



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, 10.30am & 12 noon
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: Mon. – Fri: 8.00, 10 & 7.30 p.m.; 10am on Saturday
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11 a.m.
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30 a.m.
Friary:- Daily: 10 a.m. & 1.05pm; 10 a.m. on Saturday
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 a.m.

Phone Numbers:

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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;

Friary: 6828751

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 31st January, 2010

Catholic Schools - A Light for Every Generation

A Prayer for Parents

(Marian Wright Edelman)

Creator God, thank you for the gift of our children,
Their lives to share,
Their minds to mould,
And their spirits to enrich.
May we always be deserving of their trust,
Supportive of their hopes
And encouraging of their dreams.
Let your grace and love fall on these,
Our most precious gifts.

Amen.

During the coming week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Education is an integral part of the mission of the church and therefore of the mission of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is Catholic Schools - a Light for Every Generation.

During the coming week, we have an opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the tremendous work being done by our teachers. Through their ministry in the schools, they are a light not only to the children they teach, but to their parents and to the whole of the parish. They are a light because the main focus of their ministry is Jesus. In every child, the committed teacher sees the face of Jesus and serves Jesus in each one.

We have been blessed in this country with catholic education for a long time. We recognise and remember those who had the vision to see that education was a number one need for the poor of our country, to raise themselves out of poverty, and for all of us to live in freedom and to look after our own people.

To teach and to learn has always been our pride. Many people in the past and in the present, have contributed and continue to do so, for the sake of this noble mission.



So, as we celebrate this week, we commit ourselves to supporting our teachers and our schools and pray, that they will be a light to this present generation and pass the flame on to the next generation.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 31st January, 2010

Priest on Duty:

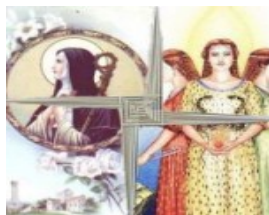
Fr. John McGovern ☎086 3221210

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She founded her first monastery in Kildare.

Her Feast day falls on this Monday, 1st February.



Snowdrops

The Footsteps of St. Brigid

The footsteps of St. Brigid are everywhere I go
Rising out of darkness from the earth below
Little bells of spring time -
Pure and white as snow.

The footsteps of St. Brigid
Have travelled far and wide
Unconstrained by boundaries,
Monarchies or tides -

An abbess and a foundress
A holy one of God
Whose prayers rose up like incense
From rock and field and bog.

O Saint Brigid, Ireland's children
Still recall with greatest pride
All you did for church and country
With the Cross your truest guide.

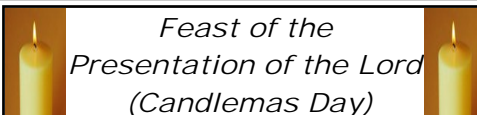
Ask the Saviour now to bless us
Ask Our Lady to enfold
In maternal wraps of goodness
All we are and all we hold.

Dear to us is Mother Ireland
Dear to us this faith passed down
Help us to uphold and value
All that won for you a crown.

May we follow in your footsteps
As you look from heaven above
May you shower upon your children
Heaven's grace and heaven's love.

Ann Murray

Bible for Beginners starting on **Thurs Feb 4th at 8.15pm**; **Venue:** Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Rd, Ennis. What is a Bible? What does it contain? How do you read it? 'Br. Dick Burke **0656821471 / 0872047649**.



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)

is celebrated this **Tuesday, 2nd February**
Candles (for church and home use) will be blessed at all the Masses. There has been a great tradition of people donating candles for church use. Suitable candles for Church use Boramix Beeswax size 7" x 1½ & Boramix ordinary candles size 9". Candles can be left at the Parish Office or Sacristy & will be blessed on Tuesday. Traditionally, this was the last day of the Christmas Season.

Feastday of St. Blaise on Wednesday, 3rd February.

