



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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4th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

3rd April, 2011.

"The Curing of the Blind Man"

St. John was one of the Lord's first disciples and was with Him in Jerusalem when this incident took place.

The behaviour of the Pharisees made a deep impression on him and this is evident from the details he is able to give sixty years later, when recalling his story. The Pharisees were opposed to Jesus from the very beginning, "*this man eats with publicans and sinners*".

Today's story shows up their pride and prejudice. The fact that a miracle had taken place could not be denied. It was however, called into question by them but placed beyond doubt by the blind man's parents, who were reluctant to get into an argument with the Pharisees. The man himself was convinced that Jesus must have been sent by God, since He had the power to work such a miracle.

This was the basis of the man's faith and we like him, are thankful to God that we have been given the light of faith.

We know that the marvellous gifts we have received are not from ourselves but are given to us by a loving God.

Christ the light of the world, to whom the Pharisees shut their eyes, is our light and delight. Through the gift of faith, He has given us a spiritual eyesight, which opens up to us the abundance of His love and graces us with the gift of His eternal presence.



Loving God as we make our Lenten Journey to new life, remain with us and guide us in the days ahead.

Help us to recognise and accept Your constant care for us, throughout all our lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 3rd April, 2011
 Priest on Duty:
 Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166
 Wednesday Duty:
 Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

Lent 2011



*From Pain to Promise
 Journeying Together in Hope*

Lent Programme

**Saturday 9th April at 6.30pm Mass
 Ennis Cathedral**



John Lonergan has recently retired, having spent 26 years as Governor of Mountjoy prison. In all, John spent 42 years working in the prison system and saw human nature at its worst and often, unexpectedly, at its best.

Looking for an alternative gift for Mother's Day? New for 2011—Lough Derg Mother & Daughter Retreat - Friday 20th May. The day will offer an opportunity for mothers/ daughters to get to know one another better, in a relaxed/fun manner, as well as enjoying the sanctity of the Island's peace & space. Cost: €35pp - includes boat fare, tea/coffee/lunch. www.loughderg.org/ 071 9861518 **GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE**

AA Open Public Meeting in St. Anthony's Hall on Tue, 5th April. All welcome.

Dyslexia Seminar - Clare Education Centre, Ennis, hosts a seminar on dyslexia on Fri April 8th from 9.15 - 3pm. Parents and teachers of children with dyslexia welcome. Details on www.clareed.ie

Carrigoran House Spring Fair: Sunday 17th April. Starts 1pm. Pet Dog Show, Music, Stalls, Bar-B-Q, Vintage Cars. All the fun of the Fair. All proceeds to Community Day Care.

Mother's Day Prayer

God our Creator, we pray:
 for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;
 for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
 for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
 for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
 for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
 for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
 for those who have children they do not want;
 for those who raise children on their own;
 for those who have lost a child;
 for those who care for the children of others;
 for those whose children have left home;
 and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
 Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
 and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
 living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen.

Johnny McMahon Healthy Heart Charity Fun run & walk SAT 16TH APRIL - KILMALEY SCHOOL AT 12NOON - (Entries taken on the day up to 11.30am); **NO ENTRY FEE - DONATIONS IN LIEU** - for Kilmaley Voluntary Housing Association & The Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja, Uganda.

Have you ever wanted to play the guitar? 10 week guitar courses starting in April. 6th April - 15th June - **ADULTS**; 7th April - 16th June - **UNDER 12s**; 8th April - 17th June **TEENS**. Contact: Ennis Guitar School, Elevation Business Pk. Clonroad, Ennis 065 6822516 or visit www.ennisguitarschool.ie

Knights of St. Columbanus Lenten Lecture Series; Thurs 7th April "1st Century Roman Culture" with Joseph O'Keefe, Secondary School Teacher in The Dominican Biblical Centre, Limerick at 8pm. Entrance on Dominic St. at rear of Dominican Church.



Live the Word

The future has not happened yet. We cannot control it, or make it happen now. Stop jumping ahead and bring it back to the moment. Simply live where you are at.

Ladies Easter Pamper night Fri 8th April @ 8pm in Fahy Hall: Knockanean N.S. are helping ladies to look & feel their best this Easter. The night will include hair & make-up demonstrations, health & relaxation techniques and much more. Some lucky ladies will receive make-overs or mini manicures, there will be lots of spot prizes. Enjoy a complimentary cocktail or glass of wine and snacks. Ticket's €15 available from the school 065 6840088 or Aileen on 087 6112072 . All proceeds go to Knockanean NS Building Project.

