



# 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

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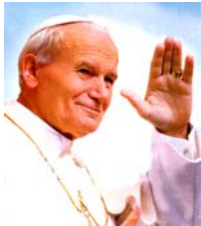
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 6th February, 2011

## IF SALT BECOMES TASTELESS ??????

*Do we dare to be the **salt** that seeks to preserve and nurture a real and authentic faith in Jesus Christ, a faith that involves sacrifice and pain at times, but one that ultimately brings true peace, happiness and eternal life ..... Or do we become **tasteless**, following a watered-down, sugar-coated version that may be easier to swallow, but sadly one that is only an illusion leading us nowhere?*



**Pope John Paul II, on the build-up to World Youth day in Toronto wrote -**

"**O**ne of the main functions of salt is to season food, to give it taste and flavour. This image reminds us that, through Baptism, our whole being has been profoundly changed, because it has been "*seasoned*" with the new life which comes from Christ.

The salt which keeps our Christian identity intact, even in a very secularized world, is the grace of Baptism. Through Baptism we are re-born. We begin to live in Christ and become capable of responding to His call.....

Writing to the Christians of Rome, St Paul urges them to show clearly that their way of living and thinking was different from that of their contemporaries: "**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect**".

As the salt of the earth, you are called to preserve the faith which you have received and to pass it on intact to others. Your generation is being challenged in a special way, to keep safe the deposit of faith.

- ◆ Discover your Christian roots,
- ◆ Learn about the Church's history,
- ◆ Deepen your knowledge of the spiritual heritage which has been passed on to you,
- ◆ Follow in the footsteps of the witnesses and teachers who have gone before you!

Only by staying faithful to God's commandments, to the Covenant which Christ sealed with His blood poured out on the Cross, will you be the apostles and witnesses of the new millennium.



It is the nature of human beings, and especially youth, to seek the Absolute, the meaning and fullness of life. Dear young people, do not be content with anything less than the highest ideals! ...."



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 6th February, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman ☎065 6840715

Wednesday Duty:

Parish Office ☎065 6824043

## Live The Word

Sunday February 13th Mt: 5:17-37

To love another you must first learn to love yourself. Praise yourself, give yourself encouragement, and put aside some 'me' time. You are worth it and you do deserve it- so enjoy it.



Clare Branch of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland are holding their Annual Burren Walk on Sunday, 13th Feb. Registration at O'Donoghue's, Fanore from 12.30, followed by music and refreshments. ☎ 065 6868621 or donations on the day.

**Coffee Day:** Lavender & Kay holding 13th Annual coffee Day at Madden's, 23 Main St., Tulla on Fri Feb 18th from 10am to 10pm. All proceeds to Clare 250 mile cycle & to send cancer patients to Lourdes. Please call & support this worthy cause. *Thanks for support & prayers in the past.*



**Fundraising Dance** in aid of Clare 250 Mile Cancer Centre, Ballygriffey on Sun Feb 27 at Purcell's Bar, Ruan from 9pm. 087 6454240.

**FREE Educational Guidance for adults** (18+) in Ennis Regional Learning Centre. Feb 17th and 18th. One-to-one session with an experienced guidance counsellor to discuss third level options for you. Places are free but must be booked in advance. Call Anne on 065-6866844 / email: [info@ennisrlc.ie](mailto:info@ennisrlc.ie)

**Men's Shed Project:** Engineering/Metal craft Workshop for retired members of the community. Starting Thurs 1st March from 4.-6pm. ☎ St. Joseph's Education Centre 0656822922.

**Vivaldi Plus:** A Concert by the Orchestra, Students & Faculty of Clare Music Makers 7pm Saturday February 12th Ennis Civic Room Drumbiggle Road; Solos for Violin, Flute, Cello & Mezzo Soprano; And featuring Piano Duo, Brass Quintet and "The Flute Pastilles"; Tickets € 10 available at the door

**A Meeting of Fergus ICA Ennis Branch** will be held on Thurs Feb 10th in West County at 8pm, including a craft demonstration. New members welcome.



**Liam Lawton has composed a song for Eurovision this year** and has been chosen as one of the five finalists. His song will be sung by the Vards and the competition will take place on Late Late Show on next Friday night 11th Feb. Liam's music has enriched all our liturgical ceremonies for many years now. He would really appreciate your vote ... Please!



## People of the Year

**Presentation of Awards on Tuesday 15th March The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm**

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- ◆ Peggy Eustace, Kilrush Road.
- ◆ Justin O'Regan, John Paul Avenue.
- ◆ Jackie Browne, Ardlea Road.
- ◆ Sr. de Montfort Bray, St. Xavier's Convent.
- ◆ Patricia Gormley RIP, Dalcassian Pk.

