



Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

Ennis Parish News

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>

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 8th November, 2009

Pennies from Heaven

The women in the first reading and in the Gospel are the focus of our reflection today, on the Word of God. These are women who trust that God will care for them. They are models of faith for us who try to follow Jesus Christ.

We are invited today to look at our own faith. Are we afraid to take any risks? Do we trust God only so far? Are we willing to follow God only as long as He does not ask anything difficult from us? Probably most of us have a bit of fear about trusting God too far. Today we are invited to go a bit further in our faith.

One of the ways of strengthening our faith is to learn to give up things that we don't really need in order that we can serve others better. Sometimes it is a good idea not to purchase a new pair of shoes or a new piece of

clothing and instead to give the money that we might spend to the poor. Sacrifice and penance are not popular themes today, but they are some of the best means of deepening a life of prayer that brings us deep into the love of Christ.



Christ was willing to give His own life for us, so we must learn to be willing to suffer a small bit, so that others might have a bit more in their lives.

Let us ask God today to show us how to offer our lives for others.

What's on this week?

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 8th November, 2009

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

Wednesday Duty: 11th November

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎065 68 24043

Cathedral Prayer Group Talks for November: "Hope for Life's Journey".



November 12th: John Delaney (Portlaoise)

November 19th: Fr. Kevin McNamara MSC (Killarney)

November 26th: Fr. John Walsh

(Limerick Prison Chaplain)

Mass of Healing for Family Life.

Cathedral Chapter Room (back of Sacristy) at 8pm for information ☎ 6824043

Society of St Vincent De Paul. **SVP**

For assistance and/ or a visit please contact 065 6824188. Strictly Confidential.

Console has started a support group for people (adults) bereaved through suicide. It is on the first Wednesday of the month in Console Centre, New St. Limerick. Call Emer @ 061 306792 or 085 7739886.

Parish Visitation: We thank the people of Lees Road and Drumcliffe Road for their welcome. In the coming weeks we will begin to visit Fergus Manor and Friars Close. We look forward to meeting you.

Remembering that "where two or three are gathered in my name there I am too".



Please support Arthritis Ireland National Raffle 2009; email fundraising@arthritisireland.ie or 01 6470209 to get your tickets. Great prizes. Make a real difference to the lives of 1 in 6 people in Ireland living with arthritis.

Table Quiz on Nov 7th @ 8.30pm in The Shebeen Pub, Doora; Tables €30; proceeds to Building Of Hope Project.

Marriage & Relationship counselling: Are you going through a difficult time? ACCORD help couples find solutions to their problems. Tel: (065) 6824297 or Callsave 1850 58 5000

Christian Life Sodality - Members will meet in The Christian Brothers' Monastery on Tue Nov 10th at 8pm. Mass will be offered for deceased families, relatives and deceased members of the Sodality.

Cathedral Altar Society are seeking your help please. Do you have one hour free per week? Come to Chapter Room on Thurs Nov 12 @ 10.30am. Gentlemen also welcome.



Rummage Sale - Annual Sale of Work at St. Anthony's Friary Hall, Francis St. on Sat Nov 14th from 10am-4pm. Proceeds to Clare 250 Cancer Centre. Something for everyone.

Bus to Clonfert on Mon Nov 9th. Praying for the Holy Souls. ☎ 065 6822930/6820243.

Michael & Marie Connellan, Ard na Greine would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee day in aid of Cahercalla Hospice. Total amount €562.00



Rehearsals are under way for Ennis Musical Society's 2010 Production of 'The Hot Mikado'. However, we are still looking for new members both male and female. Anyone interested ☎ Jonathon @ 086 21161088.

Colaiste Muire 10 Year Reunion: Class 1994 - 1999 on Sat 14th Nov at the Cloister Bar. Come along to meet old friends for a chat and a few drinks from nine o' clock 'til late! Contact Clodagh at 086 8680228.

German Grinds Available 086 3203497.

YOGA - Tue morning classes starting Nov 10th; Ozone gym, Quin Rd Business Pk; 6 week course; * Karen 087 6405839.

Yoga in your own home. 1 to 1 or small groups. Qualified Sivananda trainer. ☎ Jenny 087 7825371.

Chess for Adults, Juniors and Beginners! at Ennis Leisure Centre; ☎ John @ 0872495913.

Pilates in The Clare Training Resource Centre, Clonroad Business Pk. Details from Lizzie Turvey 087 2757703.

Leaving Certificate Grinds Available Maths - Pass; Chemistry - Honours; Biology - Honours; Ring 087 3809372

Secondary teacher required for homework club in Ennis area on a voluntary basis to work with 1st & 2nd year students 1 or 2 evenings/week Tuesdays or Thursdays. Maths teacher preferable. Contact Patricia @ 0864072525.

