



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

Ennis Parish News

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

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Friary: 6828751

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 30th August, 2009

It's That Time Again!

It's hard to believe that the summer holidays have come and gone and it's time for the children to go back to school.

It's an exciting time for some, going to a new school and new teachers.

It's a reunion time for others, as friendships are reunited after the summer break and stories are told of who did what, where and when.

But it can be an anxious time, especially for the parents who will see their child going to school for the first time. Your little son or daughter, 'your little chicken', is ready to flee the nest and spread their wings as they begin a new adventure in their lives.

Equipped with pencils and writing pads in their school bags, they're ready to begin. And home will seem quieter with their absence, but it will also be joyful when they return home, eager to tell mom and dad of how their day in school was.

Lord, bless our children as they prepare to begin another chapter in their story of life...

PARENT BLESSING

Father, we thank you for the gift of our children.

Bless them as they go off to school.

May they remember we love them,
and that you love them too!

Help them to be good listeners,
and to love and respect themselves and
those around them.

As they grow on the outside, may they grow
on the inside too,

in knowledge and love for you and others!

Be with them and help them learn today
all the things you need them to know.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.



Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 30th August, 2009
Priest on Duty
Please contact Parish Office at:
065 6824043

Blessing on Students &
Teachers

Back to School



Father, we give you thanks for all you have given us.
We Bless you for creating us and filling us with good things . . .
For giving us your Son Jesus to show us the way to you.
Bless these students, teachers and support staff as they begin this new school year.
Help them in all they do,
to appreciate the goodness in themselves and to look for the good in those around them.
Help them live their faith, and love for you by loving those around them.
Help them to see your presence always.
May they turn to you in good times and in bad and know you are their strength.
As they grow on the outside, may they grow on the inside too, in knowledge and love for you and others!
Let your Holy Spirit give them the gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge to help them learn the things you need them to know.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
AMEN.



NCBI (National Council for Blind of Ireland) are holding an information/coffee evening for carers/family members of people with sight loss. 1st Monday of every month during 2009, (ex Bank Holidays) at NCBI Regional Office, 2&3 Parkview Court, Edward St., Limerick. From 6.30pm to 8pm. Tel: 061-316388 for details

The new 'Life Journey' series continues at Lough Derg. Tel: 0719861518 for further details. On next Fri Sept 4th Bishop Ken Clarke & Fr. Paul Symonds.



Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw Results; Year 9 Week 10 Tue, August 25th ; 1st Prize €635: Ann O'Grady, Organic Lens Manufacturing, Gort Rd; 2nd Prize €127: Michael Clune, Quin.

Mass With A Difference



"A New Door Opens ..."

Our theme this month:

"New Beginnings!"

The Ennis Gospel Choir will add to our Mass celebration with their special blend of lively gospel music. As always, we extend a very warm welcome to all - bring a friend or two!

Venue: St. Joseph's Church.
Date: This Sunday 30th Aug.;
Time: 6.30pm.
Celebrant: Fr. Jerry Carey.

We're hoping that older people in Ennis will enter the Silver Surfer Awards, which will be presented, along with prizes at Age Action's 'IMAGINE IT! A celebration of older people and IT' conference in Croke Park on Monday 28th September.



- Categories include silver surfer of the Year; IT Volunteer of the Year; Most dedicated IT learner; Group communicator; Passionate Hobbyist.
- **Come on the Banner** – show the rest of the country what older people are doing with IT (computers, internet and mobile phones).
- **Nominees should be 55 years plus.** There is no upper age limit. More info about the conference and awards, and how to enter on age Action's website: www.ageaction.ie or contact Pauline Power, Tel: 01 4756989. Email: ppower@ageaction.ie
- **Join Age Action and support Positive Ageing**
- **Positive Ageing Week 25 September to 3 October 2009**
- **Age Action Ireland** is the national network on ageing and older people. Age Action promotes better policies and services for all older people and an ageing society. Its main aim is to improve the quality of life of all older people, especially those who are most disadvantaged and vulnerable, by enabling them to live full, independent and satisfying lives for as long as they wish in their own homes, or in other appropriate accommodation.

