



# 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, 11, 12.15pm

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: 8.00, 10, 7.30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11 a.m. on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 8.00, 11 a.m. Mon. – Fri.; 11 a.m. on Saturday

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30 a.m. Mon. – Fri.

Friary:- 10 a.m., 1.05pm daily; 10 a.m. on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m. daily

### Phone Numbers:

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2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

6th December, 2009

## The Sunday of Peace

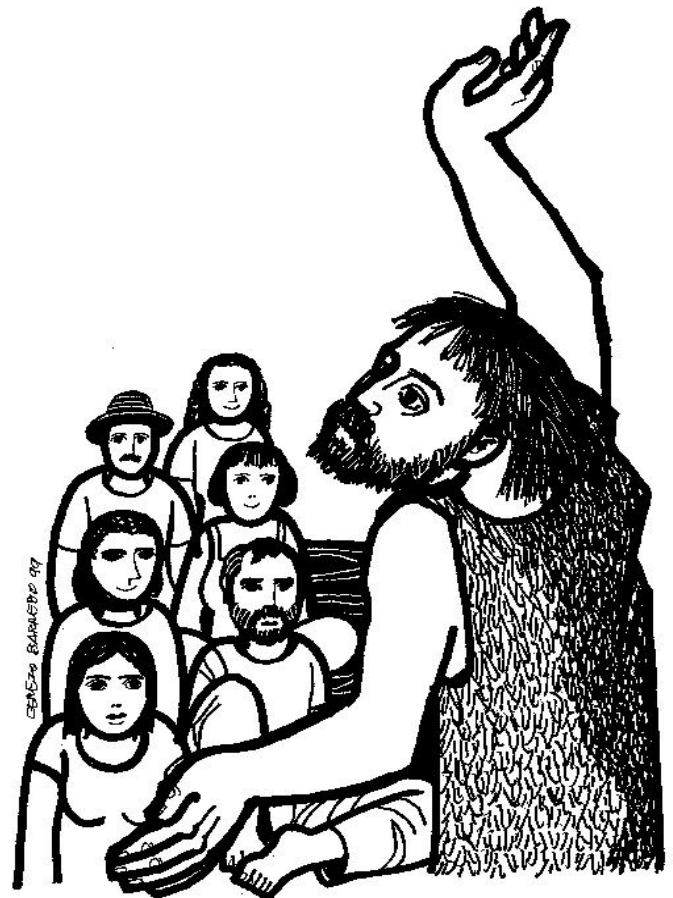
In the mist of our busyness a sight or a sound can call us back to our senses. God's call, we sometimes ignore. Even John the Baptist tends to get the same treatment at Advent. We can be so busy with life that we do not take time to reflect on what is important and to know that God cares for you.

Today the Second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Peace. Our peace is found in God and in his son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist and all the prophets remind us, that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

John's lonely voice calls again what needs levelling, what high and mighty attitudes need adjustment? Often people complain that God seems absent in their lives, that prayer is lifeless and God seems remote, uncaring or indifferent. We can ask ourselves what is blocking God's path to me.

God doesn't choose to be distant, we do. Is his absence the result of our fear, resistance to change, desire to be in control or something else?.

There is always hope because God made you. I am quite certain as it says in the second reading that the one who began this good work in you will see that it is complete.



# What's on this week?

## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 6th December, 2009

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

## New Mass Schedule

**Details of Mass changes in Ennis Parish from January 3rd, 2010.**


**In the Cathedral** Sunday Morning Masses will be:

- ◆ 9am
- ◆ 10.30 (combining 10 & 11 Masses)
- ◆ 12 Noon -

**In The Cathedral, the Saturday Morning Mass at 11am** will discontinue.

**In St. Joseph's the Weekday Morning Mass at 8am** will discontinue.

In advance, we sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding at this time of transition, and we apologise for any inconvenience these times will cause.

 The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Church door collection before all Masses on Tue 8th Dec, Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Vigil Masses on Mon Dec 7.

**Urgent Appeal** for old or second hand clothes, shoes or bed linen which are required for families in Ennis and its environs. Bags can be left into the Somalia Shop between 11a.m. and 5p.m. daily; ☎ 065 6824882.

## Cluster Event

 Workshop & formation evening for existing & new **Eucharistic Ministers** Wed Dec 9th in Meeting Room, St. Flannan's College at 8pm.

**Toastmasters Ennis** warmly invites you to our last meeting in 2009 in the Temple Gate Hotel on Tues Dec 8 at 8.30pm. All welcome. [www.ennistoastmasters.com](http://www.ennistoastmasters.com) or email us at [info@ennistoastmasters.com](mailto:info@ennistoastmasters.com) or 086 3861942.