### Special Merit Award

- ◆ Bishop Willie Walsh.

*Welcome to all.*

*All parishioners are invited to attend.*

## World Day of the Sick

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

St Joseph's Church

Friday 11th February @ 11am



Beloved Lord, breathe calm in my mind  
Peace in my heart, and silence in my soul  
In the silence let me hear your voice  
In the peace let me see your face  
In the calm let me know your love  
May Christ who cared for those  
In need and healed those who  
Were ill, care for you and bring you healing.

Mass with anointing and blessing of the sick, a welcome to all.

## Newly Baptised

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

**Simone** Mary Considine; **Daniel** Frank Bashua; **Vincent** Michael Cooley; **Daniel** James O'Leary Bowe; **Solomon** O'Hanlon;



**Youth Information Service** at Carmody Street, Ennis (beside Indian Restaurant) is extending its opening hours until 7pm Tues. Thurs. & Fri. (Mon & Wed remain at 5pm).



*Why not drop in and read the daily papers, practice for your driver theory test, check out the jobs and accommodation listings or get information on travel, working abroad, education, careers, health & much much more.*

Free Internet Access from 5pm - 7pm. Contact Trish or Ireti at 065-6845350 [info@clareyouthservice.org](mailto:info@clareyouthservice.org)

Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street,



**Aoife and Paul Moroney** from Kilkee are participating in the All Ireland Talent Show on Sunday 6th February on RTE1 television at 6.30pm. They would really appreciate your support and your votes on the night. In the mean time for more information you can follow them on Facebook.. look up Aoife and Paul Moroney.

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.**

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 30th January, €8,960.00



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sat 7pm:** Kevin & Mary O'Donoghue, Kincora Pk.  
**Sun 8am:** Mary McMahon, 25 Steeles Tce.  
**10am:** Catherine & Kalen O'Brien, McNamara Pk.  
**11.30am:** Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.  
**Mon 11am:** Ned & Eileen Hennessy, Clarecastle.  
**Tue 11am:** Bridie Daly.  
**Wed 11am:** Dec'd membs McCormack family, Tulla Rd.  
**Thurs 11am:** Mary & John Fitzgerald, Kerry.  
**Fri 11am:** James McGann, Parnell St.  
**Sat 11am:** John & Kathleen McMahon, Dublin.  
**7pm:** Maurice O'Brien, late of Inch.  
**Sun 13th 10am:** Tony Strand, 40 Shannon Park.  
**11.30am:** Julia Titterington MM

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

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

### St. Joseph's Church Play & Pray

It is great to see so many children attending mass with their families in St Joseph's. To help children to enjoy more fully their experience of church we hope to get **Play and Pray** going again at the 11.30am mass on Sunday. This will take place in the room next to the sacristy during mass. The liturgy involves hearing the Gospel story and praying in language that children understand as well as colouring, singing and other activities. To allow this to happen we need adult volunteers to help out. Can you give your time once a month to help bring the mass to life for our children? All materials etc are provided. If you would like to volunteer or if you have volunteered already and are still available please contact Fr John.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 6th 11am:** Edward & Mary Hayes, 23 Hermitage.  
**Tue 11am:** Probus Mass.  
**Sun 13th 9.30am:** Bridie Dilger, late 54 Hermitage.  
**11am:** Kathleen & James White, 11 Considine Tce.



### Bingo in Community Centre

A loyal committee has run the Bingo in the Community Centre over many years. In recent times the number attending has fallen and it has become very difficult to identify new people to go on the bingo committee. Michael Griffin and Tony Roche, two of the stalwarts, are retiring — we thank Michael and Tony for their time and commitment. The Bingo will cease, Sunday 6th February until such time as a new committee can be put in place.

### Discussed at last Pastoral Council Meeting

- ◆ Survey to be conducted with the 7.45am morning Mass attendance to determine what was the most suitable time for morning Mass at Cathedral.
- ◆ A new system to be put into practice at Cathedral for the distribution of Holy Communion. People to come up the centre aisle and return by side aisle.



## Friary News

### ANNUAL FRANCISCAN

**GET-TOGETHER:** Why not come along and join us for our annual social event with dinner, music and dancing at the Temple Gate Hotel on Sunday February 13th from 1.30pm to 6.30pm. Tickets cost €20 from Friary Office. All are welcome.

### Pilgrimages 2011

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Fri next Feb 11th is the 153rd Anniv of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon on Sun June 26th, returning on Fri July 1. Cost has been reduced for the 2nd year to €670pp sharing. Booking forms from CARA/Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2; 01 2410810; Limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at €550. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon. ☎ 061 364133.

**Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo** from Sept 26-Oct 3rd; tour leader: Mary Kelly, accompanied by a Spiritual Director. 065 6835519.

