



# Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:  
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

## Mass Times

### Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9, 10, 11, 12.15pm

Mass in Polish each Sunday at 3pm

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7.00 p.m.; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30 a.m.

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30, 11 a.m.

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30 p.m.; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

### Weekdays:

Cathedral: 8.00, 10, 7.30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11 a.m. on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 8.00, 11 a.m. Mon. – Fri.; 11 a.m. on Saturday

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30 a.m. Mon. – Fri.

Friary:- 10 a.m., 1.05pm daily; 10 a.m. on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m. daily

### Phone Numbers:

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Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

1st Sunday of Advent (Year C) 29th November, 2009

## ADVENT ..... A TIME TO SEE WITH NEW EYES

As we enter the season of Advent, the Gospel message to us is, to brush the dust off our awareness. We are asked to be alert to the presence of God in our lives. We are called to be women and men who see the coming of God into our lives.

It is an ongoing event around us, between us and within us. We need to throw off the blindfolds that prevent us from seeing God's coming and God's presence in the world around us. We need to regain our Celtic spirit that saw God present in the bits and pieces of every day.

Advent invites us to turn our hearts towards Emmanuel who is the "Light of the world". It is the Risen Jesus who is always near. How easy it is to forget that God is among us. Advent calls us to watch for that ever present love within us and among us. We are reminded of the light of our Baptismal candle. Surely the challenge of Advent is to light again our Baptismal candle, to reflect on its meaning and to share this blessed light with others, by our loving deeds.

Advent is a time when we are invited to transform our way of living. Lived with intention, it can be a time in which the Spirit of God draws closer to us inspiring us to look at our lives. We can ask ourselves: What weighs me down?

What is blinding me to the presence of God in my life? God is calling me on.

Only I can decide whether or not I listen to His voice, beckoning me on.



### A little daily prayer:

- ◇ Lord, help me to see You, to know You, to love You and to imitate You.
- ◇ May my actions today grant life to all who cross my path.
- ◇ Fill me with trust and hope.
- ◇ Give me courage, to awaken to God who is already within me.
- ◇ Help me to give birth to a love that matters.
- ◇ Give me the courage to say "Yes" to life.

# What's on this week?

## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 29th November, 2009

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎065 6891983

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 6824043

## New Mass Schedule

In planning for the future as a Cluster (Doora/Barefield, Clooney/Quin, Clarecastle/Ballyea & Ennis), we have reviewed the number, times and location of masses.

We here in Ennis, after consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, have discussed a New Roster in helping us plan for the future.

**The following are the changes taking place in Ennis Parish from Jan 3rd:**

- 1. In the Cathedral Sunday Morning Masses** will be as follows: **9, 10.30am & 12noon.**
- 2. In The Cathedral the Saturday Morning Mass at 11am** will discontinue.
- 3. In St. Joseph's the Weekday Morning Mass at 8am** will discontinue.

Due to the declining number of priests at Cluster level, we cannot sustain the present schedule of Masses as before, and we understand these adjustments will take some time to settle.

In advance, we sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding, at this time of transition and we apologise for any inconvenience these times will cause.

## Cluster Event

Workshop and formation evening for existing and new **Eucharistic Ministers** on

Wed Dec 9th in Meeting Room, St. Flannan's College at 8pm.



**Clare Crusaders - Helping children with special needs.**

**Christmas Market - Sun**

Nov 29; 12pm-5pm in Auburn Lodge Hotel. Adm €1; Visit Santa;

Christmas gifts from a variety of stalls i.e. Wreaths, garlands & Christmas arrangements, toys, cakes & puddings.

**Table Quiz - Charity: Clare Crusaders;** At Bofey Quinns, Corofin on Dec 4 at 9.30pm; €20 per Team of 4.



**BANNER GAA CLUB's AGM** in Woodstock Hotel on Mon, 30 Nov at 8 pm. ☎Domhnall Ó Loingsigh 087-2760590.

## Ennis Parish

### Christmas Project

**Christmas Cards** available at The Parish Office. Proceeds to Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Equador, St. James Missionary Society.