**"Coffee Morning"** in St Columba's, Church of Ireland, Bindon Street, on Fri, Dec 11 from 10.30/12.30; home baking. In aid of the National Council for the Blind, Clare Branch.

**Pre-Marriage Course.** A residential style preparation for marriage given by married couples in a completely private & relaxing setting in Esker, Athenry. **Dates for 2010:** Jan 29-31; Feb 26-28; Mar 19-21; May 28-30; ☎ 091 844549/email: [eskerret@indigo.ie](mailto:eskerret@indigo.ie); €220/couple

## Ennis Parish

### Christmas Project

**Christmas Cards** available at The Parish Office. Proceeds to Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador, St. James Missionary Society.



A Triduum of Masses will be offered for your intentions on Christmas Day. These cards are also available at The Parish Office.



## St. Nicholas

**Feastday December 6th**  
Patron Saint of children, sailors, the poor and the innocent.

O God,

Help us to follow the example of Nicholas, who loved the poor, the weak and the young.

**Giving what he had to those who had little.**

**May we, too, walk in the way that leads to life: Loving you with all our heart,**

**And our neighbours as ourselves.**

**Ennis Flower & Garden Club** will meet in West Co. Hotel on Tue Dec 8 @ 8.15pm. Demonstration by Mary McKee, Feakle; Sales Table this month; Christmas arrangements/bric-a-brac/cakes/plants. Proceeds to local charities. Doors open at 7.30 pm.

**Cuan An Chláir** will commence building a Day Care Centre & Sheltered Housing for use by the older people of Ennis and its environs, next March (2010). As part of its on-going fundraising initiatives, Cuan An Chláir has launched its 'Donate A Brick' campaign. Bricks can be purchased for just €10 each, on line by logging on to [www.cuan.ie](http://www.cuan.ie) and at Ennis Parish Office. To date over a quarter of a million euro has been contributed to the project by the community, but we need to raise €2 million in order to complete the Day Care centre, which will be located on a site dedicated by Bishop Willie Walsh & The Diocese of Killaloe, at Cahercalla, Ennis. The 'Donate A Brick' campaign gives people the opportunity to donate an affordable amount of money that will help make a big difference to the quality of older people's lives in Ennis. Businesses or individuals might consider donating a brick in lieu of a Christmas gift or card this year. The donor can enrol the recipient in the "Remembrance Book" which will be permanently displayed at the new Cuan An Chláir day care facility".

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



# ADVENT

**In Ennis Cathedral:**

- ◆ Morning Prayer of the Church each morning during Advent at 9.45am
- ◆ Evening Prayer with Cathedral Choir on this Sun evening at 5.30pm.
- ◆ Gospel Reflections for Sundays Cathedral House at 8pm, each Thursday.

**In St. Joseph's Church:**

- Taizé Prayer on Dec 10 @ 8pm. Prayer using the songs of Taizé.

## Advent Giving Tree



Please place under the tree any of the following and help organisations who work with our town's needy this Advent:

Tea, coffee, sugar, tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, peas, cornflakes, custard, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned fruit.



## Young People & Parish

We thank the young people and their teachers from the various second level schools in the Parish, for their involvement in our Advent Mass at 11 o'clock in Cathedral. This week, the students from Colaiste Muire have prepared the music & Liturgy.

## Advent Talks Wednesdays at 7.30

Dominican Biblical Institute, Cecil St Upper, Limerick; **December 9 - What about us? What must we do?** With Brendan Clifford



## Newly Baptised

Marie Elizabeth Mc Donagh, Caitlin Denise O Doherty, Noel Senan Kelleher, Sean Kevin Patrick Loftus, Samiya Marie Walsh, Thanish Ashok Kumar, Ciaran Jim Warny, Féidhlim Francis Ó Ceallaigh, Charles Anthony O Donoghue, Emmanuela Olowoake, Oluwatobi Olowoake, Richard Olowoake, Christine Kathlyn Frawley, Fionn Niall Tuohy, Paddy Anthony Mongan, Grace Bronwyn Mc Grath, Tadgh Joseph O Loughlin; Shane Patrick Burke.

