



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

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Friary: 6828751

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 6th September, 2009

“Be Opened”

Try for a moment to put yourself in the place of the man in today's Gospel.

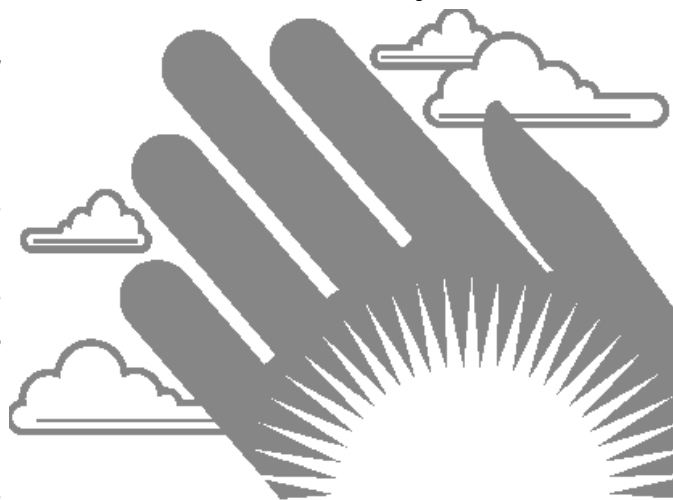
Mark tells us that the man was deaf, and also that he was not able to speak. Imagine him trying to communicate with the people around him. In that society, he would probably not be able to read and write either.

He was on his own, waiting for someone to look his way and notice him. Then all he could do was hope that the person would care enough to pay attention and make an effort to understand from his gestures what he was trying to get across. In many ways, the man was imprisoned, trapped in his own silence, cut off from the people around him.

Now imagine what it was like for this man on the day he met Jesus. Imagine his joy when Jesus noticed him. And look at this wonderful detail from Mark's Gospel. Jesus was so focused on the man that he noticed, not just the fact that he was deaf, but also the man's feelings of shyness. Most of Jesus' healing miracles take place wherever he happens to be, usually in the middle of a crowd.

But Jesus was sensitive to this man's more private nature, so he drew him aside from the other people. Then Jesus gently touched his ears and his tongue. The first sound the man heard was the voice of Jesus saying, “Ephphatha!” “Be opened.”

If we are truly honest with ourselves all of us are like the deaf mute in the Gospel in some way.



Each of us has some part of ourselves that is trapped and enclosed.

We might have moments when the world around us feels like it is closing in; moments when we feel inferior; times when we lose hope and we despair or moments in our lives when we feel

helpless and weak.

It is in these moments that Jesus is so near to us. Jesus is standing right beside us whispering to us, gently calling to us, to come to him. Then Jesus can touch us and release us from our prison, release us from our fear, and make us whole.

*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 6th September, 2009
Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎ 065 6891983
Wednesday: 9th
Fr. Martin Blake ☎ 065 6824043

Killaloe Diocesan Night Vigil to Knock Shrine



on Saturday 12th September
Ceremonies begin at 9pm

For bus transport please contact:
Glynn's Coaches: 065 6828234
Michael Meere Coach Hire: 065 6824833
Noel O'Shea, Kilkee: 065 9057019
PK Travel: 061 471111 or 087 953 9000

Bus to Knock on Sunday 20th Sept in honour of Padre Pio. Leaving the market at 10am. Tickets from O'Connor's Bakery, Parnell St.

Lectio Divina - Reflecting on the Sunday Readings using the 'Lectio Divina' method beginning Tue 15th Sept.
Time: 11.00am. to 12.00pm.
Venue: Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Road, Ennis.
☎ Br. Dick Burke 065 6821471.

Qualified Carer wanted for the elderly & sick in the Ennis Area. Apply to 086 1993838.

Coffee Morning Tue Sept 15; 10-1pm at Mary Foley's, Rosslara, 17 Cusack Lawn. In aid of Cahercalla Hospice. Please support.

Ennis Track Athletic Club

Open Sports Day
Saturday September 12th

@ Lees Road Sports Facility Ennis
Start at 1pm Sharp

Admission €3 including race entry.

NB: Senior Ladies & Senior Men's Mile races are the first two events.

