



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, 10.30am & 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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Friary: 6828751

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

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Second Sunday after Christmas (Year C) 3rd January, 2010

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## *New Year Resolution - Be kind*

'*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us*' is the story of the Incarnation. And when we look into the crib, we see how God came into the world as a helpless babe. The Christmas story is a Love Story where God, who loves the world so much, sends his only Son among us.

Our God took on flesh and came to live among us.

There are other times when our words take on flesh and we are all aware of this form. This happens when people's reputation and good name can be undermined because of gossip, or because someone else has said something and others have misinterpreted it. Like '*Chinese Telephones*' where one person says one thing, and passes it on to someone else, and by the end, the words have taken on a new meaning...the words have taken on flesh...so to speak.

But if we want the Christmas story to come alive in our hearts and in our lives, we have to change how we look at, and talk about others.

Jesus' Incarnation – this love story has taken on flesh. And every day the Word takes on flesh in a new way – by people following Jesus' example and speaking God's words...through deeds and actions.

These people are not famous...nor are they looking for glory...but they believe in the message of the Word...and the Word takes shape in their lives and changes them and others around them.



This coming year...How can I make my words take on flesh following Jesus example...

**Hospital & Sick Calls**

This week: 3rd January, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Please call Parish Office at:

065 6824043

**Blessing of Babies**

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2009, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in the Cathedral on Sunday, January 10th, 2010 at 2pm. As these little babies begin to crawl, walk and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years. *Baptismal Team members are most welcome.*



*There is a welcome to all babies & young children.*

Lions Club of Ennis, in association with the Clare Champion produced a 2010 calendar with photographs of over 400 people who have appeared in the newspaper over the past 12 months. Proceeds for Christmas Food Appeal & Lions Clubs Local Charities. Price €8. The calendar will provide hours of fun and quizzes as people try to identify the people caught in a moment in time.



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

**Recent Marriages**

Sharon Malone, Tobertaoscaín & Conor Egan, Mullagh.  
Orlaith Corr, Shannon & Douglas Lanning, Shannon.

*May they be united in love forever.*



## Feast of the Epiphany

Church Holy day, Wednesday, 6th January

**Vigil Mass:**

Cathedral: 6.30pm

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm

Friary: 7.30pm

*Go raibh ainm milis Íosa go taitheamhach  
scríofa i lár mo chroí-se.*

*May the Sweet Name of Jesus  
be written in my heart.*

The Cathedral: 9am, 10.30am, 12. noon &amp; 6.30pm

St. Josephs: 8am, 10am &amp; 11.30am

Cloughleigh: 9.30am &amp; 11am

Poor Clare's: 7.45am

Friary: 10am, 12noon &amp; 1.05pm

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Clare.**

Since 1998 a local SVP sub-committee (St. Benedict's Conference) has worked tirelessly with the local agencies and the Clare Homeless Forum to provide an emergency hostel service for Clare. *The SVP is the largest provider of emergency accommodation in the country, running 13 schemes with capacity for almost 500 people per night.*

In Nov 2009 the Society officially opened two new services in Clare, providing 12 social housing units for single persons and providing accommodation services for men who experience homelessness.

**Laurel Lodge Accommodation Centre**

The Laurel lodge accommodation centre provides emergency accommodation for homeless men. The service is managed 24/7 and committed staff work to provide a safe and secure environment.

**SVP Housing Westbourne**

The new Westbourne development includes 12 social housing units managed by the SVP. The units provide accommodation to both single males and females and returning immigrants under the Safe-Home scheme.

The Westbourne site was purchased from the Dioceses of Killaloe by the Town Council. The SVP entered initial discussions with the Town council aiming to provide homeless accommodation as part of their Westbourne development. All 12 units were allocated in 2009.

The management of the units has been assigned to the Laurel Lodge Board and day-to-day management to the Manager, Patrick Cahill.

The SVP in Clare are grateful for the many blessings and graces obtained and express sincere gratitude to all the volunteers, supporters and local/national agencies for their efforts and support, bringing our visions to reality.



**Pat Cahill, Manager Laurel Lodge,**  
**Mairéad Bushnell,**  
SVP National President,  
**Michael Finneran,**  
Junior Minister.



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Eamon Duffy, Kincora Park  
**Sun 3rd Jan 8am:** Johnnie O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.  
 10am: Frank Roughan, Fountain.  
 11.30: Tos O'Sullivan, New Rd.  
**Mon 11am:** Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd.  
 Tue 11am: Una McNamara, 4B Cooper's Place & formerly Turnpike Rd. MM  
 7pm: Michael McMahon, Gallow's Hill.  
**Wednesday - Feast of the Epiphany**  
 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastle West.  
 11.30am: Thomas & Delia Curry & deceased family members, Athenry.  
 Fri 11am: Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.  
 Sat 11am: Michael O'Halloran, Corrovorrin Drive.  
 Sun 10am: Bridie Purtill, 47 Marian Ave. 1st Anniv.  
 11.30am: Mary Brogan, College Green.