Ennis Players hilarious production of Willy Russell's comedy "Stags and Hens" will take place from Wed April 6th to Sat April 9th at 8pm nightly in Glór. The first night will be in aid of Cuan an Chláir. **Under 18's Parental Discretion Advised.**



Living with Loss: One day workshop in Ennis, Sat 9th April, from 10am – 3.30 pm. To explore stages of grieving, coping skills as well as offering support through participation. Fee: €25 to include lunch and refreshments. Private and Confidential. Pauline Bradley (Stem Support Services) on 087 6383988.

Labasheeda Parish Pastoral Council presenting concert at St. Kieren's Church, Labasheeda on Fri 8th April with Ennis Gospel Choir & special guest Regina Nathan. 086 3580351 & 086 1782404 for info.

Husbands & Wives—Why not give your spouse a special gift of a marriage enrichment weekend away in Killarney from 8th to 10th April. Presented by Marriage Encounter. www.marriageencounter.ie or 064 6644319.

Confirmation Preparation Ceremony of Light for ENS and Gaelscoil on this Monday 8pm Cathedral.

Confirmation

Gaelscoil: Friday 8th April at 11am in St. Joseph's Church.

ENS: Saturday 9th April at 3pm in Cathedral.

Congratulations to the girls and boys from CBS and Ennis Educate Together Schools on making their confirmation on Saturday, March 26th. Thank you to Bishop O'Reilly for the beautiful Ceremony.

"May the Holy Spirit be with you always."

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



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Aaron Haugh, 17 Corrovorrin Drive & his grandfather, Paddy Haugh, 6 Kincora Pk.
 Sun 8am: Kenny & Crowley families, Coolmeen.
 10am: Martin Heaney & 32 Corrovorrin Drive.
 11.30am: Agnes & Jack Ratcliffe, late Marian Ave
 Mon. 11am: Donors Intention
 Tuesday 11am: Donors Intention
 Wednesday 11am: Donors Intention
 Friday 11am: Confirmation Gael Scoil
 Saturday 11am: Frank Markham, New Road.
 7pm: Gerry Liston, 24 Mountain View
 Sun10th 8am: Michael Foley, 4 Fergus Park
 10am: Bridie & Denis Greer, 24 Shannon Park
 11.30am: Stephen Madden, Kincora Pk **1st Anniv**

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
 St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am
 Everybody welcome.

Gregorian Chant Mass
 in St Joseph's Church on this Sunday 3rd April at 5:30pm. The numbers of the group are small and anyone interested in participating or in setting up their own group is more than welcome to join. ☎ Michael at 087 795 8180

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Michael & Bridget Talty, 1 Westwood.
 11am: Christopher Brigdale, late 6 Hermitage.
 Mon 9.30am: Donors Intention.
 Tue 9.30am: Donors Intention.
 Wed. 9.30am: Edward Baker, 78 Hermitage.
 Sun10th 9.30am: Michael & Maureen Kenny, Drumbiggle Rd.
 11am: Jim Organ, Loughville

Bushypark Treatment Centre sponsors 2 weekly Family Support Programmes for any family member concerned about a loved ones use, misuse, or abuse of alcohol or other drugs. One group meets on Tue evenings at 7.30pm in Clarecare room 13, Harmony Row. Family Support Programme in Limerick will be Wednesdays 3.30 – 5pm at the Pastoral Centre, Denmark Street. Both groups are an informal drop in service for anyone wanting information or needing to talk to others with similar concerns or worries. You are very welcome. Tea/coffee/biscuits served.

Bushypark Treatment Centre also sponsors two weekly support groups (one in Ennis and one in Limerick) for men and women who have used cocaine, alcohol, hash, heroin, or other illegal drugs and need support staying clean and sober. Anyone wishing to avail of this service, ☎ Ellen or Frank at Bushypark at 065-6840944.



Friary News


The Monthly meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order members, will be held on Wed April 6 at 10am & in St. Anthony's Hall at 7pm.

Interested in finding out more about the Secular Franciscan Order (formerly the Third Order of St Francis)? Open night of enquiry Tuesday April 12th, 8pm at the Friary (Office entrance). All welcome.

Mar a deir an seanfhocal, ní bhíonn in aon rud ach seal .Cuirfear deireadh le Féile na hInse ar an Domhnach beag seo leis an mBailchríoch. Beidh Ceolchoirm na Féile ar siúl i gCois na hAbhna ar an 3ú Aibreán ag 7.30p.m. Beidh fáilte roimh chách agus go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís.
 'Nothing lasts for long' according to the proverb. Féile na hInse 2011 ends with a concert on Sunday night April 3rd at 7.30pm in gCois na hAbhna. All are welcome.

