

What's on this week?

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 8th January, 2012

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 6822166

Wednesday Duty:

Parish Office ☎065 6824023

Newly Baptised



We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sarah Gene Dunne; Martin Darragh William Mongan; Aleksandra

Bozena Krupa; David Rudolf Curi; Adam Donnacha Hogan; Marek Malar;

SOLAS – Suicide support group takes place **Sat. Jan. 14th** from 11am – 12noon, at **CIOC offices, Elevation Business Pk, Clonroad, Ennis**. This support group is for family, friends, and co-workers whose lives have been touched by suicide either recently or in the past. It is totally confidential and free of charge. For further information contact Johanna Treacy, 086 - 0829907

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Baisteadh ár dTiarna

Chuir baisteadh íosa tús lena shaol poiblí. Thréig Sé an saol príobháideach a chleacht Sé le tríocha bliain roimhe sin. Ghlac Sé le toil a Athar agus thug Sé aghaidh ar shaol a chríochnódh ar Chnoc Calvaire. An tuisce a baisteadh íosa san Iordáin osclaíodh na Flaithis dó agus thuirling an Spiorad Naomh Air mar a bheadh colm. Chualathas guth a Athar a rá, "Is é seo mo mhac muirneach. Éistig leis" (Matha 3:17). Tá dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaisteadh féin agus baisteadh íosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Ba é Fíor na Croise an chéad phaidir a d'fhoghlaimíomar mar pháistí. Tosaíonn agus críochnaíonn gach Aifreann agus gach paidir le Fíor na Croise.

Jesus' public life began with His baptism. He forsook His private life of the previous thirty years. He accepted His Father's will and began a life which ended on Mount Calvary. When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove. The Father's voice was heard, "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3.17). Our baptism is closely related to that of Jesus. We are baptised in the name of the Trinity. The sign of the cross was the first prayer we learned as children. Mass begins and ends with the Sign of the Cross as does every prayer.

Keeper of the Spring

The following story was a favourite of the late Rev Peter Marshall, who for several years served as the chaplain of the US Senate.

An old man, who lived near an Austrian village high in the Alps, was hired by his village council to clear away the debris from the pools of water high up in the mountain crevices. These pools fed the spring that flowed through the town. So with faithful regularity, year after year, the old man patrolled the pool, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt.

In time the village became a popular attraction. Swans and ducks floated along the sparkling spring, the mill wheels of various businesses turned day and night, farms were irrigated, and the view of the spring from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Then one evening the town council met to review the budget. Someone queried the salary paid to the obscure keeper of the spring. Others joined in: "He is a waste of money. Drop him." And so they did.

For several weeks, nothing changed. Then in early autumn, the trees shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools. Down in the village, they soon noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the water. Soon a slimy film covered sections of the stream. The mill wheels got entangled with twigs. Soon the stench of rotting vegetation in the water drove away the swans and ducks and the tourists.

In a panic, the village council met. Quickly they set off to visit the old man, and pleaded with him to keep the spring clean again. Within a few weeks, the village's 'river of life' began to clear up. The water ran pure and clear, the birds returned, the mill wheels turned, and even the tourists came back.

Are there leaves of anger, twigs of resentment, or a silt of unforgiveness clogging your spring of living water? Just as little by little the stream became contaminated by debris, so our spirits can become obstructed by the 'small sins' of daily life. Let's allow our Keeper of the Spring to do his job in renewing and cleansing us, so that we can 'run free' and bring blessing to others.