**Blood Transfusion Service** in West Co. on Wed Dec 9 (2-5 pm); Thurs 10th (6-9) & from Mon 14th to Thurs 17th Dec incl (6-9)

**Ennis Parish Development Fund**

for Sunday, 29th November

€8,669.00



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat Dec 5, 7pm: Micheal O'Loughlin, Corrovorrin Grove  
 Sun 8am: Special Intentions  
 10am: Mary Ellen Quinn, 20 Kincora Park. 1st Anniv  
 11.30am: Helen Cuddihy, 4 St Senans Road.  
 Mon 11am: Lynn Sullivan, Corrovorrin Drive  
 7pm Vigil Mass  
 Tue 8am: Agnes & Bill Reidy, Coolmeen  
 10am: Peter McNamara, Carron  
 11.30am: Mary & John O'Connell, Kilmurry McMahon  
 Wed 11am: Noel & Bernadine Moloney, 34 Marian Ave  
 Thu 11am: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Park  
 Fri 11am: Dec'd members Legion of Mary  
 Sat 11am: Tom Woods, Kevin Barry Ave. & Ballyvaughan  
 7pm: Niall Connolly, Gort Rd.  
 Sun 8am: Paul O'Shea, Tulla Road  
 10am: Sean O'Connell, The Crescent  
 11.30: James O'Keefe, Lifford Road



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: John Rynne, Martha & James Malone, late of Turnpike.  
 11am: Mary Histon Nevin & Martin Brod Nevin, 59 Hermitage.  
 Tue 9.30am: Anthony Dooley, Doolough, Connolly.  
 Fri 9.30am: Hurley Family Intentions  
 Sun 9.30am: Louis Galvin, Cloughleigh Rd & his son Dr. Tom Galvin.  
 11.00am: Paddy & Bunny Tuohy, Old Mill Street.

### Cloughleigh Community Art Group

continues on Tuesdays from 2.00-3.30 in Cloughleigh Community Centre; come for a cuppa tea and a chat; ☎ Roisin on 0873288601. All welcome.

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

### 16 DAYS OF ACTION AND AWARENESS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Please show your support in opposing violence against women by attending a gathering outside Ennis Courthouse at 7.00pm on Thursday 10th December followed by candlelight remembrance ceremony in the Franciscan Friary, Ennis, to remember the women in

## People of the Year



Celebrate People  
In Our Community

Many people are working in a voluntary capacity (often unnoticed), giving of their time and energy in the service of others and enriching our community. Some years ago the Pastoral Council decided to acknowledge their contributions and awards have been presented to worthy participants for the past number of years.

If you know of someone who you feel would be worthy of such recognition, we would appreciate your nominating them.

Nominations to be sent to the Parish Office and should include some information about the person being nominated and a brief outline of the reasons for the nomination. **Closing date 31st December 2009**

## Ennis Parish Carol Service

The Annual Advent Ecumenical Service takes place in Ennis Cathedral at 8pm on Sunday Dec 13th.

Combined choirs of Door/Barefield, Quin/Clooney, Clarecastle/Ballyea, Ennis Cathedral, The Friary & The Ennis Brass Band will lead us in the singing of the carols.



**Burren Sub Aqua Club** open night at Shamrock Hotel Mon Dec 7th at 8pm followed by a try-a-dive in Lahinch pool; must be over 16; New members are trained during the next few months; ☎ 086 8180044 or [www.burrensubaquaclub.com](http://www.burrensubaquaclub.com)



### Cantara Chamber Choir Christmas Concert

Wed, Dec 9 @ St. Flannan's College Chapel from 7.30. Tickets €10.00; *In aid of Anesthesia Unit for Children at Gornel Hospital, Belarus.*

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Clarecastle G.A.A. Club presents Ireland's Young Tenors & Dean Power; In St. Peter and Paul Church, Clarecastle at 8.15 on Dec 19; tickets €20 at local shops or John at 086 8843751/ Mary at 087 2435025.

**Ennis Regional Learning Centre Return to Learning Workshop** at Ennis RLC, Clare County Museum, Arthur's Row; Wed Dec 9th from 7-9; free ☎ Anne at 065-6866844.

**Meeting of Bereavement Visitation group** Thurs Dec 10 in Cathedral House at 8pm

**TY LOL Transition Year's Log On Learn** computer training - **Coláiste Muire**; initiative involves TY students "buddying up" with older people from the local community to teach them how to use computers and the internet. (online shopping, booking flights, staying in touch with family and friends, accessing information); free; Mon 9.10am-10.10am ☎ Coláiste Muire @ 065 6829497