Blessing of throats will take place after all Masses on Wednesday:



Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, may you be freed from all sickness of the throat & from any other illness.

Are you the parent of a child in care of the HSE?

Clare Advocacy, a service that supports parents with children in care of the HSE, is delivering: **MY CHILD, MY ROLE ?**

A programme for parents with children in care. Topics will include:

- ◆ Understanding the Child in Care System
- ◆ Information on the court system and legal rights
- ◆ Awareness of the Advocacy Service

This programme will run for 4 Thursdays in February. Details from Clare Advocacy Service, Clarecare ☎ 6828178



SAMARITANS

Open Night Monday 1st February, Old Ground Hotel at 8pm

Annual Coffee Day: Lavender & Kay are holding their **12th Annual Coffee Day** at Maddens, 23 Main St., Tulla on Fri 12th Feb from 10am to 10pm. All proceeds to Clare 250 Cancer Centre & to send Cancer patients to Lourdes. *Please call and support this worthy cause. Thanks for support & prayers through the years.*

GOAL Haiti Earthquake Appeal -

The Chi Bio-Energy Clinic will hold free healing therapy sessions in Old Ground Hotel on Sun 7th Feb from 2-6; All donations to GOAL Disaster Fund.



Crochet instruction begins 1st February in Ennis. Information call Sandra King, 6890843.

Primary School Enrolment for The School Year 2010/11

SchoolDays



Ennis Parish Schools Agreed Application System

Parents/Guardians wishing to enrol their children into Junior Infants (*2nd Class in the Holy Family Senior School*) are advised that application forms are now available from each school, Ennis Parish Office and the Clare Education Centre.

Closing Date for Receipt of Completed Application forms is: **Friday, February 19th, 2010 at 5pm**

The agreed system operates for the following Ennis Parish schools:

- Ennis National School
- Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosóg
- Holy Family Junior School
- Holy Family Senior School
- Scoil Chríost Rí, Cloughleigh
- CBS Primary

Completed application forms are to be returned to:

Clare Education Centre, Government Buildings, Kiltrush Rd, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Ennis Track Athletic Club

Annual 4 mile & 2 mile Fun Run, Jog or Walk for all the family. Proceeds to Chernobyl Orphanage Programme & Fr. Martin Keane Building of Hope. At Ballyea Community Hall on **Sunday 14th February 2010**. Official Start 12.45pm. Call Gerry 086 3781912. Family: €10 & individual: €5



Dal gCais A.G.M. on Mon 1st Feb in Cedar Room West County hotel at 9pm. All parents of boys and girls U8 up to and including U12 who are interested in playing hurling and/or football are invited to attend. Training schedules to be announced.

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group trip to Rome, San Giovanni from Sept 5-15; Spiritual Dir: Fr. Tom Hogan; €1285 pp. 086 8804603

An AA Open meeting at St. Anthony's Hall, Francis Street, Ennis on Tue, Feb 2 at 8.30pm. All welcome.

Hard of Hearing? Difficulty Coping? **DeafHear.ie**

Hearing Help sessions will run for 8 weeks, starting on Wed 3rd Feb from 11am to 1pm at Dunphy House, Respond, Cooper's Place, Ennis. Topics include: Hearing Aids, Coping Strategies, Assistive Technology, Learning the skill of Lip Reading, Assertiveness Training Contact: Geraldine Colleran, Hearing & Communication Therapist, DeafHear.ie, 4 Henry Street, Limerick. Phone: 061-467494; Fax: 061-467497.

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 24th January, €9,325



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Kevin & Mary O Donoghue, Kincora Pk.
 Sun 31st 8am: Kitty Flynn, New York MM
 10am: Bridie Flynn, Lifford Road.
 11.30am: Peter Burke, Lifford Road.
 Mon 11am: John, & Catherine Behan, Kilkee.
 Tue 11am: Bridie Daly.
 Wed 11am: Patricia Quinn, 39 Ivy Hill.
 Thurs 11am: Donors Intentions.
 Fri 11am: Agnes & Patrick Keane, Limerick Rd.
 Sat 11am: Delia & Martin Costelloe, Crusheen.
 7pm: James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.
 Sun 7th 8am :Burns & Lipton Families, Los Angeles.
 10am: Tony Strand, late 40 Shannon Pk.
 11.30: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.