Free Pre-school year available at Ms Gráinne's Holy Family Montessori. Summer camp available in July. 087 2033328.

Lenten Reflections 2011 booklet edited by Sr. Marie McNamara; sale in Parish Office

Family Table Quiz Night 
 at Rice College on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm. A table of 4/5 is only €25. (€5 pp); raffle; Funds raised go to school projects.

Clarecastle Parish
 A series of Lenten Talks at 7pm in Clarecastle Parish Church.
 6th April: Fr Kevin McNamara from Killarney Cathedral.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service Mobile Unit at West County Hotel: Mon 4th; Tues 5th; Wed 6th & Thurs 7th from 6pm-9pm. 


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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat April 2nd: 6.30pm Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.
 Julia Fawl, 94 Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh.
 Sun: 9am Jim Madine, Belfast MM
 Frances O'Rourke, 6 Dalcassian Ave.
 John & Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Greine.
 10.30am Rebecca Dwane, 11 Old Military Barracks.
 Eddie Gallagher & Norah Byrnes, Donegal & Scotland
 Joe Cleary, 29 Dun na Ri, Tobartaoscain.
 John & Bridget Guilfoyle, 32 Hermitage
 Pete Boland, Mullagh
 Mia Gallagher, Donegal
 John Pigott, Lifford Rd.

12noon Des Cullinan, Dalcassian. **1st Anniv**
 Mon:7.45am Thomas & Ellen Cleary, Co. Mayo
 10am Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Árd na Gréine
 7.30pm Kathleen, Patrick & Pádraig Gilgunn
 Tues.:7.45am Martin & Sheila Casey, Dalcassian Ave.
 10am Norah, Daniel, Maria & Michael O'Neill & deceased members of O'Neill family, Connolly
 7.30pm Martin, Teresa & Phyllis O'Grady, Turnpike Rd.
 Wed.:7.45am Donors Intention
 10am Owen O'Neill, Lifford Road.
 7.30pm Sr. Marie Stephens, Convent of Mercy & her parents Albert & Bridie, Clonroad
 Thurs.:7.45am Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick
 10am Decd members of Healy Family, Árd na Gréine
 7.30pm Garry & Chrissie Stack, late of Hermitage
 Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
 10am Belle & Josie Broderick, Ardlea Road.
 7.30pm Doris & Jerry Molloy, 18 Hermitage
 Sat.:10am Donors Intention
 11am: Brid Walsh, Limerick Road. MM
 3pm: Ennis National School Confirmation
 6.30pm Jim Mc Loughlin, Árd na Gréine. **1st Anniv.**
 Sun.: 9am Dec'd membs Griffin family, Tullabrack.
 Michael Patrick Mc Mahon, Tobartaoscain
 Patsy Callinan, Árd na Gréine.
 10.30am William McGovern, College View, Clare Road
 Christy & Breda Carpenter & deceased family members, late 43 Hermitage Road
 Sheila Fitzgerald, Westfields
 Michael & Kitty Kenneally, 36 Fergus Park
 Bridget & P.J. Callinan & Michael Harris, Cooraclare.
 Peter Fitzgerald, Walnut House, Ennis.
 12noon Mass for the People

Roster for Cathedral:
 Sunday, 10th April, 2011
 Readers: Group 1
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1 

Rest in Peace

Margaret Hastings, Limerick: sister of Nell Ryan, Barefield; Joan Flannery, College Green & Unit 2, St. Joseph's; Elizabeth (Baby) Collins, Park Row, Francis St. & late O'Connell St.; Kitty Conroy (nee Carmody), Kiltooke, Trim, Meath & Carhudotia, Barefield; Bernie Meaney, brother of Celine Daly, Phoenix Court; Eamon Smith, Delgany, Co. Wicklow; P.J. McManus, Roscrea, Clerical Student, Killaloe Diocese;



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language

Reading 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons. When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him, but the Lord said to Samuel, Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as we see; we look at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart. Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, The Lord has not chosen these. He then asked Jesse, Are these all the sons you have? He answered, There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep. Then Samuel said to Jesse, Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes. Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said Come, anoint him, for this is the one. At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.



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Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

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

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are

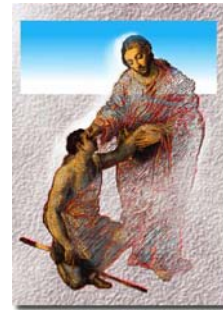
done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*



Gospel

John 9::1.6-9.13-17.34-38)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord