



# 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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Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) 28th February, 2010

## Lenten Observance

A strong Lenten image is that of the desert. The desert can be the interior wilderness that invites us to confront the demons that haunt our lives. The message of Lent is that we need to face our inner demons and confront them.

The gospel offers us a recipe for dealing with our situation. First, it recommends almsgiving. Apart from giving to charities, it may mean being: more reserved in the display of wealth or security; less strident in the demands we make; offering our services for the benefit of others. In all of this we are to be discreet.

Secondly, we are invited to spend time in prayer. Often we think of prayer as pleading with God when in need. Prayer is about listening to God's word. We find it in a piece of scripture; in the voice of conscience challenging us to make good decisions. Listening to God's word and responding is what brings deep inner peace.

The third recommendation is fasting, not as a punishment, but as a means to clearing our minds to be alert to what is going on within and around us. Abstaining from surplus food or drink can simply clear our heads, enabling us to engage all the senses in whatever we are doing. Thus we can hear God's word more clearly and have the energy to begin to apply it.



Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of Jesus death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives.



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 28th February, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

## Lent at The Cathedral

Parish theme this year:

"Living with Faith in Ireland today".

Weekday morning Mass in Cathedral at 7.45am for Lent.

On Tuesday nights at 7.30pm as we journey through Lent, guest speakers will reflect on:

"Living with Faith in Ireland today".

Next Tuesday March 2nd:

Dr. Andrew O'Connell;

Communications Director of the Presentation Brothers & Columnist with The Irish Catholic.



## Taizé Prayer through Lent

Each Thursday during lent think about joining us in St. Joseph's Church at 8pm for prayer using the songs of Taizé, Readings from Scripture and quiet time for reflection. All welcome.



**Lectio Divina**  
at 8pm in Cathedral House.



(Reflection on the Sunday Readings for Lent)  
March 11th & March 18th. All are welcome.



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: John Paul Ward; Darcy Eveleen O'Dwyer; Aoidhinn Nicole Horgan; Ellie Rose McLoughlin; Aron Oliver Kfalinowski; Izzie Mairéad Hanrahan-Brohan; Olywen Molly Keane;

**Fatima 2010:** Pilgrimage 24th May ex Cork (no flight from Shannon) Aer Lingus Direct; 7 days; price: €714 (insurance €25 extra if required). Private coach transfer to and from Ennis/Limerick at no extra cost. Spiritual director: Fr. John Walsh. Call Kathleen Hayes 061 368549.

# LIFE After Sundays

Looking for a forum to air your thoughts? Sometimes things happen to unsettle or challenge our faith, so why not air your views in a friendly, informal group discussion?

Our theme this month is:

◆ "Back to Basics— Who is our God and what difference does it make anyway?"

Bring a friend, join in and share your thoughts!

**8pm Chapter Room @ The Cathedral  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March**

Tea/Coffee will be served

Facilitated by: Dan O'Connell.

The Clár as Gaelige Ciorcal Cainte will be held on Tue March 2nd @ 11am in GLOR; All welcome. Call 065 6864474. Bígí linn.



## Live the Word

Luke: 13:1-9

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Lent

28th February

When things go wrong, or don't go your way, don't blame, yell or shout. Instead take responsibility. If you are wrong, learn to say sorry- it's a gift. Learn to see life as an experience, and you are the student. What can you learn from life's experiences?

## Competition Night at Ennis Toastmasters

You are invited to come and experience a thrilling speech competition. There is the Evaluation speech contest and International Speech Contest. Entry is voluntary. The competition night is on Tuesday the 2nd of March at 8.30pm in The Temple Gate, Ennis. All welcome!



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



Anyone curious about or wanting more information about addiction and/or alcoholism, please stop by Tuesday evenings at 7.30 at Clarecare.



## Mass with a Difference

This Sunday in St. Joseph's Church  
6.30pm



"He Loves You Without Measure..."  
Come along with friends and family to enjoy the uplifting music of The Ennis Gospel Choir. You are very welcome ... (especially if you haven't been in a while, this might be right for you!)

## Australia's First Saint



Mary McKillop, foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph, will be canonised on October 17th. She was born in Melbourne of Scottish parents. She could see the needs of the people of the colonies and wanted to have a congregation that could be among the people. She stood up for what she believed in and took the consequences. Many people pray to her today, especially families. She came to Ireland in 1874, and visited Ennis. Over the years many Irish women joined the congregation.

In 1999 a community of Josephite Sisters came to live in Ennis. The 3 Sisters have worked all their Religious lives in Australia and New Zealand.

