



# 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>

1st Sunday of Advent

(Year B)

27th November, 2011

## ADVENT – WAITING, WANTING

**O**ur Advent season has begun. We are now in a time of waiting, wanting and anticipating.

While the Christmas rush excites and is demanding, we can all get so caught up in the consumer mentality of buying presents, decorating and cleaning, so everything is right for when the visitors call.

While Advent is a time of waiting and wanting; for some, it is a waiting and wanting that all this Christmas stuff is over, because some people find it a hard and difficult time. The loss of a loved one, money worries and ever-escalating bills can cause a lot of anxiety at this time of year.

For children, the waiting and wanting began immediately after last Christmas.

Lists made, so Santa can come and leave the desired gift for the one who was naughty or nice.

Amid all the waiting and wanting...how many today, are truly waiting and wanting peace and joy in the hearts. After all, the message of Christmas is one of Hope.

The world is agonisingly waiting for Hope and Love.

**A** child, born in a stable, in the middle of the desert was the one to bring this hope.

A child, born to peasant parents, confused and bewildered, alone and homeless, was the one to bring this desire for new meaning.

A child, innocent and gullible, yet full of surprise and mystery, is our hope.



As our society is becoming more secular in mentality, we have tended to leave the Christ-child out of Christmas. We have replaced Christ with an 'X' and prefer to call it Xmas. Xmas has no real meaning, if Christ is not at the centre.

Maybe, as we begin this season of Advent, we could bring Christ back to our preparation and waiting...to give this Child a chance to change us and the world. After all, His name is Emmanuel...a name which means *God is with us!*

To bring Christ back to Christmas -

The greatest gifts you might give this year are:

- \* peace in family life,
- \* consolation and comfort to the broken hearted and the lost,
- \* and strength to those who are afraid.

*You can't box and wrap this stuff.*

**At the end of the day...Jesus is the Reason for the Season.**



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 27th November, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎0876615975

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

## Ennis Parish Christmas Project

A Triduum of Masses will be offered in Ennis Parish on Christmas Day for your intentions. Triduum Cards available from Parish Office.

### Times of Triduum Masses:

Ennis Cathedral: 10.30am

Cloughleigh: 11am

St. Josephs: 11.30am



• **Parish Christmas Cards** are now available. Proceeds from cards go towards Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador.

• **Fr. John Molloy DVD's** on his work on Mission available in Parish Office. Voluntary Donation.

• **Update on Fr. John's work:**

Parish Website: [www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Colm John Donnellan; Zoey Sandford; Niall Phillip Crowe; Tadgh James Edward Joseph Timms; Caoimhe Hickey.**

## Sr. Eileen's Clúinne

Inniu an chéad Domhnach den Aidhbhaint agus ní fada go Féile Mhór na Nollag. Ciallaíonn an focal Aidhbhaint *'teacht nó gabháil i leith, go mór mór duine a bhfuilimid ag feitheamh leis'*. I séasúr na hAidhbhainte táimid ag breathnú sa dá threo. Táimid ag breathnú siar ar theacht Iosa don chéad uair i mBeithil agus ag breathnú amach romhainn i dtreo theacht Iosa athuair. San Aidhbhaint, tugtar deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an ngrá thar cuimse a thaispeáin sé dúinn le breith Iosa. Déanaimid dearmad go minic ar an rúndiamhair Iárnach seo ar gcreidimh. B'fhíú dúinn tréimhse a chaitheamh gach uile lá i rith na hAidhbhainte ag guí Dé go bhfaighimid tuiscint níos fearr ar an mBri atá le teacht- Mac Dé ar talamh. Paidir a bhíodh á rá ag na naoimh fadó i rith na hAidhbhainte ná **"Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Iosa Criost."** B'fhéidir go gcabhródh sé leat freisin.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent leading to the Christmas festival, when we celebrate the Birth of Christ. Advent means *'an arrival or coming especially one who is awaited'*. In Advent, we look in two directions. We look back at the coming of Jesus for the first time in Bethlehem and ahead towards the coming of Jesus again. Advent allows us to thank God for the love shown to us by the coming of Jesus on earth. We often forget this central mystery of our faith. We ought to spend time each day during Advent, praying to God for a better understanding of the meaning of the coming of Son of God. This prayer was said by the ancient saints during Advent **"Come to us, Lord, Jesus Christ."** It may also help you.

## MATT TALBOT NOVENA - SHANNON

The final session of the Novena takes place on next Tue evening Nov 29th at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church, Shannon, speaker will be Fr. Benny McHale CC, Athenry, Co. Galway. Praying for all suffering or sharing in the life of addictions. Please make a special effort to attend the final night and bring a friend. A warm welcome awaits all.



The **Alzheimer Society Clare Branch** is having cake sale Sat 3rd Dec in St Anthony's Hall Francis Street. (next to the Friary) from 10-3pm. Children, have your photo taken with Santa, free face painting, name the reindeer, raffle etc. Thanks for support.

**Art and Model making competition 2012.** Ennis St John's Community Games invite Boys and Girls Under 8,10,12,14 and 16 to take part in this competition. This could be your opportunity to take part in the National Finals in Athlone in May 2012. Area and County finals are being organised at present. For further details on how to enter please go to our web site at [www.enniscommunitygames.net](http://www.enniscommunitygames.net)

**Colaiste Muire** will run the fantastic Disney musical **Beauty & The Beast** at Danlann An Chláir on Wed Nov 30th - Sat Dec 3rd; Tickets at Colaiste Muire 065 6829497.

The congregation at **St Columbas**, Church of Ireland, Bindon St., are delighted that for the 3rd year, International Soprano, **REGINA NATHAN** will start their Christmas Celebrations with a concert. Regina along with Guest Violinist, Bryonie Hopper, will perform Christmas and Popular Songs. The concert will be held on **Saturday, 3rd, December, at 8pm** in The Church of Ireland, Bindon St. Seasonal Refreshments will be served. Tickets €20

**Bushypark Addiction Treatment Centre** (a service of Clarecare Ltd) sponsors weekly counselling groups for recovering cocaine and/or poly drug users. Group meets Thurs in Ennis. Contact Ellen at Bushypark [www.bushypark.ie](http://www.bushypark.ie)

One of Clare's best known sopranos **Maretta O'Hehir** made a lovely CD last year of Church Music. This CD is on sale at Cahercalla Hospital, Veritas and The Friary Office, Ennis. She is very kindly donating part proceeds from the sale of this CD to the Hospice at Cahercalla. Please support.

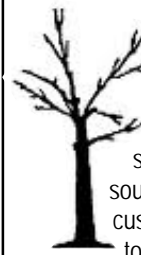
**Clare Haven Services** invites all to a Candlelight Remembrance Service in The Friary on Thurs Dec 1 at 7.30: remembering 174 women in Ireland who have been murdered since 1996.

As part of Clare FM's 50 Cent Appeal— **The Home Run Colours Day** will be held on Fri 2nd Dec. If your school, class, workplace or club would like to wear your colours or jersey for 4 local charities (SVP, Clarecare, Clare Haven, Clarecare) Contact Maire 065 6828888.

**Clare FM Busking** at Tesco Shopping Centre from 12-3pm with Brian Flynn & Eoin O'Neill.

Experienced tutor *in German* available. Call 087 0514470.

## Advent Advent Giving Tree



Please place under the tree any of the following, and help organisations who work with our town's needy this Advent:

Tea, coffee, sugar, tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, cornflakes, custard, peas, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit.

### An Invitation to Reflect on the Sunday readings during Advent.

Jesus started his ministry by choosing a small group of 12. They learned by what Jesus did as well by what he said. They learned the Gospel way of living in the company of Jesus. In His company, they came to know Him & God who sent Him. It is hardly surprising that God desires a relationship with those who are made in his image. Personal relationship depends on communication. Shared reflection on the Gospel helps us to come to know God who loves us and wants to be in communion with us. God is reaching out to each one of us & inviting us to reflect on God's Word & to learn as the first disciples did. **Cathedral House at 8pm on 1st; 8th & 15th December.**

**Advent Talks** In the Dominican Biblical Institute, Upper Cecil Street, Limerick. Every Thursday at 7.30pm. Free Admission.



### Young People & Parish

We thank the young people and their teachers from the various second level schools in the Parish, for their involvement in our Advent Mass at 10.30am o'clock in Cathedral. **This week, the students from Ennis Community College have prepared the music & Liturgy.**

**Advent Penitential Service** on Monday December 19th at 7.30pm.

We will have our annual Advent Penitential Service in Ennis Cathedral. You are most welcome. There will be an opportunity for individual confession, or to come forward for a blessing. Enjoy precious time out from the hectic run up to Christmas & experience our God who is a God of Love.

**The Annual Advent Ecumenical Carol Service** takes place in Ennis Friary at 7pm on Sunday December 18th.



**ADVENT**

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.



## 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 26th 7pm:** Hugh & Frances Gilmore, Drumcliffe.  
**Sun 8am:** Brad & Mary Nevin, 59 Hermitage  
**10am:** Maureen O'Gorman, 53 Marian Ave.  
**11.30am:** Josephine Kelly, 42 Fergus Park.  
**Mon 11am:** Teresa Vaughan, Dublin.  
**Tue 11am:** Annie & Martin Mullen, Ballina & Bridget Kennedy.  
**Wed 11am:** Joan Griffin, Wayside, Kilmorane. **1st Anniv**  
**Thu 11am:** John & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.  
**Fri 11am:** Peter McNamara, Carron.  
**7.30pm:** Helen Haugh, 6 Kincora Park.  
**Sat 11am:** Una McNamara, Coopers Place & Turnpike Rd.  
**7pm:** Patrick Kearney, 38 Kincora Park.  
**Sun Dec 4th 8am:** Donors Intentions  
**10am:** Eddie Ryan, 118 Clancy Pk.  
**11.30am:** Kitty, Michael & Matthew McEnergy, Gort Rd.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 9.30am:** Mary Darcy, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.  
**11am:** Holy Souls.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Sr Eithne & Sr. Stella  
**Tue 9.30am:** John O'Gorman, Clarecastle & USA  
**Wed 9.30am:** Delia & Jim Collins, Ard na Greine  
**Fri 9.30am:** Cyril Cosgrove, 100 Clancy Park.  
**Sun 4th 9.30am:** John, Catherine & Tom Quinn, Loughville  
**11am:** John, Peg & Peter Moloney, Claireen & Wales.

Cloughleigh Residents Association Christmas Raffle in aid of their benevolent fund on 19th Dec at Community Centre €2 per line.

**CUAN BINGO is Back** at Community Centre  
The CUAN an Chláir fund raising committee is beginning BINGO on Sunday nights in the Community Centre. **Date to be Announced.**

Eddie Stone will visit St. Bridget Church, Corofin on 2nd December at 7pm. 0863135471.

**Maoin Cheoil an Chlair** have special Christmas Promotion. 065 6841774; info@maoincheoil.com

**Irish Cancer Society**, Woodquay, Ennis (6848826) thanks all for support for past year.

**Christmas craft club** starting Nov 30-21Dec 1:45-2:40 €5 per class Christmas cooking for kids Fridays. 3:00-4:30pm Starting Dec 2nd - 22nd : €8 per class. Classes at Holy Family Kids Club contact Lara 086 843 8888.

**Eire Óg GAA club** will be having it's annual Deceased Members' Mass on Fri 2nd Dec at the Eire Óg Clubhouse on Clonroadmore at 8pm. Celebrated by Club Patron Bishop Willie Walsh and everyone who wishes to attend is more than Welcome.

## People of the Year

Many people are working in a voluntary capacity (often unnoticed), giving of their time and energy in the service of others and enriching our community. Some years ago the Pastoral Council decided to acknowledge their contributions and awards have been presented to worthy participants for the past number of years. If you know of someone who you feel would be worthy of such recognition, we would appreciate your nominating them. Nominations to be sent to the Parish Office and should include some information about the person being nominated and a brief outline of the reasons for the nomination. **Closing date 31st December 2011**



Celebrate People In Our Community

## Friary News

This Saturday, December 3rd is the First Saturday of December. The Rosary is on going after the 10am Mass in the Friary Church. Please come and pray with us. All are welcome.

### Hour of Prayer for Peace

Dec 3rd (1st Sat of month). On each First Saturday, members of The Secular Franciscan Order have an Hour of Prayer for Peace, at The Poor Clare's Chapel from 4.30 to 5.30pm. Everyone welcome to take part.

### Charismatic Prayer Group

have a Day of Renewal on Dec 4th (Sun) at St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St.; starts at 11am; Speaker: Fr. Liam Kelly OFM, Ennis. Theme: Psalm 121 "Where does my Help come From". Celebration of The Eucharist at 3.30pm. Everyone is 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.



**Lismorahaun Christmas Concert** takes place on Dec 15 in St. Columba's Church. Tickets from Mulqueen's Florists.

**Found in Collection baskets** in The Cathedral during the year: Three wedding bands with inscription. Contact Parish office.

**Conversation Group in Irish An Clár** as Gaeilge Ciorcal Cainte will be held on Tue Nov 29th at 11am in Food Heaven Café, Market St. All welcome. Please ring 6864474. Bigí linn.

**'Beau Soir', French Music Concert** on 10th December 8pm in Danlann: Michael Hennessy Cathedral organist; Karoline O'Sullivan Cathedral Cantor, Maeve Cairney, Bunratty. Tickets from Parish Office and at the door on the night.

**Missionvale thanks** from Liam, Andy & the Trust in Ennis for help at Ceili.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat:6.30** Joy Byrne, Station Court. **1st Anniv**  
**Sun 9am** Gemma Curtin & Biddy Quinn  
Tim Flanagan, Rockmount House  
Kathleen O'Shea, Tulla Road  
Bernard & Ann McNamara, late McNamara Pk  
**10.30am** George & Elizabeth Bradley, Carmody St.  
Thomas & Ellen Cleary, Mayo  
Martin Browne, 38 Gallows Hill  
John Davoren, Kilfenora  
Mary Darcy, Cahercalla Estate  
Mary Griffin & Cronan Griffin, Kildysart Cross  
Thomas & Alice Fitzpatrick, Larchill  
Sabri Odesiho  
Thomas Devitt, Inagh  
Nancy & Gerard Boland, Inagh  
**12 noon** Ted & Nancy Sheils, College Road  
**Mon:7.45am** Holy Souls.  
**10am** Tom Galvin, Galway.  
**7.30pm** Eileen & Mick Keane, 19 Mc Namara Park.  
**Tues.:7.45am** Donors Intentions  
**10am** Joseph & Bridget Dilger, Kilrush Rd.  
**7.30pm** Thomas Clancy, Shanaway Rd.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Holy Souls.  
**10am** Michael Sheridan, 22 Dalcassian Park.  
**7.30pm** Declan Brohan, Gordon Drive.  
**Thurs.:7.45am** Kathleen & Peter Fallon, Roscommon.  
**10am** Patrick & Mary Howley, Mayo.  
**7.30pm** Noel Ryan, 10 Summerhill.  
**Fri.:7.45am** Patrick Mc Inerney, Doora.  
**10am** William, Julia & Tossie Guilfoyle.  
**7.30pm** Dan Pyne, Mc Namara Park. **MM**  
**Sat.:10am** Lorraine Dunleavy, 88 Hermitage.  
**6.30pm** Tommy Brennan, Brookville, Clonroad. **MM**  
**Sun. 4th December: 9am** Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, 5 Dalcassian Drive.  
Dec'd members of Madigan family, Kilrush Rd.  
Phyllis, Louis & Oliver Skerritt, St Michael's Vls.  
**10.30am** John & Nuala White, 99 Hermitage Road.  
Joseph & Caroline Ensko, Connolly Villas,  
Dettie & Tom Kellegher, & Olive O'Malley.  
Joan Kears, 36 Cloughleigh Rd.  
Aine Lynch, 28A St. Joseph's Terrace.  
MI Quinn & decd family members, Cahercalla  
John & Bridget Guerin, 46 St. Flannan's Terrace  
**12 noon** Patricia Gormley, 9 Dalcassian. **1st Anniv**  
**Rite of acceptance of two adult Catechumens.**

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 4th December, 2011

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



### Rest in Peace

**Breda Nolan**, Barantick mother of Marion Holy family school & Brid Nolan Sheedy, St Clares School; **Paddy Corry**, Cree, brother of Matt Corry, Loughville, Lahinch Road; **Mary Maloney** (nee Forde), 3 Glenina & Caher;

### Date for your Diary

Visitation Meeting Wed 7th Dec 7pm Cathedral house.

### Live the Word

It's easy to get negative about life - especially these days. It is important to remember, that there is always a silver lining. Amid the darkness, good things do happen. You just need to look out for them.

**First Reading**      Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

You, Lord, are a father & mother to us,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down  
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust you.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like people unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused one self to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our God;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your  
hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Response:*

*God of hosts, bring us back;  
Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. R

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. R

May your hand be on the one  
you have chosen,  
the one you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

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**Second Reading**      1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.  
May God of Our Lord Jesus Christ send you  
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces  
you have received through Jesus Christ. I  
thank God that you have been enriched in so  
many ways, especially in your teachers and  
preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed  
been strong among you so that you will not be  
without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you  
are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be  
revealed; and he will keep you steady and  
without blame until the last day, the day of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you  
has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and  
God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
And give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel**      Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard,  
stay awake, because you never know when the  
time will come. It is like a man travelling  
abroad: he has gone from home, and left his  
servants in charge, each with his own task; and  
he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So  
stay awake, because you do not know when  
the master of the house is coming, evening,  
midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes  
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.  
And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

