



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

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6th March, 2011

From Pain to Promise

“From Pain to Promise” is the Lenten theme for Ennis parish this year. The past 12 months has seen many changes in Ennis, and people are now living in a time of uncertainty and worry. Families have felt the pain of businesses closing down, unemployment, cuts in wages and many are worried about what the future holds. Many families are dealing with grief through death, separation, emigration and illness.

A series of speakers begins at the 7.30pm Mass in the Cathedral, on Ash Wednesday, March 9th, with **Brendan McGee**.

Brendan, a former heroin addict, spent many years on the Ha'penny Bridge begging. He has now completed a Diploma in Drugs Counselling.

On Saturday, March 12th, **Pauline McMahon** will be the guest speaker at the 6.30pm Mass in the Cathedral. Pauline is a separated mother of 3 children from Newry, Co. Down and is also a Primary School Principal. Pauline will speak on the issues surrounding relationships and separation and how she found healing in the power of prayer and meeting empathetic people on her journey.

Fr Tony Butler, SMA will speak on Saturday March 19th at 6.30pm in The Cathedral. Tony is from Dublin. He will tell of his struggle in a humorous and hopeful way as a priest and Christian in a believing community.



Gareth O'Callaghan is no stranger to radio listeners. He is also an author and former television presenter. Gareth is outspoken on suicide and depression-related topics, having had personal experience. Gareth can be heard on Saturday, March 26th at 6.30pm in The Cathedral.

John Waters is well known to Ennis people. He is probably best known as a journalist and activist for the rights of fathers. John can be heard on Saturday April 2nd at 6.30 in The Cathedral.

John Lonergan, has recently retired having spent 26 years as Governor of Mountjoy prison. He has developed a deep understanding both of human nature and of Irish society. John has already spoken in Ennis on various occasions and he will conclude the talks on Saturday, April 9th at 6.30 in The Cathedral.

More details available in the Parish newsletter and www.ennisparish.com

6.30pm Vigil Mass at Ennis Cathedral
“Journeying Together in Hope”



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 6th March, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John Mc Govern ☎065 68 22166

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

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.*



Vision Seminar with Fr. Flann Lynch. Improve relationships both at home and in your workplace. West Co on Sun March 13th from 10am-2pm; www.visionbeinspired.com

An Evening of Prayer Through Song with David Parkes



In Ennis Cathedral
on Friday 18th, March at 8pm

David Parkes (International soccer player & well known singer) will come to conduct an evening of prayer through song in the Cathedral. Please keep that night free for this event. It is prayerful, enlightening and faith deepening.

There is no cover charge - but there will be a retiring collection afterwards if you would like to contribute.

7.30 Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm to facilitate the organising of this event.

Lent 2011



*From Pain to Promise
Journeying Together in Hope*

Ash Wednesday 9th March
Céadaoin an Luathrigh

a day of fast and abstinence. Ash will be distributed after all Masses in Ennis Parish. Cuimhnigh air, a dhuine, gur cré tú agus go ndéanfar cré díot arís.

(Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.)

Lent Programme

Ash Wednesday, 9th March

- Ennis Cathedral at 7.30pm
Brendan McGee

Brendan McGee - You probably walked by him on the ha'penny bridge crouched, cup in hand - begging. He sat on the stony steps for three years; a combination of a broken home, a heroin addiction that he was powerless against. Brendan found a sense of spirituality in Merchant's Quay Treatment Facility in High Park, Drumcondra. He has completed a Certificate with Distinction in Drug Counselling Theory and Intervention Skills. He works as a Support Worker with Casadh, a community organisation aiding in rehabilitation and education.



On Sat 12th March at 6.30pm mass in Ennis Cathedral, Pauline McMahon will speak.

Pauline comes from Newry in Co Down. She is the Principal of a Primary School adjacent to the town. She is a separated mother of three children and combining home life with a full time job was an arduous struggle - and hence a real life story is revealed. A reliance on Prayer and encountering empathetic people on her journey alleviated many problems and helped sustain the family through their turmoil. An everyday story!

Parish Pastoral Council



John Tunney, Elm Park takes over from Sarah Malone as Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. John hales from Letterkenny, Co. Donegal and is married to Ennis native Mary Murphy. We acknowledge and thank Sarah for her leadership and time over the past 3 years. We wish John well for his term.

Newly Baptised



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

Beyonce Stojkova; Orla Marie Hoey; Alex Thomas Curran; Tristan James Lyons; Sean Bartley Flaherty; Vince Vinci O Semudia Eromselc; Vivian Irenosen Ebhohimhen; Zoe Easther Iraegbulam; Maria Anna Mazurek; Anthony Iraegbulam;

Fergus ICA Guild meeting on Thurs March 10th at 8pm in the West Co. New members welcome.

Diabetes Federation of Ireland Clare Branch. Type 1 Support Group on Tue March 8th in Old Ground from 8-9.30pm. 087 6415747 or clarebranchdfi@gmail.com

Live The Word



When it seems like things are never going to change, there is always hope. You'll be amazed that by having hope and trusting there is a solution, the answer will manifest itself into a reality. Visualise what you hope will be.

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of your Faith?

A Series of Studies for Adults on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, will commence in March. This is a home study course, with a weekly meeting at St. Joseph's meeting room in Kincora Pk on Wed mornings. Details from Eithne Gleeson @ 087 6679516.



Taizé Prayer: Prayer using the chants of Taizé, reading from Scripture and quiet prayer, at the Poor Clare Convent Chapel, Francis St. Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 5th March

7pm: Patrick O'Donovan, 24 The Crescent.

Sun 10am: Michael, Heather & Tara Glynn, New Jersey, USA & formerly Clonroad. **1st Anniv.**

Tue 11am: Kathleen & Thomas Lowe.

Ash Wednesday:

11am: Ciaran & Eddy Hennessy.

Thu 11am: Jim Ward, 25 Westbourne.

Fri 11am Sean Mc Mahon, 58 Marian Ave.

Sat 11am: Matt O'Connor, New Road.

7pm: James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay

Sun 13th March 10am: Joe Moroney, 5 Corrovorrin.

11.30am: Peadar O'Keeffe, Drumcliffe Road.

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am

Everybody welcome.

Mass in the extraordinary form (traditional Latin Mass) in St. Joseph's Church on this Sun March 6th at 5.30pm. All welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 6th March: 9.30am Mary, Patrick & Patrick Joseph Quigley, Ballinacurra, Ennistymon.

11am: Rose & Peter O'Shaughnessy, Clonroad.

Mon 9.30am: Mary Hennelly, Co. Mayo

Tues 9.30am: Patrick Mulqueeny, Cnámh.

Ash Wednesday:

9.30am: Annie Moloney, 8 Hermitage.

Thurs 9.30am: James Shiffer, Columban Father.

Friday 9.30am: Hubert Hunter, Columban Father.

11am: Scoil Chríost Rí Confirmation

Sun 13th 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh Rd. MM

Buy with care Think FAIRTRADE. FAIRTRADE Fortnight continues to March 13th. ☎ 085 7110204. www.fairtrade.ie

Half day Conference on dietary/nutritional interventions for autistic spectrum disorders Sat March 26th 9.30-12.30 at the Temple Gate. Guest nutritionalist Jean Muscroft has personal experience of a child with this condition. Tickets from Open Sesame.

English/History grinds for Honours and Ord Level Junior/ Leaving Cert. Individual/group. ☎ 0860688377

Art Education for All - Children/Teenage/Adult Art Classes in Painting, Sculpture, Print, Digital photography, Photoshop, Web Design, Graphic Design, Portfolio Presentation; Extra Curricular Leav Cert Art. ☎ 086 8207370; www.ennisartschool.com

Smoking cessation: What we need to know! Free HSE event with guest speakers and free lung testing. Ennis 9th March 7.30-9pm. Bookings only by 8th March- contact 086-8523616 or clarehealthpromotion@hse.ie

Pilates Classes - 7 Week Course Starting March 8th @ 10am - Tues & Thurs; Ozone Fitness, Quinn Rd., Ind., Park, ☎ Monica on 087 763 6744.

If you have ever volunteered or would like to volunteer for the Clare Branch of Arthritis Ireland, why not join us for a cup of tea, coffee and cake at the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis on March 8th @ 7 pm. Bring a friend.



Friary News

Lenten Day of Renewal on

13th March in St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St. **Theme:**

Come...All you who thirst...Be Filled Eph. 1: Wisdom. 7

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Damian Ryan, Limerick.

2-6pm. Prayer Praise Teaching.

4.30pm Eucharist. Bring a friend.

All welcome. Hosted by Killaloe-Ennis-Charismatic Service Teams. ☎ Iris 086 3334153 & Helen 087 7904698.

Husbands and Wives - Why not give your spouse a special gift of a marriage enrichment weekend away with you in beautiful Killarney from 8th (8pm) to 10th (4pm) April. Presented by Marriage Encounter, this is a break with a difference that will help rekindle and enrich the love and joys that you share together. It is for both the recently married and for those married for many years. www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 064 6644319

Pilgrimages 2011

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

Walk the Camino de Santiago this June for Aware - Why not register to join us for the 112km Camino trek to Santiago de Compostela? The Camino Walk for Aware from 4th-11th June & a €300 deposit is required now to reserve your place, with a further commitment to raise €2,200. ☎ Helen 087 679 4356 or email camino@aware.ie

Avenue United FC Schoolboys registration night for forthcoming season Friday 11th March, Temple Gate Hotel (Plaza Room) from 6pm to 8pm. New members always welcome.

Date for Diary

Formation Night for new and existing Ministers of the Eucharist, of the Abbey Cluster. Monday 7th March, St. Flannan's College 7.30pm.

(Follow up night for new Minister in your own parish).

We wish well to the young people from Scoil Chríost Rí and Holy Family Schools who will received the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Agnes Kelly, 54 McNamara Park. MM

Sun.:9am Patrick & Nancy Guilfoyle, 6 Gallow's Hill.

10.30am Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Road.

Mary Pigott, 46 Connolly Villas.

12noon Teresa Ryan, 19 Gallow's Hill. MM

Mon:7.45am Frank McMahon, Loughville.

10am Kathleen Sorche, Cappamore, Barefield.

7.30pm Sean Dinan, 51 St. Michael's Villas.

Tues.:7.45am James, Patrick & Margaret Doohan.

10am Molly & Eddie Breen, Summerhill.

7.30pm Christopher & Nora O'Grady, 111 Hermitage.

Wed.:7.45am Tadhg & Eileen O'Shea &

Noreen Slattery, Árd na Gréine.

10am Tony, Susan & James O'Brien, Golf Link's Road.

7.30pm Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Road.

Thurs.:7.45am Special Intention.

10am Mairéad Scanlon, Miltown Malbay.

7.30pm Gerald O'Driscoll, 4 Summerhill.

Fri.:7.45am Mass for the people.

10am Special Intention

6.30pm: Michael Hassett, 72 Drumbiggle Road. MM

7.30pm Laurence Clohessy, 25 Hermitage. MM

Sat.:10am Daniel Kelly & son John Kelly, daughters

Marie McCarthy & Theresa Carroll & Tom O'Sullivan.

11am: Holy Family School Confirmation

6.30pm Jack Hinchy, Gortalougha, Inagh. **1st Anniv**

Sun.:9am Rosarie Gleeson, Árd na Gréine.

10.30am Christina & Martin O'Neill, 94 Turnpike Road.

Theresa Delaney, 2 High St. & Glenina.

12noon Kevin Murray, St. Flannan's Tce. **1st Anniv.**

Noel Gallagher, London & Lifford. **(Burial of Ashes)**

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 13th, 2011

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Frank Cummins, Roscrea brother Sr. Terri Aughanterroe; **Dave Gilligan**, Clarecastle brother of Gerry Gilligan, Golf Links Rd; **Noel Gallagher**, London & late Lifford; **Lucille Hayes**, Bridge Court, Roslevan & late Pearse Ave.;

Ennis Tidy Towns & Sculpture Initiative

presents a night of Music/Dancing with Dave Culligan & Mountain Dew. At Cois na hAbhna on Sat April 2nd from 9.30-12.30pm; Tickets €10 from either The Parish Office or at reception in Ennis Chamber of Commerce. **Proceeds in Aid of Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador.**



COMMUNITY SMOKE ALARM SCHEME: It is intended to provide 10 year battery operated smoke alarms to vulnerable homes in the county. We are asking voluntary groups/ volunteers and others who visit people in vulnerable households to identify these homes. Applications are also welcome from individual households who are in a position to install the alarms themselves. Forms are available by contacting the Community & Enterprise Section, Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co Clare, ☎ 065 6846571 or by emailing dceoff@clarecoco.ie

GETTING RENEWABLES RIGHT! A free informational afternoon for anyone interested in reducing their heating bills Thurs, 10th March @ 5pm Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. Event Organiser: Ensoleir - www.ensoleir.com



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28.32

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: Let these words of mine remain in your heart and in your soul; fasten them on your hand as a sign and on your forehead as a circlet.

See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: a blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord our God that I enjoin on you today; a curse, if you disobey the commandments of the Lord your God and leave the way I have marked out for you today, by going after other gods you have not known. You must keep and observe all the laws and customs that I set before you today.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm:

Response:

Be a rock of refuge to me, O Lord.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.

Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free,

hear me and speedily rescue me.

R.

“Be a rock of refuge to me”,

A mighty stronghold to save me,

for you are my rock, my stronghold.

For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

R.

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your love.

Be strong, let your heart take courage,

all who hope in the Lord.

R.

Second Reading: Romans 3:21-25.28

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

God's justice that was made known through the Law and the Prophets has now been revealed outside the Law, since it is the same justice of God that comes through faith to everyone, Jew

and pagan alike, who believes in Jesus Christ. Both Jew and pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory, and both are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith since, as we see it, a person is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells them to do.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me they will keep my word,

And my Father will love them

And we shall come to him.

Alleluia

Gospel:

Matthew 7:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord", who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven. When the day comes many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?" Then I shall tell them to their faces: I have never known you; away from me, you evil people!

'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible person who built their house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid person who built a house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had!'

The Gospel of the Lord

