



# 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  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;  
Friary: 6828751

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

(Year A)

8th May, 2011

## Silence for Listening to God

Prayer is an encounter with God, and as with other things in life, preparation is important. We are distracted by many things and it is not easy to *'tune in to God'*. One way to start is with a period of silence. This can be at any time or place.

Silence is a great friend of prayer, as Meister Eckhart said *"there is nothing resembles God so much as silence"*. There is blessed relief in switching off phones, etc *'to listen to the silence'*. This is the best time to sit - forgetful of time, and make ourselves present to God.

A word or a thought, such as a simple prayer of thanks can be the trigger for a wonderful interlude, because we know that He is listening. The best words come from the silence of our hearts.

The great St. Augustine discovered, after a long search for God, that God was always present to him, but he was not present to God. It was then he uttered the famous words *"Lord late have I loved Thee, You were with me but I was not with You"*.



Perhaps, we too, should not let the distractions of life, detract from the richness of God being close to us, and avail of some periods of silence to commune with Him.



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 8th May, 2011

Priest on Duty:

Fr. John McGovern ☎065 68 22166

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

## Celebration of New Life



A Blessing for Expectant Parents will take place in Ennis Cathedral on this Thursday, 12th May at 8pm. A welcome for Parents, Grandparents, family members. **Fáilte roimh cách.**



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Molly** Amelia O'Connor; **John** Francis Cleary; **Donnacha** Michael Burke.

**Golf Classic** in aid of Building of Hope at Woodstock Golf Club on Fri May 13th. Team of four €120. ☎ Helen O'Neill 085 1295844

**"Type 1 Diabetes Support Group Meeting."** Tue, 10th May, in the Old Ground Hotel, from 8pm-9:30pm. Support Group can be contacted on the following telephone number 087 641 5747 or by email at [clarebranchdfi@gmail.com](mailto:clarebranchdfi@gmail.com)

**Stroll in Dromore Woods**, Ruan this Sun from 12.30. Base camp in car park. For Clare Cancer 250 mile cycling team. Dermot 0860810291.

**Kelly Clan Gathering** takes place at the Bellbridge Hotel, Spanish Point, on 20th-22nd May 2011. Mary 086 3296475 or [clankellyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:clankellyinfo@gmail.com) or [www.kellycln.com](http://www.kellycln.com)

## Liturgy of Thanksgiving

Through Music and Reflection

Presented by the

Catholic Primary Schools

of Ennis Parish

Honouring the Contribution

of Bishop Willie

to Primary School Education



Thursday 19th May  
at 1.30pm in Cathedral  
All Welcome

## Bring Flowers of the Rarest

The crown of the image of Mary has a long history. Depicting Mary wearing a crown is found in the early church. Later images have Mary seated on a throne dressed like a queen and surrounded by Angels and Saints.



Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from gardens and woodlands  
and hillside and dale;  
our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling

the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!*

*Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,*

*Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

Their lady they name thee,

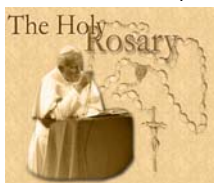
Their mistress proclaim thee,

oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true

as long as the bowers

are radiant with flowers,

as long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.



## May Devotions

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.

- ◆ May Devotions at our Lady's Shrine in Dalcassian Pk each evening at 7pm.
- ◆ Rosary at Lees Rd every evening during May at 6.30pm.
- ◆ Rosary at 7pm each evening at St. Michaels Villas Grotto.
- ◆ Rosary & Benediction Thursday May 19th at 7pm - Hermitage.
- ◆ Rosary, Gallows Hill, every evening at 7pm

**SOLAS** – Suicide support group will take place on **Sat May 14th from 11am – 12 noon**, at **CIOC offices, Elevation Business Park, Clonroad, Joanna 086 – 0829907**

**Taize Prayer.** The monthly gathering for prayer using the chants of Taize with reading from Scripture and quiet reflective time. Next Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm at the Poor Clare Church. All welcome.



## Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2010, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in The Cathedral on this **Sun, May 8th at 2pm**. As these little babies begin to crawl, walk and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years. Baptismal Team members are most welcome.



There is a welcome to all babies and young children.

## Presentation of Honorary Life Patron to Bishop Willie Walsh by Eire Óg GAA Club

on Fri May 13th at 9.30pm in the Clubhouse at Clonroadmore.

Everybody welcome

**Floral Demonstration** - Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Úna Fleming, Cork, at the West Co. on Tue, May 17th at 8.15pm. Floral arrangements raffle. Doors open at 7.30pm [ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net).



**Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844)** came from Callan, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. Feast day May 5th.

**Clare Active Citizenship** host a World Café Event in Cois na hAbhna, Fri 13th May from 10.15-12.30 to consider Income Inequality and why it matters. Speaker Prof. Peadar Kirby, UL. *Come and have a say.*

**Free 7 week Introduction to Gardening course** in Roslevan allotments Mondays 10.30-12.30 from Mon May 9th. ☎ 0656843732

**Irish Heart Foundation.** Volunteers urgently needed for Happy Heart Collection on Thurs/Fri/Sat May 12/13/14th May. Can you give 2 hours please? Contact John 086 3718822.

**El Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James)** An Ancient Pilgrim's Route in Spain. Slide Show & Talk by Former Pilgrim. Chapter Room, Ennis Cathedral, Wed, May 11th at 8pm Paul at 0876104103.

**Medjugorje Prayer Meeting** on Mon 9th May at Clarecastle Day Care Centre at 8pm.



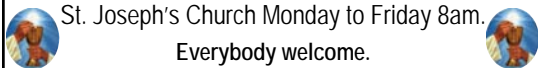
**ICA Fergus Guild** next meeting Thurs 12th May St. Joseph's meeting room, Kincora Park, Lifford Road, at 8pm.

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 1st May, €8,139.00

## St. Joseph's

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion



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

Everybody welcome.

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 8th May 7pm: Frank Gibbons, 2 Kincora Park

Sun: 10am: Seán Glynn, Kincora Park & Christy Glynn, Clonroad.

11.30am: Intentions of Leslie & Brad Goodall.

5.30pm: Mass in Latin.

Mon 11am: Patrick & Eileen Griffin, Kilmaley.

Tue 11am: Michael Neylon, Kilmaley.

Wed 11am: Lena Noonan.

Thurs 11am: Anthony Noonan.

Fri 11am: Kevin McEnnis, Lifford Rd.

Sat 11am: First Communion - Gaelscoil

7pm Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.

Sun 15th 10am: Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd.

11.30am: Bunny Moloney (nee Brigdale) 14 Steeles Tce MM



### Mass in the extraordinary form (traditional Latin Mass)



in St. Joseph's Church on this Sunday 8th May at 5.30pm. All welcome. This wonderful and solemn Mass will be enriched by beautiful Gregorian Chant led by the *schola petra* fertile (the choir of the fertile rock) from Corofin.

"One is nearer God's Heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth"

The garden of St. Joseph's Hospital, has been redesigned & extended with the addition of several flowerbeds, boxes & trellises, which will greatly enhance the environment of residents, visitors & the greater community. If you would like to be associated, we would be grateful for any donations of additional flowers, shrubs, or vegetables suitable for planting.

☎ Eleanor Feely (087) 9612118 or Eileen Pyne (065) 6863552.

### Live The Word:

The days are bright. The evenings long. A sense of freedom and relaxation fills the air. Forget your troubles and your woes. Go out and enjoy it.



Legio Mariae 10th Annual Catholic Youth Conference: 'Trust Christ because He trusts you'- Blessed John Paul 11: 11th - 12th June 2011 at All Hallow's College, Dublin 9. Non-legionaries welcome aged 18 - 35. Contact: Liam 086 8888918 or Evelyn 085 1760344.

### Pilgrimages 2011

Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni Rotondo from Sept 29th-Oct 6th; Tour Leader Mary Kelly & Spiritual Director Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 065 6835519.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje on Sat 17th Sept. Depart Shannon; book before 1st May, cost €639 for 7 nights; book afterwards cost €669. Fr. Paddy Conway is Spiritual Director. Few seats remaining. ☎ James Considine 9059328.

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

Knock Summer Festival 2011- 'Fuel for The Journey'; in June. 3 day event; talks, workshops, prayer, reflection, music; ages 18-35; cost: €70 949388100 / 0876927850. www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival.

Medjugorje Youth Festival. From July 31st -Aug 7th. ☎ 0872497617. A new spiritual experience.

Medjugorje Ennis/Clarecastle Annual Pilgrimage 17th Sept. Ex Shannon 065 6824750/6824400

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat : 6.30 Shane Naughton, 6 Castlclawn. 1st Anniv

Sun. 9am Patrick O'Loughlin, 62 St Michael's Villas.

10.30am Ciss & Paddy Hanrahan, late 77 MI's Villas.

Clare Burke, Mill Rd.