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Chrissie Guinnane, 31 St Mls Villas 1st Anniv  
 Sun 9am: Thomas Keating, Inagh.  
 10am Mary O Loughlin, 44 St Michaels Villas. Bridget & Gerard Griffin, Limerick Road. John & Bridget Guerin, 46 St Flannans Tce. Michael Quinn & decd members Quinn family, Cahercalla. Monica Clohessy, 25 Connolly Villas. Cecelia Freeman, Circular Road, Ennis  
 11am Christy O Donovan, Clonroadmore. **MM**  
 12.15pm Susan Cashman, late Cork & Riverside Clonroadmore. **1st Anniv**  
 Mon: 8am Holy Souls.  
 10am Josephine & Caroline Ensko & extended family members, Connolly Villas  
 6.30pm Kathleen Dinan, late 73 Hermitage.  
 Tues.: 9am Maura Keane, Kilrush Rd  
 10am Frank & Mary Durran, Ennis & England  
 12.15pm Denis Quill, Railway Rd, Kilgarvan, Co Kerry  
 6.30pm Decd members Mc Eney family, 124 Hermitage.  
 Wed.: 8am Martin Browne, Gallows Hill.  
 10am Tom, Dilly & Maisie Mc Mahon, Gort Road.  
 7.30pm Dermot Molloy, 50 Cahercalla Estate.  
 Thurs.: 8am Patrick Shannon, 7 Cornmarket Street.  
 10am Tim & Annie Clune, Corofin.  
 7.30pm Mary Daly, 3 Dalys Terrace, Carmody St. Ella Burke, 20 Phoenix Court.  
 Fri.: 8am Sean & Lucy Kissane, Ennis & Dublin.  
 10am Tom Reidy, St Flannans Terrace.  
 3pm Tina Sherlock, 16 Childers Road. **1st Anniv**  
 7.30pm Peggy Sheehan, 45 St Flannans Tce. **MM**  
 Sat.: 10am Alan Halpin, O Connell Street.  
 11am Denis Wylde, 11 Clonroad.  
 6.30pm Eileen O Donovan, Turnpike **1st Anniv**, Jack O'Donovan & his sister Nellie Ryan.  
 Sun.: 9am Donal Cahill, Roslevan  
 10am Don Farrell, 51 Cahercalla Estate. Liam Slattery, 25 St Michaels Villas. Mary Monks, 24 Glassan, Lahinch Rd. Desmond Guerin, 42 St Michaels Villas. Patsy Shannahan, 23 St Flannans Terrace.  
 11am Mass for the Visually Impaired  
 12.15pm Eva Hogan **1st Anniv** & Patrick Hogan, Ard na Greine.

### Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 13th December, 2009

Readers: Group 5  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



### Rest in Peace

**Brendan Davin**, Inagh, husband of Attracta Queally, Drumcliffe; **Tony Mc Namara**, USA late of Circular Rd brother of Kathleen Considine, 104 Hermitage; **Margaret Pierce** (nee Hanrahan, late Clonroad); **Brother Senan Smith**, Holy Ghost, Rockwell College & formerly Market Street.



**REGINA NATHAN & The Ennis Youth Choir**; Carols & Festive Song; Fri, Dec 11th, 8.00 p.m. in Church of Ireland, Bindon St; ☎ Jenny 086 8317611/ Joe 0877465966 & in Teach Cheoil, Kilrush on Dec 12th; Tickets € 20; Tel Marie 087 2217579; Tickets at Door.



# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



## First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

### A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
 put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,  
 wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,  
 put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:  
 since God means to show your splendour to every nation  
 under heaven,  
 since the name God gives you for ever will be,  
 Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.  
 Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights  
 and turn your eyes to the east:  
 see your children reassembled from west and east  
 at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has  
 remembered them.  
 Though they left you on foot,  
 with enemies for an escort,  
 now God brings them back to you  
 like royal princes carried back in glory.  
 For God has decreed the flattening  
 of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,  
 the filling of the valleys to make the ground level  
 so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.  
 And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade  
 for Israel at the command of God;  
 for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory  
 with his mercy and integrity for escort.

### The word of the Lord



## Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** .

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
 It seemed like a dream.  
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 On our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
 The Lord worked for them!'  
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
 As streams in dry land.  
 Those who are sowing in tears  
 Will sing when they reap. **R**

## Second Reading

1:4-6.8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy,  
 remembering how you have helped to spread the Good  
 News from the day you first heard it right up to the  
 present. I am quite certain that the One who began this  
 good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day  
 of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you  
 all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is  
 that your love for each other may increase more and more  
 and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening  
 your perception so that you can always recognise what is  
 best. This will help you to become pure and blameless,  
 and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will  
 reach and perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces  
 in us for the glory and praise of God.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Prepare a way for the Lord,  
 Make his paths straight,  
 And all humankind shall see the salvation of God.  
 Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when  
 Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of  
 Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea  
 and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the  
 pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came  
 to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went  
 through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism  
 of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in  
 the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
 Prepare a way for the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.  
 Every valley will be filled in,  
 every mountain and hill be laid low,  
 winding ways will be straightened  
 and rough roads made smooth.  
 And all humankind shall see the salvation of God.

## The Gospel of the Lord