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 3rd Jan 9.30am Christy Fitzgerald, Murroe, Limerick  
 Mon 4th Jan 9.30am Maisie Hayes, late Hermitage.

Montessori preschool free preschool places under government ECCE scheme from Jan 2010 book early. Ltd places. Ballybeg. 065 6822901/085 283 8620

### All Parish Readers

Missals for 2010 available to all Parish Readers in Sacristy.



**Clarecare Prism** Parent Support Programme is a 12 week peer support programme for single parents and step-parents who are dealing with unresolved grief due to loss through Death, Desertion, Separation or Divorce. Dates: 17th Feb-12 May (Wednesdays only)

At Clarecare, Harmony Row. Time: 7-9 Min 8 persons Cost 2 euro per night. **Introductory night on 10th Feb 2010.** If you would like to participate in this programme & receive application forms or find out more, call Gina Norris at 065 6828178 or mobile 086 8348699 or email: gnorris@clarecare.ie

### Postponed:



◆ **The Alzheimer Society Annual Burren Walk** to be held in Fanore on Sunday 3rd January has been postponed until Sunday 14th February 2010.

◆ **Table Quiz** in aid of Martin Keane, Building of Hope to be held in Magowna House this Sat 2nd. New date to be decided

**Yoga Classes** with Karen Brennan, Jan 12th (Tuesdays) Auburn Lodge Hotel. Class: 10am- 11.30am, Beginners: 7pm-8.30pm; Continuation: 8.30pm-10pm. Call 087 6405839 to enrol.

**Ennis Bridge Club** Auburn Lodge @ 7.45pm on Monday January 4th. Please note change of venue.

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

 *for CUAN*   
 If you receive a Christmas gift that you have no need for - Why not donate it to Cuan an Chláir Christmas Gifts Appeal? All unwanted gifts can be dropped off to the Parish Office during the week. There will be a sale of the unwanted gifts in the Old Ground Hotel on Sunday 10th January from 12noon to 4pm.

## Journey of the Magi



'A cold coming we had of it,  
 just the worst time of the year  
 for a journey, and such a long  
 journey:  
 The ways deep and the weather  
 sharp,  
 The very dead of winter.'  
 And the camels galled, sore-footed,  
 refractory,  
 Lying down in the melting snow.  
 There were times we regretted  
 The Summer palaces on slopes, the  
 terraces,  
 And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
 Then the camel men cursing and  
 grumbling  
 And running away, and wanting their  
 liquor and women,  
 And the night-fires going out, and the  
 lack of shelters,  
 And the cities hostile and the towns  
 unfriendly  
 And the villages dirty and charging  
 high prices:  
 A hard time we had of it.  
 At the end we preferred to travel all  
 night,  
 Sleeping in snatches,  
 With the voices singing in our ears,  
 saying  
 That this was all folly.  
 Then at dawn we came down to a  
 temperate valley,  
 Wet, below the snow line, smelling of  
 vegetation;  
 With a running stream and a  
 watermill beating the darkness,  
 And three trees on the low sky,  
 And an old white horse galloped  
 away in the meadow.  
 Then we came to a tavern with vine-  
 leaves over the lintel,  
 Six hands at an open door dicing for  
 pieces of silver,  
 And feet kicking the empty wine-  
 skins.  
 But there was no information, and so  
 we continued  
 And arrived at evening, not a  
 moment too soon  
 Finding the place; it was (you may  
 say) satisfactory.  
 All this was a long time ago, I  
 remember,  
 And I would do it again, but set down  
 This set down  
 This: were we led all that way for  
 Birth or Death? There was a Birth,  
 certainly,  
 We had evidence and no doubt. I  
 had seen birth and death,  
 But had thought they were different;  
 this Birth was  
 Hard and bitter agony for us, like  
 Death, our death.  
 We returned to our places these  
 Kingdoms,  
 But no longer at ease here, in the old  
 dispensation,  
 With an alien people clutching their  
 gods.  
 I should be glad of another death.  
 T.S.Eliot

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm Mass for the People.  
**Sun.:9am** Mary & Dan O'Keeffe, Ardlea Road.  
 Charlie & Mary Nono, St. Clare's Close, Gallow's Hill  
 Thomas McMahon, Carmody St.  
 Liam Madigan, 26 St. Michael's Villas.  
 Michelle Malone, 10 Waterpark Heights.  
 10.30 Patrick & Frances Feeney, St. Michaels Villas.  
 12 noon Mass for the People.  
**Mon:8am** Special Intention  
 10am Delia Reddan, Beechpark.  
 7.30pm Fionnuala Fitzpatrick, 3 Springfield & deceased members of Fitzpatrick & Blake Families, Clonroadmore.  
**Tues.:8am** Holy Souls.  
 10am Patrick & Margaret Keane, 1 Hermitage.  
 6.30pm Patricia Moloney, 60 St. Michaels Villas.  
**Wednesday - Feast of The Epiphany.**  
 9am Mary & Flan Hynes, 73 St. Michaels Villas.  
 10am Haulie Reidy, 319 Golf Links Rd.  
 12noon: P.J. & Rita Coulter, late Dublin & Ennis.  
 6.30pm Patrick Hogan, Maryville, Alymers Cross.  
**Thurs.:8am** Donors Intentions.  
 10am John Nevin, Summerhill.  
 7.30pm O'Dwyer Family, Lahinch & Limerick.  
**Fri.:8am** Mass for the people.  
 10am Christina Malone, 6 Dalcassian Drive.  
 7.30pm Pat Daly, Francis St. MM  
**Sat.:10am** Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.  
 Joe Kerin, Clonroadmore.  
 6.30pm Kitty Casey, O'Connell Sq. 1st Anniv.  
**Sun.:9am** Nancy Roche, Quin.  
 Paul Ewohonna Bonisehi, 1A Ard Caoin & Africa  
 Nora Malone, late Parnell St.  
 John (Sonny) Hehir, Gortmore.  
 Christina Molone, 6 Dalcassian Drive.  
 Stephen Cunningham, Labasheeda.  
 Mary Rowland, (nee Kelly)16 Dalcassian Ave.  
 10.30am Patrick McMahon, Carmody St. 1st Anniv  
 12noon Mary Catherine Sheehan, USA & Clare Rd MM


### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 10th January 2009

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




### Rest in Peace

 Nuala White, 99 Hermitage; Michael Lahiff, Ballymaley, Barefield; Baby Angel Angelina McDonagh, 45, Childers Rd; Brian Casey, Lissycasey

### Dear Lord, please give me .....

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;  
 A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;  
 A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;  
 An understanding heart;  
 A sense of humour;  
 Time for quiet, silent meditation;  
 A feeling of the presence of God;  
 The patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to recognize them when they come.  
 Amen.

 **Smokers!** Quit now for better health in 2010. Call Clare Health Promotion Services 065 6865839.



# Today's Scripture Readings With Inclusive Language



## First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2.8-12

### A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself.  
 She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.  
 Then the creator of all things instructed me and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.  
 He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance. From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.  
 I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.  
 In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.  
 I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lords property, in his inheritance.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

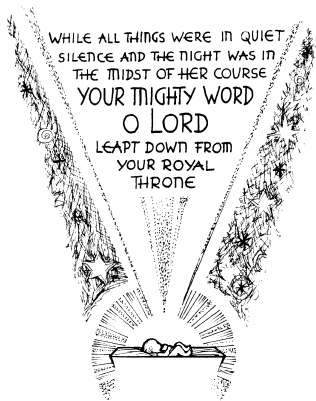
#### Response

**The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
 Zion, praise your God!  
 He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
 He has blessed the children within you. R.

He established peace on your borders  
 He feeds you with finest wheat.  
 He sends out his word to the earth  
 And swiftly runs his command. R.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
 To Israel his laws and decrees.  
 He has not dealt thus with other nations  
 He has not taught them his decrees. R.



## Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18

### A reading from the Ephesians.

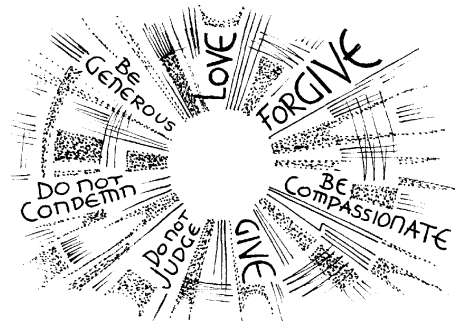
Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted children, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;  
 Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.  
 Alleluia!



## Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word:  
 the Word was with God and the Word was God.  
 He was with God in the beginning.  
 Through him all things came to be,  
 not one thing had its being but through him.  
 All that came to be had life in him  
 and that life was the light of all people,  
 a light that shines in the dark,  
 a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;  
 and he was coming into the world.  
 He was in the world that had its being through him,  
 and the world did not know him.  
 He came to his own domain  
 and his own people did not accept him.  
 But to all who did accept him  
 he gave power to become children of God,  
 to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of  
 human stock or urge of the flesh or human will  
 but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,  
 he lived among us,  
 and we saw his glory,  
 the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
 full of grace and truth.

### Gospel of the Lord