Bingo in Community Centre on Sun 8.30pm. All Welcome.



Re-opening

Speech & Drama Classes re-open in the Friary Hall, Francis St on Monday Sept 7th & Tuesday Sept 8th. Limited number of places available. Classes cover voice production, acting, mime, improvisation & characterisation, public speaking, reading aloud and theatre games. Eileen Fitzgerald AIBSD LTCL at 065 6841925.

Evelyn MacMahon School of Speech & Drama enrolment in St. Columba's Church Hall, Bindon St. on Wed 9th Sept at 4.30pm. Classes available for Primary & Secondary pupils. Tel 6826533.

Speech & Drama Classes: Enrolment in Holy Family Junior School on Wednes Sept 2nd @ 3pm & 7pm. Classes on Mon Sept 7th. Enrolment in CBS on Thurs Sept 3rd @ 3pm & 7pm; classes Wednes 9th Sept. Contact P. O'Reilly @ 086 8206890.

Scoil Ui Ruairc Irish Dancing - Open Day in CBS Hall, New Rd on Sat 5th Sept from 10-12noon; call 061 452778 or 6828990

Ennis Active Retired Association reopening on Tue 1st Sept @ 11am in Clarecare. New members welcome.

French & Modern Language School, 20 Steeles Tce. 087-9333131; Le livre d'Or & An Leabhar Órga; French & Irish language schools now taking bookings for classes for all levels incl Leaving Cert. Call Siobhan: 087 933313 or www.frenchschool.ie

Back to Education: Adults who wish to study for the Leaving Cert, Junior Cert or Business course on a part-time, the Back to Education Initiative are holding an Information evening on Tue 1st Sept @ 7.30pm in the Adult Education Centre, Clonroad. These courses free of charge to people on social welfare or who have not completed their Leaving Cert. Tel BTEI office 6843633.

MaryK's Childcare & Montessori, Deerpark, Doora - Opening August 31st Spacious new state of the art facility offering Full-time & Part-time care with wholesome home-cooked meals and safety surface outdoor play area. We care for your Wobblers (1 to 2 year-olds), Watch over your Toddlers (2 to 3 year-olds), Provide full day-care including Montessori Classes, (3 to 5 year-olds), Offer a Breakfast and Afterschool Club for school-going children. Contact Mary Kennedy @ 086 8183553; Open House on Sunday 6th September between 2pm and 4pm—all are welcome.

Need Childcare? Little Angels preschool - 2½ to 5 years olds. Mon - Fri 9am - 12:30pm. Primary School Kids after school facility for children aged 4-12 years, homework supervised, age-appropriate equipment and planned activities. Lara @ Holy Family Kids Club - 086 843 8888.

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

Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday 23rd September,
€8933.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Owen McGowan, 20 Fergus Lawn.
 Sun 10am Jim Howard, Shannon Park.
 11.30am Patrick Barry, 19 St Senans Rd.
 Tues 11am Tom & Jerry Kelly, Ruan.
 Thurs 11am Lena Hynes, Drumcliffe.
 Fri 11am Tom Spellissy, Steeles Terrace.
 7.30pm Michael Meere, 16 Corrovorrin Green.
 Sat 11am Flan Hickey, Lifford Rd. MM
 7pm Frank Stackpoole, Oakleigh Wood.
 Sun 6th 10am Lelia O'Brien, Ennis &
 James Fahy, Cavan & Whitegate
 11.30am Noel Bane, 56 Marian Ave. 1st Anniv

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting on Fri 4th Sept after 7.30pm mass in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 30th 11am: Christy Moloney, Clancy Park.
 Mon 9.30am: Donors Intention.
 Tues 9.30am: Donors Intention.
 Wed 9.30am: Donors Intention.
 Thurs 9.30am: Donors Intention.
 Sun 6th 9.30am Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park.
 11am: Josie McMahon, Shanaway.