**Ennis Padre Pio Prayer Group** trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Nettuno & Subiaco with Bishop Kieran O'Reilly, Sept 5-12th, 2011. from Cork. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. ☎ Maire 086 8804603.

### New Openings in the Study of Theology & Religion for Adults.

*Introduction to Biblical Studies* every Wed until 6th April in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick at 7pm. **9th Feb Events in Biblical History & the Story of the Bible—Dr. Jessie Rogers.** All welcome. €5 per lecture.



**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. 5th Feb:** 6.30pm Dan Baker, Barrack St. MM  
**Sun.:9am** Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Greine. Peggy Pilkington, 17 Clare Road.  
**10.30am** James Kelly, Clonroadmore. Virginia Donnellan, St. Josephs, Hermitage. Paul Brassil, 14 St. Michaels Villas.  
**12 Noon: Mass for the People.**  
**Mon.:7.45am** Dec'd members Corry Family.  
**10am** Aine Fennell & her sister Sr. Mary Benet O.P. Gort Rd.  
**7.30pm** Bridget O'Loughlin, 54 St. Michaels Villas.  
**Tues.:7.45am** Special Intention.  
**10am** Patrick & Mary Ellen Garrehy, 10 St. Mls Villas.  
**7.30pm** Bernie Dilger, 39 Connolly Villas.  
**Wed.:7.45am** Special Intention.  
**10am** Maureen Murphy, 45 Hermitage.  
**7.30pm** James, Agnes & Seamus Blake, 9 Limerick Rd.  
**Thurs.: 7.45am Mass for the People.**  
**10am** Moloney family, 23 Steeles Tce.  
**7.30pm** Michael & Bridget Singleton, 48 Hermitage.  
**Fri.:7.45am** Joe Foley, 25 College Park.  
**10am** Christina & Patrick Malone, 6 Dalcassian Drive.  
**7.30pm** Kay Gallagher, Cahercalla, Kilmaley Rd. **1st Anniv**  
**Sat.:10am** Fintan Ryan, 23 Fergus Manor  
**6.30pm** Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd. MM  
**Sun.:9am** Margaret McMahon, Loughville Tomas O'Shea, Tulla Road  
**10.30am** James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey Tomas Mannion, 6 Highfield Park Liam Moloney, Shanaway Rd Michael Griffin, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd. Cornelius & Mgt Shanahan, 1 McMahon Villas

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 13th February, 2011

Readers: Group 5  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



### Rest in Peace

**IN MEMORY** Sheila Tilley, Dublin, sister of Marian Petty, Mill Road; **Maisie Lysaght** (nee Mahony), England and late Connolly Villas, sister of Annie Higgins, McNamara Pk.; **Jim McCann**, Swinford, Co. Mayo, brother of Delia Corey, Loughville; **Kevin O'Neill**, Kilmihil, father of Bernie O'Neill, 91 Abbey Court, Marie O'Neill, Edenvale & brother of Sr. Claire, St. Xavier's Convent; **Teresa Ryan**, Gallows Hill; **Larry Clohessy**, 25 Hermitage;

### Date for Diary

- ◆ Pastoral Council Tuesday 7th February.
- ◆ Word on Web Wednesday 9th February 8-9.30pm. Adult Faith Education Programme. Using web download from Augustinian Centre, Dublin. All welcome.
- ◆ Bereavement Visitation Group Thurs, 10th Feb 8pm Cathedral House.
- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group Monday 14th February.
- ◆ Training night for new Ministers of the Eucharist from Abbey Cluster, Monday 7th March, St. Flannan's College.
- ◆ Night of Song and Reflection with David Park Friday 18th March, Cathedral.



# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



## First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the person you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and the Lord will say, I am here.

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

### The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Good people are a light in the  
darkness for the upright*

They are a light in the darkness for the upright:  
They are generous, merciful and just.  
The good take pity and lend,  
They conduct their affairs with honour. **R.**

The just will never waiver:  
They will be remembered for ever.  
They have no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart they trust in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart they will not fear;  
open-handed they give to the poor:  
their justice stands firm for ever.  
Their heads will be raised in glory. **R.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, my sisters and brothers, it  
was not with any show of oratory or philosophy,  
but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed.  
During my stay with you, the only knowledge I

claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about  
him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on  
any power of my own, I came among you in  
great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches  
and the sermons that I gave, there were none of  
the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a  
demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I  
did this so that your faith should not depend on  
human philosophy but on the power of God.

### 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: Matthew 5:13-16

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the  
earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it  
salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be  
thrown out to be trampled underfoot by people.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top  
cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under  
a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for  
everyone in the house. In the same way your light  
must shine in the sight of people, so that, seeing your  
good works, they may give the praise to your Father  
in heaven.'

### The Gospel of the Lord