



# 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>

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

31st July, 2011

## I Believe in Miracles

**T**he dictionary defines a miracle as "an event due to supernatural agency, an act of supernatural power, a remarkable event".

But do we believe in miracles? Do we believe that God intervenes in our world and, whether it is through remarkable people or simply through God's own actions, brings about some miraculous happening? We want to, but our twenty-first century minds won't wrap themselves around the possibilities. We have seen it all. We live in a technological age that has made things that past generations just dreamed about, totally possible. We also know that events are not always what they appear to be. On television, we see people fly through the air or disappear, only to reappear in some distant place. I myself have the technology to take a picture and alter it in a few minutes.

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, teaches us about our God, our God who provides for us. We have all been in situations that feel hopeless. We are constantly amazed by the ability of God to take what we offer and make it great. But it teaches us so much more. Jesus sustained

physical life with bread. But His real purpose was giving people eternal life. And that is a real miracle in which we participate. He would have these people and us, understand that the provision of God is more than enough, to fulfil every need of every man, woman and child on earth.

All of this presents to us a tremendous commission. Needy people followed Jesus everywhere. We don't need to look far, to know that the thing most common to people, is need of one kind or another. There are millions in our world who have the most basic needs of existence – food, clean water, shelter, freedom, security. There is within each of us a need for spiritual fulfilment, for inner assurance and serenity, for meaning and purpose in life.

As the people of God, we are fed and nourished, so that there is no holding back in our life journey. We come to the table of the Lord and bread is shared with one another. Our journeys become the journeys of all. The path becomes one path lived together. That is the miracle of God's love. That is how God graces us.



The Eucharist: Communion with Christ & with One Another



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

## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 31st July, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 68 40715

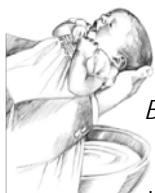
Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald ☎065 68 24043

**Youth 2000** invites you to their Summer festival in Clonmacnois, Co Offaly from 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August. This is a lively 4-day Catholic festival for 16-35 year-olds with great music, workshops, prayer, concert, inspiring talks, games, and plenty of time for relaxing and meeting new people. Come along for a fantastic weekend filled with many new experiences. The festival is donation-only with free buses from around the country, just bring a sleeping bag. To book online and for information on free buses please visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie), tel: 01-6753690/085 8289231.



## Newly Baptised



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

**Brian Martin Lynch, Maximillian Lochlainn Kearney, Siofra Burke, Bailey Kate Mc Hugh, Mollie Marie Ryan, Emma**

**Kelly, Sean Michael Marrinan O'Donoghue, Stephen Yeboah, Siebe Yeboah.**

**imecofarm**  
The Renewable Energy and Eco Centre

IMECOFARM, Island McGrath, Clarecastle. Family fun day 11am to 6pm. Water rocket fun this bank holiday Sun and Mon from 2pm to 4pm. Build and fly your own Water Rocket! Tel 065 6841552 or 087 4000393 [www.imecofarm.com](http://www.imecofarm.com)

**LOCAL CPC COURSES FOR BUS AND TRUCK DRIVERS** Keep your Driver CPC up to date with Clare Accessible Transport. Training delivered at 3 centres in Clare: Feakle, Lisdoonvarna and Ennis. Book now and avoid stress as the CPC deadline approaches. All profit goes to support Clares Local Bus Service. Please call 061 924375 and ask for details.

## Live the Word:

There is a Latin saying 'Festina Lente', which means 'rush slowly'. Trying to do everything all at once does not work. Make a list of what needs to be done. Take your time. If it's not done today, there is always tomorrow.



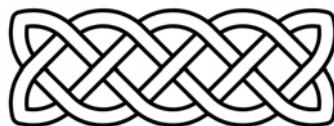
## Slán is Beannacht Fr. Martin



'Twas the time for Clerical changes  
We wondered who was to go  
No matter how we guessed  
Nobody seemed to know  
I hastened to get the newsletter  
As rumour wasn't clear  
The youngest of the cluster here  
For nine years he' been with us  
Sure he was part of our family  
When he visited the Community Centre  
Where the senior citizens meet each week  
He was the life and soul of our members  
and usually kept us enthralled  
With his old time and modern songs  
That had an appeal for us all.

The Kilrush folks are lucky  
To have somebody so young  
Who can empathise with their aspirations  
A friend and mentor all in one.  
So we wish him years of happiness  
Out there near the sea  
But we hope his new responsibilities  
Won't cause him to forget the old folk here.