HSE Quit Smoking Support Group

(free); Tuesdays for 4 weeks (10th– 31st Jan 2012) 11.30am– 1pm in Ennis. TO BOOK– CALL 065-6865841

M. Mac Mahon, Clare Health Promotion Services PHN, Slainte Offices, Francis St, Ennis, 065-6865814 / 086 8523616; 1 in every 2 smokers will die of a tobacco related disease. Visit www.quit.ie, call 1850 201 203



Jackpot: €1,500

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

Table Quiz: Michael and Micheál, Manusmore, Clarecastle are travelling to Mombasa, Kenya in February with the Building of Hope Project. They are holding a table quiz in The Grove, Roslevan, Tulla Rd., Ennis on next Thursday, 12th. January at 8.30 pm. Teams of 4 €40. Your support would be greatly appreciated



Réalta Dríochta Pre-School, Now enrolling for Sept 2012. ECCE places available. Located on the grounds of Ennis National School. Contact Martina O'Loughlin 087 7363286 or Kathryn Quinn 087 9232833

Céilí in Cois na hAbhna on Sunday 8th January with the Abbey Céilí Band. Dancing from 3pm - 6pm.

On behalf of GOAL I would like to thank most sincerely everyone who took part in the "mile" on Christmas morning or who made a donation to Goal's work. €2,785 has been contributed so far, Mary Collins. Hope to see you all again next year.

Fergus I.C.A. guild meeting @ 8pm Thurs 12th Jan in St. Joseph's meeting rooms, Lifford. All welcome!

Old Christmas cards for Charity: If you have any old or used greeting cards with a Holy picture on them, please donate them to the Missions. We are looking for Christmas cards, Mass Bouquets or Mass cards. Please leave the cards intact. If you don't want the inscription to be read, please glue or sellotape the cards closed. Boxes at The Friary Office & in all Church Porches.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting on Monday 9th January at Clarecastle Day Care Centre at 8pm.



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

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday 1st January,

€9,599.00



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: Paddy Fitzgerald, Cahercalla Cross, Kilrush Rd. MM

Sun 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.

10am: Eamon Duffy, 50 Kincora Park.
"Do this in Memory"

11.30am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Road.

Mon 11am: Michael O'Halloran, Corrovorrin.

Tue 11am: Mary Pyne Brogan, College Green.

Wed 11am: P.J. & Rita Coulter, Ennis & Dublin.

Thu 11am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.

Fri 11am: Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.

Sat 11am: Martin Slattery, Kevin Barry Ave. 1st Anniv

7pm: Paddy Joe Moloney, 3 Glenina, Gort Rd.

Sun 15th 10am: Mary Kelleher, 15 Rosanore. MM

11.30am: Anthony Dormer, 36 Rosanore.

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



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Dec'd membs Fitzgerald Family, Murroe, Co. Limerick

11am: Maise Hayes, late of Hermitage.

Tue 9.30am: Mamie & Humphrey Murphy, Hill View, Cloughleigh Rd.

Sun 15th 9.30am: "Do this in Memory".

11am: Maura, Joe, Johnny & Marie Griffey, Circular Rd, Inch & N.Y.



Live The Word:

Be good, be kind, be nice, be gentle. Show this to others, and in return you will be shown respect, compassion, friendship and love. Give a little of yourself to others and you shall receive



Taizé

Summer Pilgrimage July 8th - 17th

For 20 years we have travelled to Taizé with 45 young people each year (Age 17-30). We join with 5,000 other young people from all parts of Europe. The community of Taizé, which was founded by the late Brother Roger, are our hosts. There we stay for a week: Sun 8th July-Sun 15th. We share in prayer, workshops, meals, all that makes up a week in the life of young people. On Sunday 15th we travel to Paris, where we stay in Hotel accommodation for two nights, Monday 18th in Disneyland Paris, Mon evening a Coach tour of Paris, Tue 17th July some organised sightseeing, (Shopping), returning home that evening, Tue 17th July. Cost €460. Enquiries to Fr Jerry Carey 086 2508444 or jerrycarey@eircom.net

Classes Resuming



The Sharkey School of Irish dancing will recommence for 2012 on Monday 9th January at our new venue, Clarecastle School Hall. Days and times will stay the same. Adult classes will recommence on Monday 16th January at Woodstock Hotel. For more details contact Anthony 6821615

Scoil Uí Ruairc,

dancing classes resume at Maria Assumpta Hall, Tue 10th Jan, 3pm to 5pm. St Anthony's Hall Sat 14th Jan 10am to 12noon.

Ennis Active Retirement

recommences on Tuesday 10th January at 11pm in Clarecare Harmony Row All welcome especially new members. For further information please contact Kay Morrissey Tel No 0656848983



Pilates courses starting Tues 10th, Wed 11th and Thurs 12th Jan in CTRC, Clonroad, Ennis. For full schedule and bookings call Lizzie on 087 2757703.

Ennis Meettrain

resumes Monday 9th of January at 7pm in the Fairgreen. New beginners welcome. Registration forms available on the night. (087) 2170569 if further information required.



Yoga Classes with Anto, Clonroad Bus Park/Mon 9th Jan Beginners 7pm/8.30pm - Men's Yoga 8.30pm/10pm: Woodstock Hotel/Tue 10th Jan Gentle Yoga 7pm/8.30pm - Continuation 8.30pm/10pm: Thurs 12th Jan Pregnancy 7pm/8.30pm - Advanced 8.30pm/10pm: Fri 13th Jan Morning Yoga 10am/11.30am - Mother & Baby 11.45am/12.45pm: Ennis Leisure Centre Thur 12th Jan Morning Yoga 10am/11.30am: Ennis Yoga Studio Tue 17th Jan Pregnancy Yoga 10am/11.15am

Sewing classes for beginners and experienced - 7 lessons. Day or evening classes will start Wed. 18th January 2012 in Gaelscoil, Ennis. For more information please contact: Susanna 085 1243 416

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 6.30pm Martin Brooks, 18B Castlewood Pk. MM
Sun. 9am Michelle Malone nee Dinan, 10 Waterpark Heights.

10.30am Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas.

Liam Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.

Michael Mc Mahon, Gallows Hill.

Vincent Neylon, 16 Parnell Street.

Nora Malone, Parnell Street.

Kevin Keane, 15 Connolly Villas.

Catherine Considine, late 104 Hermitage.

12 noon Kitty Casey, Monument House, O Connell Sq

Mon.:7.45am Nancy Roche, Quin.

10am Patk Mc Mahon, Carmody Street.

7.30pm Sean & Sis O'Loughlin, Ennis & Alaska.

Tues.:7.45am Imelda & Brendan Ryan, 101 Hermitage.

10am Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.

7.30pm Tom & Peggy Fox, late Barrack St.

Wed.:7.45am Ian Harnett, Tralee.

10am Stephen Cunningham, Ayleru, Labasheeda.

7.30pm Tom Kelly, College Rd.

Thurs.:7.45am Mass for the People.

10am Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh, Moyasta.

7.30pm Tony Shannon, 94 Clancy Park.

Fri.:7.45am Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.

10am Alice Brennan, late O'Connell Street.

7.30pm Special Intention.

Sat.:10am Christina Griffin, 60 Parnell St.

6.30pm Teresa Brigdale, 6 Hermitage. MM

Sun.:9am Paddy O'Donoghue & his brother Joe, Turnpike.

10.30am Paulette Cosgrove, 33 Castlewood Park.

Paul Bonisehi, 1A Ard Caoin, Gort Rd.

Liam Murray, Francis St.

Marian Ball nee O'Neill, 69 Hermitage.

Bgt Cross Kinnane, Headford & Ennistymon.

Michael, Bridget, Paddy & Brian Foley, Liscannor.

"Do this in Memory"

12 noon Paul Shannon, Clarecastle. 1st Anniv
Pat O'Sullivan, Abbey Court.

Eucharist to celebrate the people of all nations will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Sunday Jan 15th at 12noon. We will give time to this Celebration so Mass will be longer than usual.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th, 2012

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Free travel: Living on earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.

Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of Cuan an Chlair:

good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.



Dates for your Diary

- Visitation Bereavement team meeting on Thursday Jan 12th @ 8pm in Cathedral House.
- World Day of Prayer for the sick, Saturday 11th February. Mass of Healing and Anointing in St. Joseph's at 11am.