



# 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>

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

27th March, 2011

## Our Thirst for God

**L**ent brings us, along with Christ, into the desert of our sins and weakness. We know through all our Lenten prayer and practice, how arid our souls can be, when we live without the grace of God.

But like the Samaritan woman, we can often change the subject and miss the moment of God's mercy.

Like the Israelites in the desert, we grumble and complain as we go through our desert. We see how weak and worn we are.

In the extraordinary and ordinary events of our life, we know the haunting pain of our thirst for God, yet we walk away from the fountain of mercy.

So why do we do this? Why do we reject - in big and small ways - the God who is our very life? To be honest, I'm not sure. I see it in myself and in others. We begin to understand that our lives are not exactly blooming with virtue and good works, but we just walk away from the solution. Perhaps, we are content with the way things are and think God will just complicate the situation. But whatever the reason, we remain thirsty for the life only God can offer.

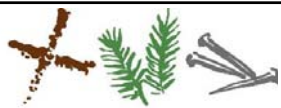
The Samaritan woman began to see this fountain of life in her conversation with Jesus. It was not instant and it is the same with us. To discover the fountain of grace within, is a

process over time through our conversations with Jesus.

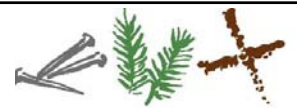
As Lent continues, see your thirst for God's mercy in your life. See how dry and empty those moments of frustration, anxiety and doubt can be. When we get to that point, each of us is faced with the central decision of faith: do we go in trust to God or do we stay in the desert?



***This decision is always ours and especially in Lent. May your faith give you the grace to turn - in prayer - to God and know how only He can satisfy our deepest thirst.***



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 27th March, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

## Lent 2011



*From Pain to Promise  
Journeying Together in Hope*

### Lent Programme

Saturday 26th March at 6.30pm Mass  
Ennis Cathedral



John Waters is well known to Ennis people. He is probably best known as a journalist and activist for the rights of fathers.

## TROCAIRE

On this third Sunday in Lent we stand in solidarity with the people Trocaire works with in the poor communities of Honduras. They are doing all in their power, sometimes at great personal risk, to improve the conditions and futures of their people. Please help Trocaire to help them this Lent. For more information on the Lenten campaign visit [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent) or call 1850 408 408.

Reflection on the Sunday Readings in Cathedral House at 8pm on Thursday 31st March. All welcome. Bring a friend.

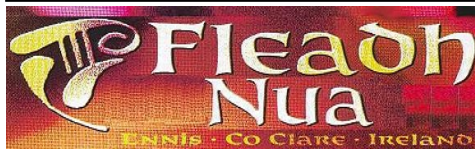
MOTHERS' PRAYER (mothers coming together to pray for their children): St John's Rest, Knock Shrine, on Sat: 26th March 10am with Mass at 5pm. Sunday: 10am & Mass @ 4pm. Queries to: 091 771009 or email: [mothersprayersireland@gmail.com](mailto:mothersprayersireland@gmail.com)



## Monthly Gospel Mass



with Ennis Gospel Choir  
this Sunday 27th March at 6.30pm  
in St Joseph's Church



Festival of the Gael - An Fleadh Nua - in Ennis; 22nd-30th May. [www.fleadhnu.com](http://www.fleadhnu.com) or [caswal2@eircom.net](mailto:caswal2@eircom.net). All welcome.

Féile mhór eile na nGael - An Fleadh Nua - á reachtáil in Inis, ón 22ú go dtí 30ú Bealtaine. [www.fleadhnu.com](http://www.fleadhnu.com) nó [caswal2@eircom.net](mailto:caswal2@eircom.net). Bheadh sé togha dá mbeifeá linn ag an bhFleadh i mbliana



Anam Cara Bereavement Event - Midway Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise Bypass. Speaker is Brid Carroll, who will give her talk on Coping with loss when a child dies. Thurs 31st March @ 7.30pm. Cost: All Anam Cara services are offered free of charge to our parents. Anam Cara will be facilitating other similar events in the coming months around Ireland; see our website for more information. As we need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before the 30th March 2011, or call 01 4045378.

Arthritis Ireland—Walk in the Phoenix Park on May 7th. For people with arthritis in aid of people with arthritis, Call Louise 01 6470209!

Looking for artists & craft workers for The Vandeleur Walled Garden in Kilrush. Open Day with Plant Sale and an Easter Art & Craft on 24th April. ☎9051760 or [info@vandeleurwalledgarden.ie](mailto:info@vandeleurwalledgarden.ie).

## Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Aoibhinn Mary Leahy; Hanna Maria Dudek; Zofia Alexandra Dudek; Stephanie Makulova Havrilova.

Naomh Fhlannain Juvenile GAA Club will resume outdoor training this Mon 28th March. We cater for hurling & football for children from 6 to 12 years of age. Reg on 1st evening. Training on Mondays & Wednesdays 18.30 to 19.30, St Flannan's College. text 0852108670.