SAMARITANS

Samaritans of Ennis & Clare: Volunteers Needed - Ennis & Clare Branch of the Samaritans is seeking new volunteers. Information/selection nights in the Old Ground Hotel, on Thurs 3rd Sept & Mon 7th Sept at 8pm on each evening.

Special Mass for Healing followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Healing Service celebrated by Fr. Thaddeus Doyle on Thurs Sept 10th at 7.30pm in Newmarket-on-Fergus Church. Fr. Doyle is a well known author and preacher and has an active preaching and healing ministry. See jesuspowerministries.org

Missionvale Ireland Ltd.,  who support the work of Sr. Ethel Normoyle in the township of Missionvale SA, sincerely wish to thank all those who supported the fundraising event at Ennis Golf Club. We would especially like to thank Ennis Golf Club, Ann and Maureen O'Brien, Martin Ward and the Pascal O'Brien Memorial Committee for their generous support. Details of our charity and the work of Sr Ethel are contained in our website Missionvaleireland.org.

Clare Branch of Multiple Sclerosis thank all who supported recent church gate collection. Mass for deceased members in the West County on Wednesday September 2nd @ 8pm. All welcome.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland: visiting Warsaw, Czestochowa and Krakow. Following in the footsteps of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe & Pope John Paul II; 8th Oct; 9 nights; Spiritual Director: Fr. John Walsh. Group leader & details from Kathleen Hayes, Newmarket-on-Fergus; 061368549. Cost €1169.



Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community: **Kathleen** Mongans; **Caiden Michael Séamus** Delaney; **Simon** Kucera; **Faye** Margaret O'Malley.



Friary News

The Friary Choir resumes on Sunday 6th September.



New members are welcome!

Monthly Mass & Meeting of The Secular Franciscan Order takes place in The Friary at 10am & in St. Anthony's Hall at 7pm on Wednes 2nd Sept.

Monthly Holy Hour for Peace in the Poor Clare Chapel on Saturday next 5th Sep from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. All are Welcome. Please bring a friend.

An Chomhairle Oidhreacht
The Heritage Council

The close of Heritage Week at the Old Franciscan Friary: For all those disappointed (5-12 yrs) children who planned to take part in the 'Fun Art' on Sunday 23 August, we have re-scheduled this event for Sunday 30 August from 12noon-1pm. **Bring old clothes** as paint will be free flowing.

A Journey with Friars in Medieval Ennis - Dr Malgorzata Krasnodebska D'Aughton, UCC & Dr Edel Bhreathnach, UCD. (Micheál Ó Cléirigh Institute). An exploration of the history, art, architecture and spiritual life of the Franciscans in Ennis. Event Time: 2pm-3pm. Free admission to site on this Sunday. Open 10am-17.30pm. Guided tours on request. Turas as Gaeilge le Leon O Beachain, máis maith leat! Tel. 0656829100; email: ennisfriary@opw.ie

 Burren Peaks Walking Festival, Ballyvaughan. Sat Sept 26th & Sun 27th: 087-2691147/085-1741700 or www.burrenpeakswalkingfestival.com

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First Saturday Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in Ennis Cathedral next Saturday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary & Benediction after 11am Mass.