Anne (Nancy) Mac Mahon &

Brian Mc Mahon, 18 Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

Intentions of Leslie & Brad Goodall.

12 noon Michael Connellan, Ard na Greine. 1st Anniv

Mon: 7.45am Donors Intentions

10am Jack & Bridget Healy, 101 Hermitage.

7.30pm Alfred & Patricia O'Neill, 50 St MI's Villas.

Tues.: 7.45am Reidy family, Tiermaclane.

10am Austin & Frances O'Callaghan & Christy, Sean, James & Marian, 119 Hermitage.

7.30pm James Kelly, 26 Gallows Hill.

Wed.: 7.45am Special Intention.

10am Ann & John Keane, 108 Hermitage.

7.30pm John & Bridget Hanley, Hermitage.

Thurs.: 7.45am Michael & Delia Broderick, 45 Parnell St

10am Frank & Ita Hogan, 38 St Michael's Villas

7.30pm Brigid, Mary & Eugene Singleton, 17 Hermitage

8pm: Blessing of Expectant Parents

Fri.: 7.45am Mass for the people.

10am Dec'd members O'Brien family, 85 Hermitage.

7.30pm Bridget White, 32 Oakwood Drive. MM

Sat.: 10am Frank Hassett, 4 Ard na Greine.

11am: First Holy Communion - Ennis National

6.30pm Liam Daly, 14 Hermitage

Sun. 15th: 9am Theresa Nugent, 26 Cusack Rd.

10.30am Donal MacMathúna, Ballybeg

Mary Ellen & Joe Hickey, Tullassa, Inch

Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Rd.

Dec'd members Brody family, St. Patrick's Tce.

12noon: Ciara Conroy, 80 Abbey Court 1st Anniv

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 15th May 2011

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



### Rest in Peace

Ruth Hanley (nee Glynn), Wilgrove, Cahercalla Rd.; Marie Deegan, Ashfield, Ennis; Maura Brooks, College Park; Gerard O'Driscoll, Carrerokeel, Crusheen; Mae Quinlivan (nee Frawley), 33 Lower Market St.; Bridie & Eileen Woods, England & late of Old Mill Street, sisters of Bernard & Gerry Woods; Patricia (Patsy) Ryan nee Roche, Lisheen, Ballynacally & late 76 Hermitage;

## Dates for your Diary

- ◆ 19th May @ 1.30pm: Liturgy of thanksgiving honouring the contribution of Bishop Willie to Primary School Education.
- ◆ 11th June @ 12 noon: Summer Blessing of pre school children.
- ◆ Mon 1st August to Wed 3rd August. 3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg.
- ◆ Bereavement Team Meeting Thurs 12th 8pm.

Ennis St John's Area Athletic Finals - Our area finals are being held in Lees Road sport complex on tomorrow Mon and Tue of this week beginning at 6.30pm sharp on both evenings. Forms and information can be downloaded from our website [www.enniscommunitygames.net](http://www.enniscommunitygames.net)

## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th: 9.30am Seán Tobin (1st Anniv) & his wife Essie, 14 Considine Terrace.

11am: Edward & Ellen McKee, late Kilfenora & dec'd family members, England & Northern Ireland.

Mon 9.30am: Fr. Hubert Hunter S.S.C.

Tue 9.30am: Bishop Michaels S.S.C.

Wed 9.30am: Fr. Robert Burke S.S.C.

Thurs 9.30am: Fr. Anthony Kelly S.S.C.

Fri 9.30am: Fr. Nick Murray S.S.C.

Sat 11am: First Holy Communion - Scoil Christí Rí

### Smaoineamh na Seachtaine (Thought for the Week)

I spioradáltacht Cheilteach bhí ár sinsear an-tugtha do Dhia. Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Ba bhreá leo an Lúireach. Is é seo gnáth ceann a bhíodh go mór i mbéal an phobail.

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. They particularly liked the Breastplate (Hymn of protection). This one was often prayed.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,  
Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,  
Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,  
Dia idir mé agus taisme bóthar,

God between me and the water that may drown me,  
God between me and the fire that may burn me,  
God between me and death without friends,  
God between me and a road accident.



# Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



## First Reading: Acts 2:14.22-33

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: People of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. Jesus, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Brothers and Sisters, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by Gods right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response:* .

**Show us, Lord , the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you,  
I say to the Lord: 'you are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
It is you yourself who are my prize.



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I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
Who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

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## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

**A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**The word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish people! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

**The Gospel of the Lord**