Congratulations to Rory Chesser, Glenina, who recently won the All Ireland 3000m Steeplechase at the National Championships in Santry, Dublin.

Training will resume in Lee's Road on Monday 7th Sept & continue on Monday & Friday nights from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Teen Co Op Disco Junior Cert Results

As the Junior Cert results are expected on Wednesday next, 9th, Teen Co Op are organising a Disco for those who receive results that day, in the Queens Night Club.

7.30pm - 10.30pm
Strictly over 15's

It would be very helpful if parents would drop those attending the Disco at the Queens from 7pm onwards and collect them again at 10.30pm. This is an Alcohol free Disco. Cost: €12

We are pleased to announce a return visit of the ever popular *Morrison Orpheus Choir* from Wales, who will visit Ennis for a special concert here in the Cathedral on Saturday November 21. All proceeds will go directly to Cuan an Chláir and the Fr Martin Keane Building of Hope Project in Kenya. Tickets at €15 euro, are available from the Parish office.



Cuan an Chláir, Ennis Daycare Centre
Total collected on Flag day
28th August was €5,205.00

Sincere thanks to Mary O'Sullivan, co-ordinator, collectors & all who contributed.

CLARECARE Are you the parent of a child in care of the HSE?

Clare Advocacy, a service that supports parents with children in care of the HSE, is running a programme, starting in October, called **MY CHILD - MY ROLE** :

A programme for parents with children in care.

Topics will include: promoting positive access visits with your child, understanding the care system, self care and living through a changed relationship with your child. For information please contact Clare Advocacy Service, Clarecare 065 - 6828178.

Cantare Chamber Choir, Ennis is looking for new members. An ability to read music is an advantage but not compulsory. Rehearsals take place in Ennis on Wednesday nights. ☎ Geraldine 086 8351739.

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday, 30th August, 2009

€9814.00

Reopening

Sharkey School of Irish Dancing in St. Flannan's Hall on Wed 9 Sept. Beginners 5-6 & advanced beginners 6-7, adv 7-8;
Fri 11th 5-6 & 7-8 ☎ Anthony at 0656821615.

Fergus Bridge Club resumes play on Sept 10.

Ennis Taekwon-Do School free Introductory Classes. Teens/ Adults Tue 8 Sept @ 6.30pm; Children 6-10 Sat 12 Sept @ 10am; At Ennis National School. Tel 6820646.

Steps To Fitness Meet N Train resumes 7th Sept: 7.30pm at the Fairgreen Ennis. Existing & new joggers welcome. Text (087) 217 0569.

33 Castlerock, Tulla Rd. Montessori Pre School Sept. 09. Mon-Fri 9-12. Book now for free pre school year for 2010. ☎ Rita: 087 2265819.

Scoil Ui Ruairc Irish Dancing - classes at Maria Assumpta Hall on Tue 8 Sept 2.30-5 & Thurs 10th 4-6pm. ☎ 061452778 / 6828980.

Computer Training: word Processing, Database, spreadsheets, power Point, Desktop Publishing & email. Contact 6824785.

Slevin O'Connell School of Irish Dancing returns this week. Beginners welcome. Please contact: Niamh Slevin T.C.R.G. at 086 8481348.

FUNK Fusion Stage School. Classes starting on Wed Sept 8 in Cois na hAbhna. New students welcome. ☎ 087 7773722.

Violin Tuition Cathy Desmond BA HDip LTCL - cdsymphonia@gmail.com - 086 3504741.

Little Angels preschool - Starting 7th Sept: Little Angels Preschool for 2 1/2 to 5 years olds. Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Situated in the purpose built Holy Family Childcare facility. Caring qualified staff. HSE notified. Also free preschool places. Tel Lara @ 086 843 8888.

Ennis Guitar School— lessons from acoustic-folk to rock and blues. All ages. Also tuition in piano, drums, sax & bass. Tel 065-6822516.

"Ennis Eagles" Special Olympics Bowling Club - Bowling sessions on Tue Sept 8 @ 7.30pm; Clare Leisure World, Ennis. Volunteers welcome. ☎ Nuala 0862523485.

Shotokan Karate Ennis - classes Mon 7 Sept at 7.30pm in St. Flannan's College. ☎ Jim 087-2220300 / or John 087-1249616.

THEATRO School of Performing Arts - Enrol @ Ennis Leisure Complex Wedn 9th / Thurs 10th Sept; 4pm - 6pm. Classes on following week. Enquiries to principal - Helen C Ball on 087 065 7307 or theatroperformingarts@gmail.com

Pilates courses in Clare Training Resource Centre, Clonroad Business Pk Tue 8 Sept. ☎ Lizzie Turvey on 087 2757703 for details.

Ennis Gymnastics Club resumes - on 7 Sept. Telephone Lesley at 086 2391577. Tots classes also.



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm Frank Stackpoole, Oakleighwood, Tulla Rd
 Sun 10am Lelia O'Brien, Ennis & James Fahy, Cavan & Whitegate
 Sun 11.30am Noel Bane, 56 Marian Ave 1st Anniv
 Sat 11am Decd members McLoughlin & Carey families
 Sat 7pm Gerard & Betty Griffin, Lifford Rd
 Sun 13th 10am Olive Smith, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow
 Sun 13th 11.30am Noel Carmody, Kincora Park

Taize Prayer - Prayer using the songs of Taize, reading from Scripture and some quiet reflective silence. St Joseph's Church
 Thurs 10th @ 8pm



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun: 6th @ 9.30am: Aidan Frost, Castlewood Park
 @ 11.00am: Josie Mc Mahon, Shanaway.
 Sat: 12th @ 11.00am:
 Pat O' Hanlon, Shanaway Road. MM

Bingo in Community Centre Sunday at 8.30pm.

World Karate Championships TOKYO, JAPAN

Congratulations to John Tunney, Cormac Hennessy, Patrick Tierney, Aaron Flynn and Conall Tunney from Ennis Parish, part of the Irish WSKF karate team who competed in the WSKF World Championship in Tokyo, in August. They took home 3 medals. This is a great achievement for the team members and they represented their club, families, town and country in an excellent manner.

Cathedral Choir

will recommence singing at 12.15pm Mass this Sun (Sept. 6th). All returning members are asked to be in the Organ Loft at 12pm. The Cathedral Choir is accepting new members. If you are interested tel Membership Liaison Officer / Assistant Director, Marie Corley, 087 2022780 or the Music Director, Leon Walsh - Rehearsals are every Mon from 7pm - 8.30pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

"When you sing, you pray twice" -

St. Augustine of Hippo

ADORE 2009 - Eucharistic Conference for

Young Adults (18-30); Sept 11-13 in Presentation Brothers' College, Mardyke, Cork City; snacks, free accommodation; donations welcome; Tel: 086 323 8543; adore2009ireland@gmail.com; www.mhccadore.com

Clare Accessible Transport Under Threat!

Services operated by C.A.T. are under threat if the recommendations of An Board Snip Nua to axe the Rural Transport Programme are accepted. Please show your support on Fri 11th Sept in O'Connell Sq at 11am. ☎ 061924375/1890687287; www.catconnects.ie; ourbus@catconnects.ie

Eddie Stone will visit Corofin Church Fri 11th Sept at 7pm.



Friary News

Friary Hall Whist will resume this Sun, Sept 6th at 8.30. New members welcome.

Barefield School Garden Fete - Sun Sept 6th - 2-5 pm. Family Fun Day Guaranteed. Lots of activities. (and they won't break the bank either!) We even have a plan B if it's raining!

Friends of Clare Mental Health—Garden Fete in the grounds of Our lady's hospital, Gort Road on Sun 13th Sept @ 2pm. Lots of fun for all the family, cake stall, dog show, lucky dip, bouncing castle, face painting, raffle etc. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Christian Life Sodality

Meetings will recommence in the Christian Brothers' Monastery on Tue 8th Sept @ 8pm. Mass will be celebrated for Mary Collins R.I.P mother of Tina Queally & sister of Sr Bridget.

We are privileged and delighted to welcome Canon Taaffe as our new spiritual director and we wish Fr. John Molloy every blessing and success in his new missionary experience.

The Christian Life Sodality is the continuation of the Sodality originally known as "the children of Mary Sodality" which was formally established in St Xavier's Mercy convent in 1870. On July of that year the first four girls were received into the Sodality, Winifred O'Brien, Margaret Hogan, Katie O Keffe, and Margaret O Rourke. It was affiliated to the Prima Primaria Sodality in Rome in October 1870 under the titles of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St John Berchmans.

Solas - Suicide Support Group will take place on Sat 12 Sept from 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. at CIOC, Connolly House, Unit 7A, Elevation Park, Clonroad, Ennis, (Roundabout opposite turn off to Tesco); This support group is for family, friends & co workers whose lives have been touched by suicide, either recently or in the past. It is totally confidential/free. ☎ Johanna Treacy 086 0829907.

Bereavement Meeting on Thursday Sept 10, at 8pm in Cathedral House.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 John Franco Alborante, 7 Greendale. MM
 Sun.:9am Christina & Laurence Kelly, 40 Connolly Villas
 10am Vincent Slattery, Tynagh, Loughrea.
 Michael Quinn, Riverside Hse., Cusack Rd.
 John & Kitty Considine, Clare Rd.
 Joseph & Kathleen Neylon, Clancy Park.

11am Mass for the people.

12.15pm Mass for the people.

Mon.:8am Flan Honan, College View, Clare Road.

10am Molly Slattery, Cahercalla

7.30pm Séan Kenny, Drumbiggle & Birmingham

Tues.:8am Donors Intentions

10am Mai & Jack Kenny, 2 Connolly Villas

7.30pm Martin & Anne Cronin, Drumbiggle Road.

Wed.:8am John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.

10am James O' Halloran, Limerick Road.

7.00pm: Mollie & Michael Meehan, 17 Summerhill.

7.30pm Sr. Brigid Collins, Carron & Ennis.

Thurs.:8am Donors Intention

10am Lelia Lynch, Magowna, Inch.

7.30pm Susan Mc Mahon, Limerick Road, Ennis.

Fri.:8am Mass for the people.

10am Bridget & Michael Neylon, Kilmaley

7.30pm John Mc Cann, Ballygriffey. 1st Anniv.

Sat.:10am Martin Barry, Clareville, Clonroad

11am Michael Kears, 22 St. Michael's Villas, Ennis

6.30pm Donors Intentions

Sun.:9am William Morgan, Roscommon

10am Eileen Linnane, 40 St. Flannan's Tce.

Agathy Finnerty, late of Tobartaoscain

Patrick Quigley, 67 Gallows Hill.

11am Charmaine Frawley, 1 Marian Ave. 1st Anniv.

12.15pm Andrew Ryan, Cloonteen, Ballyalla & 56 Ivy Hill. 1st Anniv.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 13th September, 2009

Readers: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Dr. Brid Moylan, 3 Bindon St & Dublin; **Luigi Forte**, 49 Collins Park & Italy; **Michael O'Connor**, Shanaway Rd;

FOR NEEDY FAMILY - 3+1+1 neat pine suite suitable for a kitchen/dining room; contact 087-1267541;

Killaloe Priests' Benevolent Fund



Annual Collection will take place in Ennis Parish this weekend: September 5th & 6th. The fund ensures that the diocese is able to provide care for our elderly priests, who have retired.

Samaritans of Ennis & Clare: Volunteers Needed - Ennis & Clare Branch of the Samaritans is seeking new volunteers. **Info/selection nights** in the Old Ground Hotel, on Mon 7th Sept at 8pm.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Say to all faint hearts,
Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
God is coming to save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

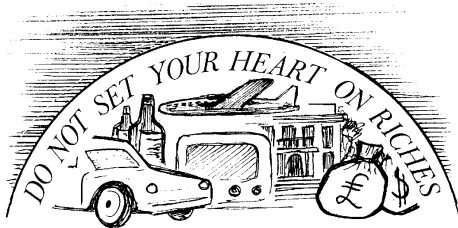
Response:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is the Lord who gives bread to the hungry,
who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down,
The Lord who loves the just,
The Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
But thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**



Second Reading: James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St. James.

My sisters and brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a

person comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor person comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed person, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor person, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