## Ennis Rotary Club



A Family Fun Bowling night in aid of CUAN will take place at Clare Leisure World, Drumbiggle, Ennis

Thursday 31st March 2011  
from 6pm

Cost of entry is €60 per team  
entries can be made on line at  
[www.cuan.ie](http://www.cuan.ie)

Great prizes for winning teams.

Walk in aid of Home Share Clare, this Sun 27th at 12 Midday at the Flaggy Shore, Newquay. Dog, buggy and wheelchair friendly. 6/9km Donations welcome on the day.

Easter Fun Filled Outdoor Day Activities in the Burren. Dates: April 18th, 19th, 26th, 27th, 28th. Transport provided from Ennis Community School. 065-7078066

Are you running the Flora Women's Mini Marathon on June 6th? Mid West Simon Community aims to provide much needed accommodation with tailored support services to help homeless people. We are seeking runners to raise sponsorship for us - sponsorship cards and tee shirts supplied! Contact Susan at [fund@midwestsimon.ie](mailto:fund@midwestsimon.ie) or 061 608980.

AGM of Clare Water Safety will be held on Wednesday, 30th March next at 7.30pm in the West County Hotel, Ennis.

Rockmount Montessori, Ballybeg, Edel at 086-8125871 for info.

For adults who are considering undertaking a Leaving Certificate programme in 2012, Co. Clare VEC's Back To Education Initiative (BTEI) is organising a Return To Learning/Preparation for Leaving Cert Programme from April to June. Contact the BTEI office on 065-6843633

Ennis Toastmasters next meeting this Tuesday March 29th at Templegate Hotel at 8.30pm. Come and listen to interesting speeches and topics. All welcome.



Irish Blood Transfusion Service Mobile Unit at West County Hotel on Wed 30th (2pm-5pm); Thurs 31st; Mon 4th; Tues 5th; Wed 6th & Thurs 7th from 6pm-9pm.



Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541 or email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com) Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.

Ennis Parish Development Fund  
for Sunday 20th March,  
€8,218.00



## St. Joseph's

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 26th 7pm: Joseph Skelly, New Road. 1st Anniv  
Sun 10am: Gerard Lane, 9 Crescent.

#### Do This In Memory

11.30am: Maureen O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.  
Mon 11am Mary & Patrick Lafferty, Lisdoonvarna  
Tue 11am: Paddy Coughlan, 12 Marian Ave.  
Wed 11am Patrick Cleary, 7 Clancy Park  
Thurs 11am: Patrick Dugan, late 21 Connolly Villas  
Fri 7.30pm: Jack & Rose Spring, St. Senan's Rd.  
Sat 11am: Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.  
7pm: Aaron Haugh, 17 Corrovorrin Drive &  
his grandfather Paddy Haugh, 6 Kincora Park.  
Sun 3rd 8am: Kenny & Crowley families, Coolmeen  
10am Martin Heaney, 32 Corrovorrin Drive  
11.30am: Agnes & Jack Ratcliffe, late Marian Ave.

Congratulations to Martin & Maureen White,  
Kincora Park. 60 years Married



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 27th 9.30am: Rachel Walsh, 2 Pearse Ave.

#### Do This In Memory

11am: John & Mary Flanagan, Ballygriffey.  
Sun 3rd April 9.30am: Michael & Bridget Talty,  
1 Westwood, Golf Link's Rd.  
Sun 11am: Christopher Brigdale, late 6 Hermitage

Your Voice Your Future: An Invitation to all to  
participate in a series of 'World Cafés' designed to  
give you a voice on the future of Ennis town. Dates:  
31st March @ 7pm & 1st April @ 10.30am at Town  
Council Offices, Drumbiggie & 2nd April @ 11am in  
Temple Gate Hotel. Join us online:  
www.facebook.com/ennishub organised by Ennis  
Town Council & The University of Limerick.

Lenten Reflections 2011 booklet edited by Sr. Marie  
McNamara is for sale in Parish Office .

Irish Dancing classes continue at The Halla CBS  
school, @ 11am on Saturdays. Cora 086 2213219

Family Table Quiz Night at Rice College  
on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm. A table of  
4/5 is only €25. (€5 pp); raffle; Funds  
raised go to school projects.



The Bealtaine Festival programme  
is available from 1st April on  
www.bealtaine.com, or from 11th April in libraries,  
participating organisations and Age & Opportunity (01)  
8057709/LoCall 1890 50 60 60.



## Live the Word

Do you ever find there is a constant  
chatterbox inside your head? Learn to  
stop it. Come out of your head and  
into your body. Use your senses to  
bring you into the now.

Exam Triduum  
Mass Intentions  
available in  
Parish Office.

Foundation Ministeries present  
Afro-Irish Gospel Musical  
Concert in GLOR, on Sat April  
2nd @ 6pm. 087 2994242.

Congratulations to the  
young people from CBS and  
Educate Together Schools  
who will receive the  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
this weekend.

## SAMARITANS

Can be contacted by phone  
6829777 or 185060 90 90. Any  
person of any age can visit the  
Samaritans (Kilrush Road), any  
day between 12noon & 10pm.

## Pilgrimages 2011

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.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on  
Sept 17. Depart Shannon Sat.  
Cost 639 for 7 nights. Spiritual  
Dir Fr Paddy Conway. Some  
seats remaining. Contact  
James Considine 065 9059328.

Annual Ennis & Clarecastle  
Medjugorje Pilgrimage on 17th  
Sept from Shannon €669 all incl.  
Less discount €30 if booked  
before April 30th. Kathleen  
6824750 or Mary 6824400

National Spring  
Clean is to take place  
from the 1st - 30th  
April 2011. For further  
information:



www.nationalspringclean.org

## First Saturday Devotions.

In honour of Our Lady of  
Fatima in Ennis Cathedral  
next Sat. Adoration of the  
Most Blessed  
Sacrament with  
Confessions, Rosary  
and Benediction after  
10am Mass.



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 26th Mar: 6.30 Michael Devitt, 11 St Senan's Rd.  
Sun: 9am Special Intention  
10.30am Nancy & Michael O' Sullivan, College Rd.  
Martha & William Costin & membs McAuliffe family, Lmk.  
James Daly, Cloughleigh  
Jim Kitson, Claureen Drive.  
Thomas Slattery, 3 College Park.  
Catherine Mc Neill, 151 Circular Rd, Hermitage.

#### Do This In Memory

12 noon Féile na hInse Mass  
Mon: 7.45am Patrick McInerney, 20 Dalcassian Park.  
10am Martin Hogan, 42 St Flannan's Terrace. 1st Anniv  
7.30pm Elizabeth Maher, Clonroadbeg,  
Bisuk Tamara, Leoniad Ivanovich, Bisuk Tatyana.  
Tues.: 7.45am Donor Intention.  
10am Paddy Keane, Kilrush Rd.  
7.30pm Mary & Baby Harry Hogan, Tobartaoscain.  
Wed.: 7.45am Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.  
10am May Mc Enery & decd family membs, Kilrush Rd.  
7.30pm Thomas & Mgt Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.  
Thurs.: 7.45am Pakie Murrhly, Mullagh.  
10am Eileen, Patrick, Kevin Mc Namara, Ard na Greine.  
7.30pm Michael Coote, 4 Cloughleigh Rd.  
Fri.: 7.45am Mass for the people.  
10am Nurse Kath Duggan, Francis Street.  
7.30pm Carmel Ryan, Collins Park. MM  
Sat.: 10am Tomás Whelan & Ann Murphy, Dalcassian Pk.  
6.30pm Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.  
Julia Fawl, 94 Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh.  
Sun 3rd : 9am Frances O'Rourke, 6 Dalcassian Ave.  
John & Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.  
10.30am Rebecca Dwane, 11 Old Military Barracks.  
Eddie Gallagher & Norah Byrnes, Donegal & Scotland  
Joe Cleary, 29 Dun na Rí, Tobartaoscain.  
John & Bridget Guilfoyle, 32 Hermitage  
Pete Boland, Mullagh  
Mia Gallagher, Donegal  
John Pigott, Lifford Rd.  
12 noon Des Cullinan, Dalcassian. 1st Anniv

## Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 3rd April, 2011

Readers: Group 6  
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1  
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



## Rest in Peace

Kathleen McDonald (Moylan), late  
Tubber, Station House, Ennis & Spain;



## Ennis Tidy Towns & Sculpture Initiative

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



## Dates for Diary

- ◆ Pastoral Council meeting Tuesday 29th March  
at 8pm, Cathedral Chapter Room.
- ◆ Visitation Meeting Cathedral House @ 7pm on  
Wednesday 30th March.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## With Inclusive Language



### First Reading

Ex 17:3-7

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. Why did you bring us out of Egypt? they said. Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle? Moses appealed to the Lord. How am I to deal with this people? he said. A little more and they will stone me! The Lord said to Moses, Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink. This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the people of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, Is the Lord with us, or not?

#### The word of the Lord



### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

***O that today you would listen to God's voice:  
'Harden not your hearts'.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
Hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before God, giving thanks,  
With songs let us hail the Lord.

**R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
Let us kneel before the God who made us  
For You are our God and we  
The people who belong to Your pasture,  
The flock that is led by Your hand.

**R**

### Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given us. We were still helpless when at the appointed moment Christ died for sinful people. It is not easy to die even for a good person - though of course for someone really worthy, one might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

#### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;  
Give me the living water, so that I may never get  
thirsty.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

### Gospel

John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42.

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering  
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his family and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty  
again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall  
give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give will turn into a spring  
inside them, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water,  
so that I may never get thirsty and never have to  
come here again to draw water.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

