of Catriona O'Donoghue, 7 Corrovorrin Gr; Anne Crawford, Unit 1, St. Joseph's & Clounanaha, Inagh; Carmel McMahon, Tipperary sister of Sr. Cecelia, Guinnane, Corrovorrin Crescent; Maura Geoghegan, 5 Abbeyville; John McMahon, Cooraclare, brother of Pádraig MacMathúna, Kevin Barry Ave;

### Church Gate Collection

Education Fund Collection takes place in Ennis Parish on weekend of March 5/6th.

### Ennis Tidy Towns & Sculpture Initiative

presents a night of Music and Dancing with Dave Culligan and Mountain Dew. At Cois na hAbhna on Sat April 2nd from 9.30pm-12.30pm; Tickets €10 can be purchased from either The Parish Office or at reception in Ennis Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds in Aid of Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador





**First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Zion was saying, The Lord has abandoned me,  
the Lord has forgotten me.

Does a woman forget her baby at the breast,  
or fail to cherish the child of her womb?

Yet even if these forget,  
I will never forget you.

**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:**

**In God alone is my soul at rest.**

In God alone is my soul at rest,  
my help comes from God.  
Who alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God alone be at rest, my soul;  
for my hope comes from God.  
Who alone is my rock, my stronghold,  
my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

In God is my safety and glory,  
The rock of my strength.  
Take refuge in God all you people.  
Trust in God at all times.  
Pour your hearts before him. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.**

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

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: God will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of our hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Your word is truth, O Lord,  
Consecrate us in the truth.*

Alleluia



**Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will God not much more look after you, you of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**