 **A service of Readings & Communion** is held in St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday at 8am **Everybody welcome.**

St. Joseph's Choir

Are looking for people to join the choir. We sing at 11.30am Mass on Sundays and have a practice on Mondays from 8pm to 9 p m . Please come along & help make our Mass even more joyful & uplifting.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: James Maloney, 3 Mc Hugh Villas, & late Kilmaley.
 11am: Eileen & Willie O'Carroll, Brookville.
 Sun 7th 9.30am: Michael Griffin, Woodlawn.
 11am: Mamie Murphy, Hillview, Cloughleigh Rd. MM

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

Solas - Suicide Support Group will take place on Sat 6th Feb from 11am - 12pm at CIOC, Connolly House, Unit 7A, Elevation Park, Clonroad, Ennis, (Roundabout opposite turn off to Tesco) For family, friends, & co workers whose lives have been touched by suicide, either recently or in the past. Confidential & free of charge. Contact Johanna Treacy, Facilitator/ Psychotherapist: ☎ 086 - 0829907

ENNIS TOASTMASTERS Next meeting: Tues 2nd Feb at 8.30m in the Temple Gate Hotel; Guests are always welcome!



Naomh Fhlannain juvenile GAA AGM on this Wednesday 3rd Feb in the West County Hotel at 8.30pm. Parents are requested to attend.

Christian Brothers Primary School Parenting Workshop for parents of Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class - "How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk". Running from Thursday 4th Feb for seven weeks. Contact Jane on 086 8093400 to secure a place.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators meeting on Wednesday 3rd Feb at 8.05pm.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla: Weekly Draw Results; Year 9 Week 31 Tue, Jan 19th. 1st Prize €635: Barry Connellan, Ardnagreine, 2nd Prize €127: Joe & Tracey Keane, Kildysart.



Friary News

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER (SFO)

Monthly meetings of the SFO will take place on next Wed. February 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 morning Mass and members will pray for intentions during the coming month.

HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:

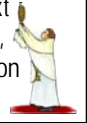
Please join the Secular Franciscans on Saturday next February 6th 4.30-5.30pm in the Poor Clare Chapel to spend a quiet hour in prayer for peace.

FRANCISCAN SOCIAL: The Secular Franciscan social is on February 14th from 1.30 to 6pm in the Temple Gate Hotel. Two-course meal with music and dancing. Music by John Carey. Spot prizes. All are welcome. Tickets €20 from Friary Office.

Newly Baptised

 We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Aleksandra Dec; Laila Diana Kuffour; Rachel Adeline Lynch.

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



Parish Visitation

In the coming weeks, we will begin to visit Willsgrove. We look forward to meeting with you. Remembering that "where two or three are gathered in my name there I am too".

Community Games Talent competition. Boys and girls u 14 on 31st July 2010; resident in Ennis area invited to take part in any of the following: Solo singing; Solo dancing; Solo music; Recitation; Group dancing; Group music; and group singing, before Fri 5th Feb. Roger Fox 0870571871.