**A Triduum of Masses** will be offered for your intentions on Christmas Day. These cards are also available at The Parish Office.

**Solas - Suicide Support Group** on **Sat 5 Dec from 11.00am-12.00 pm** at CIOC, Connolly House, Unit 7A, Elevation Pk, Clonroad, (Roundabout opposite turn off to Tesco); support group for all whose lives have been touched by suicide. Confidential & free of charge. Johanna Treacy (Psychotherapist) 086 0829907.



**Open AA Meeting** at St. Anthony's Hall on Tue Dec 1 at 8.30pm.

Variety Show in Cois na hAbhna is rescheduled to Sun. Jan 17 from Nov 29th.

**Christian Life Sodality-Members Note - Sodality meeting on Tue Dec 15 in the Christian Brothers' Monastery at 8pm. Due to the bad spell of weather, the meeting previously arranged for Dec 1 has been put back to December 15.**



**Clare Branch of the Diabetes Public Information Meeting** rescheduled to Sun, Dec 6 at 2:30pm.; Falls Hotel, 0876415747.

**Ennis National School Parents' Association AGM** takes place on Tues Dec 1st @ 8pm. Principal Ray McInerney will address meeting.

## Building CUAN Brick By Brick

Spring 2010 Cuan an Chláir will commence building a Day Care Centre and Sheltered Housing on 15.5 acre site dedicated by Bishop Willie Walsh & The Diocese of Killaloe for the creation of Care facilities for older people of Ennis and its Environs.

By purchasing a brick at €10 each you are playing your part in helping to build a better future for the elderly in our community.

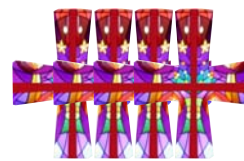
Bricks can be purchased on line by logging on to [www.cuan.ie](http://www.cuan.ie) and following the step by step instructions. You can also purchase bricks by calling into Ennis Parish Office.



**Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of Cuan an Chláir:** good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brack. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.

**Ennis Parish Development Fund**  
Sunday, 22nd November  
€9,178.00

## Mass with a Difference For Advent



On this Sun Nov 29th @ 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Church with the Ennis Gospel Choir.

**Why not prepare for Christmas with your family and join with us in Celebrating Advent.**



- ◆ **Evening Prayer with Cathedral Choir** on this Sun evening at 5.30pm in Ennis Cathedral.
- ◆ **Gospel Reflections for Sundays** Cathedral House at 8pm, each Thursday.
- ◆ **Taizé Prayer** on Thurs Dec 3rd & Dec 10 St Joseph's Church @ 8pm. Prayer using the songs of Taizé.

## 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, tayo, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, peas, cornflakes, custard, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit.

## The Annual Advent Ecumenical Carol



**Service** takes place in Ennis Cathedral at 8pm on Sunday December 13th.

## 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 11 o'clock in Cathedral. **This week, the students from St. Flannan's College** have prepared the music & Liturgy.

## Advent Talks Wednesdays at 7.30



Dominican Biblical Institute, Cecil Street Upper, Limerick;  
**Dec 2: Waiting in Joyful Hope**  
by Sr. Mary T. Brien PBVM

**Official Launch of Cuimhneamh an Chláir - The Clare Oral History & Folklore Group** by Marty Morrissey; Temple Gate Hotel, Tue, Dec 1, (7.15pm); ☎ 087 9160373



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 7pm: Áine & Mitchell Purtill, 47 Marian Ave.  
 Sun 8am: Kathleen O'Shea, Tulla Rd.  
 10am: Patricia Molloy, 5 Clancy Park.  
 11.30am: Eddy Ryan, 118 Clancy Park.  
 Mon: 8am Donors Intentions  
 11am: Mary O Halloran, Corrovorrin.  
 Tue: 11am: John & Catherine Behan.  
 Wed: 11am: Thomas Sheedy, Old Gort Rd.  
 Thu: 11am: Michael Purcell, Birr.  
 Fri: 11am: Donors Intention.  
 7.30pm: Paddy Kearney, Kincora Park.  
 8.15pm Chernobyl Prayer Group Mass  
 Sat: 11am: Nuala Mc Gann, Ard na Greine.  
 7pm: Micheal O Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove.  
 Sun 8am: Special Intention.  
 10am: Mary Ellen Quinn, 20 Kincora Park. 1st Anniv  
 11.30am: Helen Cuddihy, 4 St Senan's Road.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society Friday Dec 4th after 7.30pm Mass in St Joseph's Church.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun Nov 29 @ 11am: Edward Mc Kee, England & Brookville.  
 Sun 6th @ 9.30am: John Rynne, Martha & James Malone, late of Turnpike.  
 11.00am: Mary Histon Nevin & Martin Brod Nevin, 59 Hermitage.



### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 6th December, 2009

Readers: Group 4  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Essay Writing Workshop Wed Dec 2 from 7-9;  
 Anne at 065-6866844 or [info@ennisrlc.ie](mailto:info@ennisrlc.ie)

Interested in going to College as an Adult Learner?  
 Clare Adult Guidance Service holding a  
**Mature Students' Information Evening** Tue 1st Dec from 7.30pm-9pm. At Adult Education Centre, Clonroad Business Park.:  
 Clare Adult Guidance: 065 68 897617.



## People of the Year



Celebrate People  
 In Our Community

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 2009**

First Saturday Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in Ennis Cathedral next Saturday. Confessions, Rosary & Benediction after 11am mass.



## Cantara Chamber Choir Christmas Concert



Wed, Dec 9 @ St. Flannan's College Chapel from 7.30. With Special Guest, Rachel Mullaly, Violinist. Tickets €10.00 on sale at, The Wine Buff, Veritas, The Art and Craft Co., P. Coleman & Associates, Ennis. In aid of Anesthesia Unit for Children at Gomel Hospital, Belarus.

## Insight

**It has always fascinated me that some people – instead of bringing comfort to the bereaved – see them as sponges for their own misery. Some people love lonesome stories and cannot get half enough of them. So to them, the bereaved present the perfect opportunity to chant their own sorrowful mantra. A few weeks after my husband's funeral, I met one of these people.**  
**Alice Taylor**

### Wet Blanket

My first day out  
 After the funeral,  
 I walked along  
 The city street  
 Wearing a mask  
 Of normality.  
 A stranger intercepted:  
*"Sorry about your husband;  
 I buried mine 10 years ago  
 And I want to tell you  
 It doesn't get any better."*  
 At that time  
 I needed her  
 Like a hole  
 In the head.  
*Are the bereaved  
 A coat hanger  
 For others to drape  
 Their misery on?*

From The Journey



**Request for Needy Family:** fireguard and gate for stairs.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla  
 Week 23. Tue, Nov 24th . . . 1st Prize €635.00. .Brigid Neylon, Darragh;  
 2nd Prize €127.00. . Judy Cahill, Lisseycasey.

Bingo in Community Centre; Sunday at 8.30pm.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Anthony Guilfoyle, San Francisco & 6 Gallows Hill. 1st Anniv.  
 Sun.: 9.00am Tim Flanagan, Rockmount House.  
 10am Holy Family Confirmation Enrolment  
 John White, 99 Hermitage Rd.  
 Mary Griffin & son Cronan, Ballybeg.  
 Gemma Connolly & Biddy Quinn.  
 Joseph Donnellan, Moyasta, Kilrush.  
 Nancy Carey, 9 Moore St., Kilrush.  
 Robbie Fagan, London & formerly 8 Considine's Tce.

11am Liturgy with St. Flannan's Students.  
 Maureen & Martin O'Halloran, Claireen & Mary Neylon, 7 Castlewood Park.

12.15pm Mass for the People.  
 Mon: 8am Holy Souls.  
 10am Noel Mc Cullagh, late of Doora.  
 7.30pm Eileen & Mick Keane, 19 Mc Namara Park.  
 Tues.: 8am Nora Mc Namara, Ard na Greine.

10am Daryl Dobson, 13 Ashfield Park.  
 7.30pm Noel Ryan, 10 Summerhill.  
 Wed.: 8am Nicholas & Catherine MacMahon, Fountain House, Ennis.

10am Donor Intentions  
 7.30pm Noreen Seery & her son Alan, 13 Davitt Tce.  
 Thurs.: 8am Maisie Murrhy, Mullagh.  
 10am Stephen Moloney, Killoo.

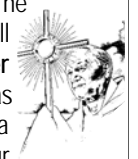
7.30pm Lorraine Dunleavy, 88 Hermitage.  
 Fri.: 8am Declan Brohan, Gordon Drive.  
 10am Mary Jo O Donoghue, Abbeyfield, Co Limerick.  
 7.30pm Thomas Clancy, Shanaway Road. 1st Anniv

Sat.: 10am Catherine Griffin, Ardlea Road.  
 11am Kitty Hanrahan & Dan Herbert, Dalcassian Drive.  
 6.30pm Chrissie Guinnane, 31 St Mls Villas. 1st Anniv  
 Sun.: 9am Thomas Keating, Inagh.

10am Mary O Loughlin, 44 St Michael's Villas.  
 Bridget & Gerard Griffin, Limerick Rd.  
 John & Bridget Guerin, 46 St Flannans Tce.  
 Michael Quinn & decd family members, Cahercalla.  
 Monica Clohessy, 25 Connolly Villas.  
 Cecilia Freeman, Circular Road, Ennis

11am Christy O Donovan, Clonroadmore. MM  
 12.15pm Susan Cashman, late Cork & Riverside, Clonroadmore. 1st Anniv

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:-** The Christmas Meeting of Co-ordinators will take place (D.V.!!) this Wed, December 2nd, at 8.05 p.m., in the Chapter Room (as usual). As we have been unable to hold a Meeting since early September and as our next Meeting isn't due until February, we ask each Co-ordinator to make a special effort, please, to grace us with your presence for this Meeting. We look forward on this occasion to welcoming our new Spiritual Director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. Thank you.



## Rest in Peace



**Paddy Boylan**, Dublin father of Brona Cahill, 4 Verdant Hill; **Mary Catherine Sheehan**, (wife of Dominic Sheehan) USA & formerly Clare Rd; **Ted Murphy**, Tulla, brother of Mary Whymys, Cusack Rd.; **Patrick Daly**, Stamer Park, Francis St.; **Mary Dennehy**, Bishopstown, Cork, mother of Michael, Woodstock & Knox's Bar & Restaurant; **Robbie Fagan**, London & formerly 8 Considine's Tce.; **Maura Martin**, Dublin, sister of Dr. Paddy Bugler, Ard-na-Greine.



# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



## First Reading

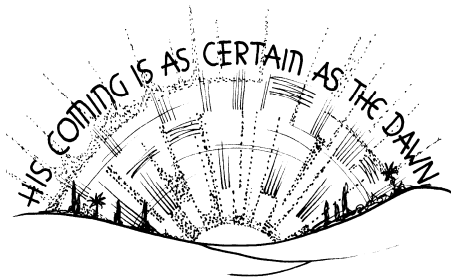
Jeremiah 33:14-16

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.

### The word of the Lord



## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

*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.

*Lord, you are good and upright.*

*You show the path to those who stray,  
You guide the humble in the right path;  
You teach your ways to the poor.* R.

*Lord, your ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant and will;  
your friendship is for those who revere you;  
to them you reveal your covenant.* R.

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, sisters and brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Luke 21:25-28.34-36

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living person on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