COLLEGE STUDENTS TRANSPORT: Daily Return Service Ennis/LIT/City Centre/Art College/UL: For further details please visit our website: www.pktravel.com OR Tel: 061 471111. WEEKEND SERVICES: Limerick/Galway/Limerick AND Ennis/Limerick/Cork/Limerick. For further details please visit our website: www.pktravel.com OR Tel: 061 471111

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:


Sat:6.30 Patsy Guerin, 43 McNamara Pk. 1st Anniv.
 Sun.:9am Gus & Kathleen Tierney, late Dalcassian Pk.
 10am John Joe O'Grady, Ballycoree, Gort Rd. Ted Botica, Perth
 11am Michael Singleton Jnr., Corofin & Ennis 1st Anniv.
 12.15pm Mass for the people.
 Mon:8am Sr. Anthony Murrighy, Mullagh.
 10am Special Intentions.
 7.30pm Margaret Flynn, 14 Connolly Villas
 Tues.:8am Holy Souls
 10am Pat Monahan, Kilbricken, Doora
 7.30pm Edward & Margaret Chandler & Patricia Molloy, 57 Hermitage.
 Wed.:8am Enda Brogan, 5 Clonroadmore.
 10am Bridget & Mary Gallaher, Termon, Donegal.
 7.30pm Margaret Corey, Lahinch Rd.
 Thurs.:8am Margaret McMahon, Carmody St.
 10am Flannagan Family, late Cornmarket St.
 7.30pm Special Intention.
 Fri.:8am Mass for the people.
 10am Kathleen Cullinan, 1 Collins Pk.
 7.30pm Paddy Guilfoyle, Clonroad. 1st Anniv
 8pm Sean & Lena O'Ceallaigh, Kilrush Road.
 Sat.:10am Frank Barrington, Parnell St.
 11am Sean O'Brien, Kilrush Rd. 1st Anniv.
 6.30pm Alborante John Franco, 7 Greendale. MM
 Sun.:9am Christina & Laurence Kelly, 40 Connolly Villas
 10am Patrick Quigley, Gallows Hill
 Michael Quinn, Riverside Hse., Cusack Rd.
 John & Kitty Considine, Clare Rd.
 Joseph & Kathleen Neylon, Clancy Park.
 11am Mass for the people.
 12.15pm Mass for the people.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 6th September, 2009

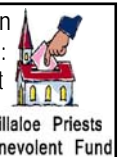
Readers: Group 3
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Rest in Peace

 **Peadar Crotty**, Moyasta, Kilkee, brother of Bridget Leonard, 4 Clover Hill, Tulla Rd.; **Annie Burns**, Cloughleigh Rd. & England; **Elizabeth Guthrie**, 'St. Martins', Loughville; **Michael Daly**, Corbally, Limerick, brother of James Daly, Phoenix Court;

Killaloe Priests' Benevolent Fund collection will take place in Ennis Parish next weekend: September 5th & 6th. The fund ensures that the diocese is able to provide care for our elderly priests, who have retired.



Dublin City Marathon 2009; Tom Gleeson & Brian Carmody taking part on behalf of Clare Crusaders; Charity Fundraising Event at Old Ground on Sat Sept 5th; music, spot prizes; adm €10; support greatly appreciated.

Ennis Track Athletic Club

Open Sports Day on Saturday September 12th @ Lees Road Sports Facility Ennis **Start at 1pm Sharp**
 Admission €3 including race entry. **NB:** Senior Ladies & Senior Men's Mile races are the first two events.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:- The next Meeting of Co-ordinators is on Wednesday September 2nd.09, (next Wed), at 8.05pm in the room where we normally meet. Each Co-ordinator is earnestly requested to make every effort to attend this first Meeting in many months, please. Looking forward to seeing you.





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your ancestors is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation. And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?

The word of the Lord

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'Teach me
good judgement
for I believe
in your
commandments'

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
they who walk without fault;

They who act with justice
and speak the truth from their hearts. *R.*

They who do no wrong to their brothers or sisters,
who cast no slur on their neighbour,
who hold the godless in disdain,
but honour those who fear the Lord. *R.*

They who keep a pledge, come what may;
who take no interest on a loan
and accept no bribes against the innocent.
Such a people will stand firm forever. *R.*

Second Reading

James 1:17-18.21-22.27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the

truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,

And they are life:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,

the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a person from outside can make one unclean; it is the things that come out of a person that make one unclean. For it is from within, from our hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a person unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord