



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:

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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;
Friary: 6828751
Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

5th February, 2012

The Power of Love

Jesus' whole ministry is an example of how to live our lives celebrating God's love and God's power.

In today's Gospel we read how people crowded around the door looking for healing! Even when Jesus retreated for a rest, the disciples came after him. "Everyone is searching for you," they told him.

The same Christ today works through us to bring the divine touch to the ailments of the us, His people. He knows the demons that afflict us – our bad habits, weaknesses, vices, compulsions, fears and worries.

Paul's life too is a wonderful example of how God works through us. "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" he says to the Corinthians.

He has no option but to preach; it is a compulsion, an obligation. Preaching when he is discouraged, praying when everything is going wrong and it is the last thing he

wants to do, witnessing to the faith when his own faith needs bolstering, and continuing on in faith knowing the importance of what he does.

Are there times when you are unable to experience the love of God? We move at a hectic pace. The cares of life overtake us. Like Jesus we need to practice prayerful solitude.



How do we make time for ourselves?

How do we set aside time for prayer and reflection.

Prayer was an essential part of His service. It was a refuge from the enthusiasm of the crowds. It was the

secret to His great power.

If we want to be in touch with God, then we need to take the time to withdraw from the world to pray. Like Jesus we need time to recharge our batteries, to be alone, to be renewed.

What's on this week?

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 5th February, 2012

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎087 6615975

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. John Mc Govern. ☎065 68 22166

Bible for Beginners: Finding your way in the Bible. Reading Mark's Gospel. Does it make sense? How do you read it? Beginning on Wed 8th Feb at 8.15pm. Venue: Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Road, Ennis. For further information please contact Br. Dick Burke at 0656821471 or at 0872047649.

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Ember Jane Gilligan; Katie Grace Eade;**

Mid West Simon Community Charity

Shop on Woodquay, Ennis. Thanks to all who have supported us in this new venture. Next week, 7th - 11th Feb we are having a children's clothes sale - all children's clothes discounted by 30%. **Wanted:** First Holy Communion dresses. If you have a communion dress sitting in the back of a wardrobe, please consider giving it to us this year.



Building of Hope 2012 Table Quiz; Friday 10th February; The Grove, Roslevan; €40 per table with teams of 4. 1st & 2nd cash prize plus raffle on night.

Sr. Eileen's Clúinne

"Anois teacht an Earraigh
beidh an lá dul chun sineadh,
Is tar éis na Féile Bhríde
ardóidh mé mo sheol"

Is é seo a scríobh an file Antaine Ó Ráifteirí (1784-1835)
Tá laethanta gruama an Geimhreadh thart. Seo í tréimhse na bliana ina mbíonn borradh agus fás faoi na plandaí agus cheana féin, tá na plúiríní sneachta, na crócas agus lus an chromchinn os cionn talún. Is é mí Feabhra, mí na Féile Bhríde, mí na n-uan, mí na dTrí Sion - báisteach, gaoth agus sneachta. I mí Feabhra, bí linn a Thiarna agus go dtugaimis moladh agus glóir duit de shíor. **Aiméan.**

"Now with the springtime
The days will grow longer
And after St. Bridget's day
My sail I'll let go"

Antaine Ráifteirí (1784-1835) wrote.
The bleak days of winter are over. Plants begin to grow and already, the snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are in bloom. February is the month of St. Bridget, lambs and three types of weather rain, wind and snow. Be with us Lord during the month of February. *May we praise and glorify You always. Amen.*



Jackpot: €1,500.00

in Community Centre in aid of Cuan an Chláir. Every Sunday from 8pm.

Coffee Morning on February 10th after 10am Mass in Cathedral Chapter Room. Informative Chat with the Older People of Ennis about entitlements etc. Talk by Community Gardai and Transition Year Students from Colaiste Muire.



Preparation for Marriage Courses 2012

Residential for weekends i.e. 7pm on Fri to 2pm on Sun: in Esker Retreat House, Athenry, Galway; €220 per couple; course covers course, meals and accommodation; ☎091844549; eskerret@indigo.ie; booking forms in Parish Office.

The Migraine Association of Ireland [MAI] will host a migraine/headache information evening in Ennis on Monday, February 13th in the Temple Gate Hotel from 7.30pm. The keynote speaker will be Consultant Neurologist, Dr Peter Boers. Admission is free. To book call 1850 200 378 or email info@migraine.ie



Coffee Day: Lavender & Kay holding 14th Annual Coffee Day in Madden's, 23 Main St., Tulla Fri 10th Feb from 10am-6pm. All proceeds to: Clare 250 Cancer Centre, Ruan & to send cancer patients from the area to Lourdes. All welcome.

33rd Annual Clare 250 Cancer Cycle on 19th/20th May. Call 0656841600. Proceeds to Lourdes Pilgrimage & Clare 250 Cancer Centre.

If you have an illness, injury or disability and would like some help to get a job, Clare Supported Employment Service can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or log on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com/clare.supportedemployment)/or email clare.sesinfo@claresupportedemployment.ie

Parents Plus Programmes-SPRING 2012 Plus (4-11 years) starting Mid FEB 2012 (7pm-9pm) and **Teenage**, February (Mornings 10am-12pm) in Clarecare, Harmony Row, Ennis

Parenting Plus Programmes (provides parents with practical ideas, discussions about everyday challenges & concerns parents may have & step by step suggestions on how to handle them)

INCREDIBLE YEARS. FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ATTEND THE ENNIS NATIONAL SCHOOL. PLEASE CONTACT NOIRIN LONG (065) 28178 OR EVE BRENNAN (065)9052817 FOR FURTHER DETAILS. If you wish to reserve a place for one of these programmes, or to find out more, please contact Michelle Barnes, Clarecare, Harmony Row; (www.clarecare.ie) Tel: 065-68 94246 ore-mail parentingsupport@clarecare.ie

People of the Year

Presentation of Awards on
Thursday 8th March
The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- ◆ Donal Griffin, Lahinch Road.
- ◆ Katie Drennan, Clareen.
- ◆ Patrick Murphy, Circular Road.
- ◆ Carmel O'Grady, Childers Road.
- ◆ Joe Martin, Tulla Road.

Special Merit Award

- ◆ Canon Pat Taaffe.

Welcome to all.

*All parishioners are invited
to attend.*

Shannon & Clare Archaeological & Historical Societies' lecture on 'Medieval Masons & cultural considerations' by Dr. Rosemary Power, will take place on Tue, Feb 7th at The Civic Rooms, Ennis Town Council, Drumbiggle at 8pm.



Enrolling now for February classes in Guitar, Piano/Keyboards, Drums, Bass & Vocals. Classes to commence week of Feb 6th. Contact 6822516. Visit www.ennisguitarschool.ie for further details.



The Junction, Cloughleigh Road
- Adult Programmes January -
Tea/Coffee Mornings every Mon
and Tue 10-11.30am, all welcome
tea/coffee and a Scone available for €1

Card Making Classes: Tue mornings from 11am-12.30pm starting on 7th Feb. Learn how to make your own cards for all occasions; class costs €7 a week (materials supplied); contact Jean on 086-1568650 All are welcome.

Céili in Cois na hAbhna on Sunday 5th February 2012. Music by Johnny Reidy Céili Band. Dancing from 3pm - 6pm.

Fergus ICA Guild monthly meeting on Thurs Feb 9th at 8pm in St. Joseph's Meeting rooms, Lifford. All welcome.

A Green School Action Day based on the theme of water will take place in the C.B.S Primary School on Thursday February 9th from 9.15a.m. All are welcome to attend.

CBS Primary School Parents' Association are having a Valentines Party Night with DJ Ollie Mullooly upstairs in Dan O'Connell's, Abbey St on Friday Feb 10th 2012 from 9.30pm onwards. Tickets €5 in aid of the school.

Invitation to Reflections on Eucharist
by Fr. Gerard McCarthy, Monday
13th February 8pm Auburn Lodge Hotel.
All Welcome.

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

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 29th January,
€8,294.00



St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm Bridget O'Neill, Clareabbey, Clarecastle MM
Sun 5th Feb: 8am: Mary Glynn, Kincora Park.
10am: Mary & Kevin O'Donoghue, late Kincora Park
11.30am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Road
Mon 11am: Mary & John Fitzgerald, Kerry
Tue 11am: Catherine & John Behan, Kilkee
Wed 11am: Michael & Bridget Morgan, Kilnamona
Thu 11am: Albert Mounsey, Oakwood Drive. MM
Fri 11am: Ann Barry, Shanaway Road. MM
Sat 11am: Mary & Ellen Mc Gann Parnell Street

World Day for Sick

7pm: Maurice O'Brien, late of Inch
Sun 12th 11.30am: Helen Pyne, Cloughleigh Road.

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



Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) In St Joseph's Church Sunday 5th February at 5.30pm

Mass will be enriched by beautiful Gregorian Chant led by the Schola Petra fertile (the choir of the fertile rock) from Corofin. All welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Kathleen & James White, 11 Considine Tce
11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd. **1st Anniv.**
Sun. 12th: 9.30am: Bridie Dilger, 54 Hermitage
11am: Edward & Mary Hayes, 23 Hermitage.

AA Open Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th February, at 8pm in St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St.

Na Fianna underage Hurling/Football Club thank all parents for support. Indoor training continues Flannan's Hall Fri nights. New members welcome. ☎0872996189/Pat 0868074127; www.nafiannaennis.gaa.ie

SOLAS - Suicide support group Sat Feb 11th, 11am - 12noon, at CIOC offices, Elevation Business Pk, Clonroad. For family, friends, and co-workers whose lives have been touched by suicide either recently or in the past; confidential and free. Johanna 086 - 0829907



Poetry Competition for Family carers... Caring for Carers Ireland in conjunction with Clare Co Library/Ennis Book club Festival, invites you to submit a poem; theme: Spring Time! Deadline: Fri Feb 17th. 1st prize: weekend for 2 at Ennis hotel during Ennis Book Club Festival, 2nd-4th March; and many other prizes. Brigid Barron, Caring for Carers National Office, 2 Carmody St Business Pk., Ennis 0656866515 bbarron@caringsforcarers.org

Sum of Money found in Dunnes Stores Mall. Contact Parish Office.



Live the Word:

What is the difference between an obstacle and an opportunity? Our attitude toward it. Every opportunity has a difficulty, and every difficulty has an opportunity.

Friary News

Annual Get Together. This Secular Franciscan Order event will be held at Temple Gate Hotel on Sunday, 19th Feb. Sunday lunch at 1.30pm followed by music & dancing until 6.30pm. Music by John Carey; tickets (Friary Office) €20.

Pilgrimages 2012

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Sat next Feb 11th is the 154th Anniv of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage leaves Shannon Tue, June 26th returning on Sun July 1st. For the 3rd year in succession, there is no increase in cost. €670pp sharing. Booking forms from: CARA/Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2; Tel: 01 2410810. Limited no of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at €550. App forms for sick pilgrims only to Fr Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon; Tel 061 364133.

Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome.

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Ennis Padre Pio Group Trip to Rome, San Giovanni and Sorrento from Cork 10th - 17th September; €995pp Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. Led by Mary O'Sullivan 087 1247669

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Pilgrimages to Medjugorje

Date 27th June Ex Shannon, Accommodation beside Church 7 nights half board €629; **€529 if paid by 1st February.** Spiritual Director Fr Martin Blake. Contact: Bernadette Murphy 086 1634553

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Departing Shannon 8th Sept. If you book & pay €50 deposit before Feb 17th, the cost is €619 (7 nights all inclusive). If you wait until after Feb 17th it will cost €669. Contact group leader: James Considine 065 9059328 (0857385385). Spiritual Director Frs Tom O'Gorman & Pat Conway.

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Annual Ennis/Clarecastle Group Sat Sept 8th from Shannon. Spiritual Directors: Frs Michael McInerney & Fergal O'Neill; €619 til Feb 17th; €669 applies after that date. Kathleen Lee 086-1031508 & Mary McMahon 086-3629808;

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Norah Ryan, 13 Greendale. **1st Anniv.**
Sun.: 9am Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Árd na Gréine
Cornelius & Margaret Shanahan, 1 Mc Mahon Villas.
10.30am James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
Paul Brassil, St. Michael's Villas
Virginia Donnellan, "St. Joseph's", Hermitage.
Christina, Micko & Patrick Ball, Marian O'Neill & Michael Ryan, 65 Hermitage.
12 noon John O'Connor, Canada & Connolly Vlls, MM & brother Eamon, Connolly Villas.
Mon:7.45am Joe Kelly, Cork
10am Aine Fennell & Sr. Mary Benet OP, Gort Road.
7.30pm Willie Burke, late of Mill Road.
Tues.:7.45am Special Intentions
10am Patrick & Ciss Garrihy, St. Michael's Villas
7.30pm Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobartaoscairn.
Wed.:7.45am Special Intentions
10am Catherine & Aoner Sheridan, 22 Dalcassian Park
7.30pm Bernie Dilger, 39 Connolly, Villas.
Thurs.:7.45am Maureen Murphy, 45 Hermitage
10am O'Driscoll Family, Drumbiggle
7.30pm James, Agnes & Seamus Blake, 9 Limerick Rd.
Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.
10am Joe Foley, 25 College Park.
6.30pm Michael Hassett, 72 Drumbiggle Rd. **1st Anniv**
7.30pm Special Intention
Sat.:10am Fintan Ryan, 23 Fergus Manor
6.30pm Mary White, 99 Hermitage Road. **1st Anniv.**
Sun.:12th: 9am Tomás O'Shea, Tulla Road,
10.30am Thomas Murphy, 66 Hermitage
Liam Molony, Shanaway Road.
Tomás Mannion 6 Highfield Park
May & Micko Glynn, Knockaderra, Tulla Rd.
12 noon Bridget Coote, Cloughleigh Road. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 12th February, 2012

Readers: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace



Joe Varden, Newmarket-on-Fergus father of Joe, Limerick Road;
Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Road;
Domhnall Bermingham, 1 Corrovorrin, Tulla Rd, and formerly of Ballykett Kilrush.

Date For Diary

- ◆ Visitation meeting Chapter Room Feb 8th @ 7pm
- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group, Cathedral House February 8th at 8pm.
- ◆ Reflection on Eucharist February 13th Fr. Gerard McCarthy, Auburn Lodge Hotel.
- ◆ Finance and Property Committee 15th February 8pm Cathedral House.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday - 22nd February.
- ◆ People of the Year 8th March.

Grave Cleaning

Transition Year Students at Colaiste Muire are offering free grave tidying for Drumcliffe Cemetery to families because of infirmity, age or unable to keep their loved one's grave. If interested, please contact Parish Office 6824043

**First Reading**

Job 7:1-4,6-7

A reading from the book of Job.

Job began to speak:

Is not a person's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
or our time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the worker with no thought but for the wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, When will it be day?
Risen I think, How slowly evening comes!
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. R

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. R

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. R

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a
duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished
if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I
might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a
responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do
you know what my reward is? It is this: in my
preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free,

and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives
me.

So though I am not a slave of any one I have made
myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as
I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made
myself all things to all people in order to save some at
any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James
and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew.
Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with
fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He
went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up.
And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all
who were sick and those who were possessed by
devils. The whole town came crowding round the
door, and he cured many who were suffering from
diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out
many devils, but he would not allow them to speak,
because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left
the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed
there. Simon and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody
is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go
elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that
I can preach there too, because that is why I came.'
And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their
synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

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