*Maureen Cronin*



## Buíochas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, patience and encouragement over the past nine years. I enjoyed my time here in Ennis, where I made great friendships, gained valuable experience and will bring with me some wonderful memories. Change comes in all our lives, while change is challenging after spending so many wonderful years in Ennis, it will also be an opportunity for both me and you, as we have a newly ordained priest Fr. Ger Fitzgerald in our parish. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped me to grow in my Ministry and personal life.

Fr. Martin

You are all invited to The Old Ground Hotel on Saturday next, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, in appreciation and gratitude for all your loyal support and generosity to my Mission in Monte Sinai, Ecuador. I am glad of this opportunity to meet you all. We will show you a DVD of my life and ministry and you will see where your generosity has gone and is going in helping to build up this poor parish.

*Fr. John Molloy.*



**The Aengus Centre**, Creative personal development, workshops and year training group offered in Clare. A journey of self exploration and creativity aimed at anyone wishing to develop themselves through a creative interest. Including indoor & outdoor work. Email: [artyaengus@yahoo.com](mailto:artyaengus@yahoo.com) ☎061 303063



**Knock Shrine National Novena** will take place from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, inclusive. There will be two Sessions daily, namely 3pm and 8.30pm. Both sessions include concelebrated Mass.

Those who cannot take part in the Novena devotions at Knock Shrine can share in all of its blessings by saying the novena prayer and the Rosary on the nine days.

## Novena Prayer:

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise,  
"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find".

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven.

Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ,  
especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.

Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.

Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now and at the hour of my death.  
**Amen.**

*Ennis Parish Development Fund*

*for Sunday 24th July,*

€8,514.00

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 in St. Joseph's Church, please contact Fr. John. 065 6822166

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Christina Kelly, 10 Glenina, Gort Road.  
**Sun 8am:** Bill & Nell Hensey, Kincora Pk.  
**10am:** Flan & Mary Hickey, Lifford Rd.  
**11.30am:** Pat & Gary Mannion, 2 Corrovorrin Green.  
**Mon Aug 1st:** Jim Howard, 4 Shannon Park.  
**Fri 7.30pm:** Mary O'Neill, Fergus Park. **1st Anniv**  
**Sat 11am:** Mary Carolan, Spencilhill.  
**7pm:** Colm Flynn, 45 Corrovorrin Drive.  
**Sun 7th Aug: 10am:** Betty Mounsey, 10 Marian Ave.  
**11.30am:** Mary Dixon, Mountain View.

**Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite)** takes place on Sunday 7th August at 5.30pm. In St. Joseph's Church. Gregorian chant will be sung by the Schola Petra fertile from Corofin.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 31st 9.30am:** Mary Ryan, Cusack Rd.  
**Mon 9.30am:** Catherine Guy, Circular Rd.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Mary, William & Thomas O'Connor, Clough, Co. Laois.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Morgan & Mary Finnucane, formerly Moy, Lahinch.  
**Thu 9.30am:** Michael & Moira Madigan, Lahinch Rd.  
**Fri 9.30am:** Gerard & Evelyn Moloney, Dalcassian Ave.

**The Junction** (Clare Youth Service) – The new Youth and Community Resource Centre on Cloughleigh road will be open from 10-11.30am on Mondays and Tuesdays from 16th August (following 9.30 mass in Cloughleigh) for people who would like to call in, chat and read the papers. All welcome, Tea or Coffee and a Scone also available for €1.

**Family Support Programme** for anyone affected by a loved one's misuse or abuse of alcohol or other drugs meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm in Clarecare room 13. Sponsored by Bushypark Addiction Treatment Centre (a Clarecare Ltd service) and funded by the OMD Cocaine Initiative through the MWRDTF. Drop in service. Contact Ellen O'Neal at 065-6850944 if you have questions.

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla, Weekly Draw Results Year 11 Week 6 Tuesday, July 26th**  
1st Prize €635: Western Joinery, Roslevan. 2nd Prize €127: John Cleary, Kildysart Road, Clarecastle.

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



## Friary News

The monthly meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order will be held on Wed 3rd August at 10am & 7.30pm. Also the usual hour of prayer at Poor Clare Chapel on Sat 6th Aug ; 4.30 to 5.30pm.

**Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland:** Visiting Warsaw. Chestochowa, Zakopane & Krakow. 5th October 2011, 9 nights. Group Leader: Kathleen Hayes, Spiritual Director: Fr. John Walsh. €1154.00 per person. For details, please contact: Kathleen on 061 368549 or 087 8308393

### An Eaglais (The Church)

Ní mór dúinn a choimeád i gcuimhne go bhfuil Íosa i gcónaí i mbun na hEaglaise mar is eol dúinn ó Shoiscéal, Matha 28:20.

D'imigh an t-aon deisceabal déag leo go dtí an Ghailíl. Tháinig Íosa chucu agus labhair sé leo: "Tá gach údarás tugtha domsa ar neamh agus ar talamh. Imigi dá bhri sin, déanaigi deisceabail de na náisiúin uile, á mbaisteadh in ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh, ag múineadh dóibh gach ní atá ordaithe agam a choinneáil. Agus féach, táim in éineacht libh i gcónaí go dtí deireadh an tsaoil."

**Mar sin guimid, Grásta an Spioraid Naoimh go ngabhaimid agus sa chreideamh fíor go gcónaímid. Áiméan.**

We must remember that Jesus promised He would be always with His Church as we see in St. Matthew's Gospel 28:20. The eleven disciples went to Galilee, then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age".

May we receive the grace of the Holy Spirit and may we live in the true faith.

Amen

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat:6.30** Noel Davis, Bloomfield, Ballyalla. MM  
**Sun 9am** William Clohessy, Drumcliffe.  
**10.30am:** Denis Neylon, Gort & formerly Bank Place. Michael, Mary & Mgt Mulqueen, Parnell St & College Gro. Michael & Mary Mackey, Lincoln, England & Ennis. Niall Mc Cullough, 4 Dalcassian Drive. Janina Severjin, Parnell St, Ennis.  
**12 noon** Mary O'Donoghue, Tobartaoscaín. **1st Anniv**  
**Mon Aug 1st: No 7.45am Mass**  
**10am** Anne & Martin Griffin, Shanaway Rd.  
**7.30pm** Christy & Bridie Murphy, 68 Hermitage.  
**Tues.:7.45am** Dan & Sarah Kenny.  
**10am** Mons Patrick Kearney, Ennis & San Diego.  
**7.30pm** Michael Moroney, Limerick Rd.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Paddy O'Sullivan, Moyasta.  
**10am** Moroney family, late Cornmarket St.  
**7.30pm** Peggy Naughton, Dalcassian Drive. **1st Anniv**  
**Thurs.:7.45am** Agnes Cox, Co. Longford.  
**10am** John Joe Coffey, Tobartaoscaín.  
**7.30pm** Mary Hehir, 127 Hermitage.  
**Fri.:7.45am** Mass for the people.  
**10am** Martin Power, Cahercalla Rd.  
**7.30pm** John Kennedy, Golf links Rd. MM  
**Sat.:10am** Mary Roughan & decd family membs, Clare Rd.  
**6.30pm** Special Intention.  
**Sun 7th Aug 9am** Jim Quinlivan, Lower Market St.  
**10.30am** Dan & Bridget Considine, Turnpike Rd & Tobartaoscaín.  
George & Maura Guilfoyle, 56 McNamara Park.  
**12 noon** Mass for the People.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 7th August 2011

Readers: Group 6  
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4  
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



**Appeal to Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for all Churches.** Now that Summertime is with us, please check roster and if unable to attend, try and get a replacement. **Readers:** please come to Sacristy before Mass and **Eucharistic Ministers** who are not rostered, please come to offer help before Mass.



### Rest in Peace

**Fiona Parsons-Burke**, wife of Paul Burke, Inisgreve & Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam, Co. Galway;  
**Edith Colgan**, Clonroadmore; **Bridget Lynch**, Kilrush, mother of Kevin Lynch Lifford Road; **Peter Whelan**, Canada, brother of Mary O'Sullivan, Abbeyville;

### Trócaire Collection for East Africa Crisis



Total to date: €27,410.00

If you would like to contribute to this collection please leave donation into Parish Office.

Cois na hAbhna Seisiún season, two weekly shows on Wednesday and Friday nights until Friday 19th August. Shows start at 8.30pm Admission €10. Tickets at the door each night. coisnabhabna@comhaltas.net



## First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

### The word of the Lord



## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** .

*You open wide your hand, O Lord,*

*You grant our desires.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures

**R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.

**R**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

God is close to all who call,  
call on God from their hearts.

**R**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:35.37-39

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of God who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We do not live on bread alone,*

*But on every word that comes from the mouth of God*

*Alleluia !*

## Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand, men, women and children.

### The Gospel of the Lord