Vision Seminar in West County on Sat 27th Feb from 10am-5pm.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat. 6.30pm Dr. Brendan O'Regan, Ennis & Shannon.
 Sun.:9am Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage Michael Singleton, 48 Hermitage. Nuala Dinan (nee Guerin), Newmarket on Fergus. Mary Bolger, Turnpike Road.
 10.30am Deceased McConnon & Cahill families.
 12noon Nuala White, 99 Hermitage Road MM
 Mon:8am Special Intention.
 10am Mary & Tommy Kenny & dec'd family members, Corofin.
 7.30pm Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobartaoscairn.
 Tues.:8am Holy Souls.
 10am Michael, Margaret & Michael Jnr. McMahon, Drumcaurin.
 7.30pm Kathleen Doran, Tulla & Ennis
 Wed.:8am Holy Souls
 10am John O'Sullivan, London.
 7.30pm Eva Ryan, 10 Summerhill.
 Thurs.:8am Special Intention.
 10am Denis Moloney, 45 McNamara Park.
 7.30pm Willie Burke, Mill Rd.
 Fri.:8am Mass for the people.
 10am George & Chrissie Molloy & Molly Butler, Old Mill St.
 7.30pm Brian Prior, 25 Ivy Hill MM
 Sat.:10am Aine Fennell Gort Road. & Sr. Mary Benet Fennel O.P., 1st Anniv Nellie Galvin, Barrack St. & Dodo & Bidy Galvin, Childer's Rd.
 6.30pm Special Intention
 Sun.:9am Mary Connellan; Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Greine John & Bridie O'Sullivan, Kilrush Rd. James Kelly, late Clonroadmore. Christina, Miko, & Patrick Ball & MI Ryan, 65 Hermitage.
 10.30am: Mass for the People.
 12noon: Paschal Molloy, 14, Cloughleigh 1st Anniv

Roster for Cathedral:


Sunday 7th February, 2010

Readers: Group 8
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3

Rest in Peace

Michael Molloy, Beechpark; **Nora Bourke**, Birdhill, mother of Thomas Bourke, Beechpark; **Rita Mangan**, Tarbert, sister of Sr. Kathleen Hayes, Greendale; **Patrick (Patsy) Cahill**, Kilmaley & USA, brother of Denis Cahill, Tulla Road; **Joe Lardner**, St. Joseph's Hospital & Carrigaholt, father of Marie Morrissey, 33 Inis Carrig & P.J. Lardner, 20 Woodlands; **Haulie Molloy**, England & Old Mill Road, Ennis.

Clare Youth Service - Music Selection Gig for IYMA Awards:

 3rd Year of the IYMA Awards. Local selection on 13th Feb in Clare Youth Service. Competition open to all types of music, Rock, Metal, Electronic Bands, Rappers, Singer songwriters etc. Chosen act will represent Clare in the National Final in Dublin in April. Forms from Clare Youth Service. Contact Jean Tierney, Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street, Ennis 065-6845356 / 086-1568650. Closing dates for applications is 7th February.

Catholic Schools Week

Begins on Monday 1st February. There will be various activities to celebrate this week in all of the Catholic Schools of Ennis. See Schools notice boards.





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text

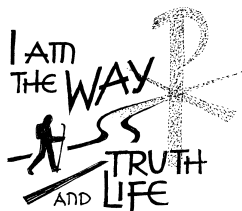


First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
 before you came to birth I consecrated you;
 I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
 So now brace yourself for action.
 Stand up and tell them
 all I command you.
 Do not be dismayed at their presence,
 or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
 I, for my part, today will make you
 into a fortified city,
 a pillar of iron,
 and a wall of bronze
 to confront all this land:
 the kings of Judah, its princes,
 its priests and the country people.
 They will fight against you
 but shall not overcome you,
 for I am with you to deliver you -
 it is the Lord who speaks.



The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

My lips will tell of your help.

In you, O lord, I take refuge:
 Let me never be put to shame.
 In your justice rescue me, free me:
 Pay heed to me and save me. ℣

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
 A mighty stronghold to save me:
 For you are my rock, my stronghold.
 Free me from the hand of the wicked. ℣

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
 My trust, O Lord, since my youth.
 On you I have leaned from my birth,
 From my mother's womb you have been my help. ℣

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all

imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am an adult, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord:
 No one can come to the Father except through me.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel:

Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