Many Thanks to All Who Supported The Alzheimer Society's Annual Burren Walk In Fanore, Including: The Walkers, Musicians, The O'Donoghue Family And All Our Wonderful Volunteers. It Was A Great Family Day Out And Will Be On 13th February 2011 Next Year. Please Return Sponsorship Cards To Unit 17 Clonroad Business Pk, Ennis. ☎ 065 6868621/6845835

Chess for Juniors and Adults. All levels catered for in Classes. Contact John 0872495913.



Corofin Dramatic Society Production of:- **DOUBT A PARABLE** by John Patrick Shanley St. Patrick's Hall Corofin Sat and Sun 27th & 28th Feb; Special Guests Sun Night; Liddy O'Reilly School of Speech & Drams, Winners of Feile Luimini.

## Items discussed at this week's Pastoral Council Meeting

1. Approval of Concert with Liam Lawton at Cathedral, Wednesday 21st April.
2. New initiative for Adult discussion Group "Life after Sunday."
3. Parish response to the Ryan and Murphy report - guided by contributions from the Parish book of expression.
4. Setting up a Parish branch of Catholic Grandparents' Association.

Complete minutes of meeting available on website ([www.ennisparish.com](http://www.ennisparish.com)) and at Notice board in Cathedral Porch.

Ennis Parish Development Fund  
Sunday 28th February, €9,050.00



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mary Sweeney, 34 Shannon Park.  
 Sun 8am: Teresa Kenneally, Chelsea London. MM  
 10am: John Mulkerins, 62 Marian Avenue. 1st Anniv.  
 11.30am: Sean Moloney, Tulla Rd.  
 Mon 11am: Dale Daly, 56 Brookville.  
 Wed 11am: Mary Hartney, 23 Mountain View.  
 Thurs: 11am P.J. Garvey, Corrovorrin Green  
 Fri 11am: Meere family, 88 Turnpike.  
 7.30pm: Mary & John Rynne, Josephine O'Looney, Carron.  
 Sat 11am: Matt O'Connor. New Road  
 7pm Pat O'Brien, 27 Shannon Park  
 Sun 7th 10am: **Do This in Memory**  
 10am: Agnes & Jack Ratcliffe, late Marian Ave.  
 11.30am: Maureen O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.

### A Service of Readings & Communion



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

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly Meeting on Fri March 5 after 7.30pm mass in St. Joseph's Church. All welcome.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 28th 11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, 23 Hermitage  
 Christina O'Neill (nee Hayes), Turnpike.  
 Mon 9.30am: Special Intention  
 Wed 9.30: Paddy & Nora Duggan, Drumcaurin.  
 Thurs 9.30am: Annie Moloney, 8 Hermitage.  
 Sun 7th: 9.30 **Do This in Memory**  
 11am: John & Mary Flanagan, Ballygriffey.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Shannon; 10th Sept.  
 Call Kathleen 065 6824750; Bridgid 065 6820243.



Continuing our series on the Year for Priests, this month's interview is with Fr. Tom Ryan. Tom, a native of Ennis, is currently Parish Priest in Shannon.

**What Age were you when you first considered priesthood?**  
 I considered priesthood while in secondary school in Rice College.

**Who or what inspired you to become a priest?** I was always attracted to priesthood. The life and work of priests always appealed to me. In particular I was influenced by the example of priests in the parish; John Hogan, Brendan O'Donoghue, Sean Saunders, Pat Taaffe, and Rory McInerney. The late Bro. Murphy, principle of Rice College gave me great encouragement.

**Where did you study?** I spent six very happy years in St Patrick's College, Thurles from 1978 until 1984. I was part of a student body of over 100 people preparing for priesthood. I and another classmate, John Buckley from Kerry Diocese were the youngest at 17 years old, the oldest was 62 years. So there was a great variety of people.

**How many years have you been a priest?** I celebrated 25 years as a priest on the 9th June last. I have ministered in the Derry Diocese, West Clare Parish of Kilmurry Ibrickane, and presently in Shannon.

**What was/is the most rewarding/difficult part of your ministry?** The most rewarding part of my ministry as a priest is the fact that each day of my life, people call upon me to help them as I am a priest and they want and appreciate the gift of priesthood. The most difficult part of my ministry is when I have to bring 'bad news' to people. It's never easy to do so, yet one has to be truthful and honest.

**If someone was considering priesthood, what would you say to them?** Go for it! it's a rewarding and fulfilling life, with plenty of challenges and the gift of priesthood to our world is still needed and appreciated by people. If you don't explore, you'll never know.



## Friary News

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER:** Monthly meetings of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) will take place on next Wed. March 3rd at 10am (Friary Church - this includes Mass, Office, Benediction) and at 7pm (St Anthony's Hall this includes prayer, Lectio Divina, ongoing Formation and a cup of tea). Visitors welcome at any time. Petitions for those affected by the economic downturn may be submitted at the morning Mass and members will pray for the intentions during the coming month.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE:** Please join the Secular Franciscans on Saturday next March 6th 4.30-5.30pm in the Poor Clare Chapel to spend a quiet hour in prayer for peace.

**Coffee Morning** in aid of UCD volunteers overseas next Sun Feb 28 in St. Anthony's Hall, Friary from 11am-1.30pm.



**Launch of Strategic plan 2010 - 2013** on Thurs. 4th March @ 11.15am in Cois na hAbhna. *Guest speaker: Fergus Finlay. CEO Barnardos*

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



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Martin O'Halloran, flat 10 O'Connell St, late of Clarecastle & Newmarket on Fergus. MM  
 Sun.: 9am Enda Kerin, Clonroadmore.  
 Frank Lillis, Beechpark.  
 George Dinan, Old Military Barracks.  
 Johnny Purcell, 6 Ard na Greine.  
 Ita White nee Mc Mahon, Shannon & Ennis.  
 Danny Greene, Cahercalla Rd.  
 10.30am Dec'd members McMahon & Rynne Families.  
 12noon Mass for the People.  
 Mon: 7.45am John & Cathy Devaney, London.  
 10am Al Wrafter, late Tullamore.  
 7.30pm Brid & Martin Moloney, Clare Rd.  
 Tues.: 7.45am Holy Souls.  
 10am Charlie O'Grady, 16 McNamara Park.  
 7.30pm Kevin Hinton, England.  
 Wed.: 7.45am Bernard Neylon, Kilmaley.  
 10am Galvin & Slattery families, Cahercalla.  
 7.30pm Special Intention.  
 Thurs.: 7.45am Mary & Teresa Casey, Gallows Hill.  
 10am Angela Slattery, Clonroadbeg.  
 7.30pm Connect Group C.  
 Fri.: 7.45am Paddy Brennan, late O Connell Street..  
 10am John & Catherine Flanagan, late Market St & Connolly Villas.  
 7.30pm Dodie Mgt Casey, London & 26 Mc Hugh Villas.  
 Sat.: 10am Christy & Bridie Murphy, Hermitage.  
 6.30pm Patrick Twomey, McNamara Pk. MM  
 Sun.: 9am Patrick & Nancy Guilfoyle, 6 Gallows Hill.  
 Frank Mc Mahon, Drumcaronmore, Loughville.  
 Billy & Bridie Ryan, 19 Gallows Hill.  
 10.30am John Fleming, 6 Marian Ave, Ennis  
**Do This in Memory.**  
 12noon Kay Gallagher, Cahercalla. MM

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 7th March, 2010

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



### Rest in Peace



**Kay Guihen**, Cathedral Court and late of "My Lady's", Market St., Ennis; **Willie Carr**, Clancy Park, Ennis; **Michael Hogan**, Mullagh, brother of Anne Moroney, 19 Golflinks Rd.; **Mary Hartigan**, Newmarket-on-Fergus;

### "Do This in Memory"

Will take place next Sunday 7th March, for all children and parents of those making their First Communion this year. This programme links all involved in preparing our young people for the Sacraments.



Cloughleigh 9.30am  
 St. Joseph's 10am  
 Cathedral 10.30am



### Recent Marriages

**Aisling Barry**, InishCarraig and **Fergal Ward**, Meath  
*May they be united in love forever.*

### For your Diary

- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group Monday 1st March 8.30pm.
- ◆ People of the Year Old Ground March 11th 8pm



# Today's Scripture Readings

with Inclusive Text



## First Reading Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

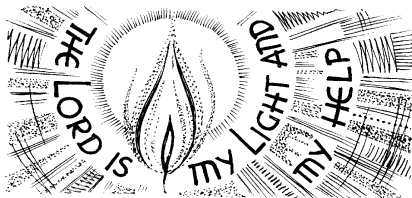
Taking Abram outside the Lord said, Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

I am the Lord he said to him who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land. My Lord, the Lord, Abram replied, how am I to know that I shall inherit it? He said to him, Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

### The word of the Lord





### Responsorial Psalm


*Response:* .

*The Lord is my light and my help.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? 

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
Have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' 

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
Hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
You have been my help. 

## Second Reading Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

My sisters and brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

*From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:*

*'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'*

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

### Gospel (Luke 9:28-36)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and at that time told no one what they had seen.

### The Gospel of the Lord