Table Quiz in aid of Bridge Court & View Residents' Association; Fri Nov 13 @ 8.30pm; €5/pp; spot prizes/finger food; 0857112343/086 1030178

Open Day in Athlone Institute of Technology on Fri 13 Nov 9.30am to 2pm & Sat 14 Nov from 9.30 to 1pm. Contact Brian Lynch 090 644 2595 or brianlynch@ait.ie



The Parishes of Clarecastle, Doora/Barefield, Ennis, & Quin are now working as a Cluster group sharing resources and clergy/personnel. The unexpected death of Fr. Michael McNamara in July has reduced the number of clergy in the Cluster by one. As a consequence the Cluster is reviewing the number, location and times of Masses. After consultation with Pastoral Councils in their respective parishes a new roster of Masses will be drawn up. These adjustments will come into effect on 1 January 2010. As with all changes in life, this will take time to settle and we thank you in advance for your understanding.



Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community:

Jaime Rose Ferns; Teagan Maia Hickey;



Bingo in Community Centre on Sunday night at 8.30pm. All welcome.



Shoe Box Appeal - you are invited to wrap an empty shoe box with Christmas paper, fill it with gifts for a boy or girl aged 2-14 years & enclose €3 for shipping costs. Boxes are distributed in over 100 countries to children who are homeless, live in orphanages or whose lives are blighted by poverty, natural disasters or war. Boxes can be left for Ann at Parish Office 6824043.

Christmas Art Exhibition from Nov 9th-21st at Clare Museum. In aid of Mercy Housing Project, Peru.

Exclusive Brown Thomas Fashion Show & exhibition at An Glór, Ennis: Wednesday November 11th 2009 at 7pm in aid of Cahercalla Hospice. Limited Tickets €30 available from Glór 065 6843103 and Cahercalla Hospice 065 6821966

Matt Talbot 2009 Novena continues next Tuesday evening November 10th to pray for all suffering or sharing in the life of addiction. Preacher on the night will be Fr. Ned Crosby PP Kilfenora, Co. Clare. A warm welcome awaits all. Please come along and bring a friend.



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 November, €9,889



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7th Nov 7pm George Hume, 20 Pine Grove.
 Sun 8th Nov 10am: Thomas Cassidy, Marian Ave.
 11.30am: John Houlihan, Sandfield Park.
 Mon 11am: Sheila & Gerald Murray, Newmarket-on-Fergus
 Tue 11am: Christina Griffin, Clonroad.
 Wed 11am: Margaret O'Brien, Fountain.
 Thurs 11am: John & Josephine O'Gorman, Kilkee.
 Fri 11am: Aileen & Brendan Church, Kincora Pk.
 Sat 11am: Chrissie Kearney, St. Judes, Kincora Park.
 7pm: Maureen Broderick, Clonroad.
 Sun 15th 8am: Mrs. Frankie Glynn, Clonroad.
 10am: Deirdre O'Brien, 32 Shannon Park.
 11.30am: Helen Haugh, Kincora Park.



Friary News

Prayer and healing service by Jamie & Moss Carrig on this Sun Nov 8th in the Franciscan Friary. Prayers, praise, laying of hands & healing of our nation. Everyone welcome. Contact: 069 72000 for more information.

Life in the Spirit Seminars continue at St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St Tuesday Nov 10th at 8pm. Speaker Rev. Bob Hanna. All Welcome. Now is the Time. "I have come that you may have Life, Life in all its Fullness"

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm Margaret Beditto, nee Sheehan, NY & Clare Rd.
 Sun.:9am John & Maud Nixon, late Turnpike.
 10am Patrick (Pap) Hehir, Gortmore.
 Kevin Ryan, Manchester & 13 Greendale.
 William & Margaret McGovern, New Jersey.
 Nora Keavey, Claireen.
 Noeline Keary, Galway.
 11am Rita Browne, MM Fergus Drive, Shannon.
Remembrance Mass for all babies who died during pregnancy and early stage of life.
 12.15pm Mass for the People.
 Mon:8am Mass for the Holy Souls.
 10am Jimmy, Nora & Seamus McNamara, Coopers Place & Crusheen.
 7.30pm Mary & son Charles O'Grady, 16 McNamara Pk.
 Tues.:8am Mass for the Holy Souls.
 10am Patrick & Anne Dargan, St Gabriel's Limerick Rd.
 7.30pm The Molloy family, 18 Hermitage.
 Wed.:8am Mass for the Holy Souls.
 10am Patrick O'Dwyer & decd family membs, Clooney.
 7.30pm Hehir family, McNamara Park & Connolly Villas
 Thurs.:8am Mass for the Holy Souls.
 10am Dympna Condon nee Foudy, Kilrush Road.
Holy Family Confirmation Prayer Friends
 4pm Margaret Eileen Casey, London & Clonroadbeg MM
 7.30pm Decd members Staff Clare Co Council.
 Eilis Heaslip, O'Connell St.
 Fri.:8am Mass for the people.
 10am Decd members Cullinan family, Cornmarket St.
 7.30pm Mgt Connellan 1st Anni & baby Cayla Connellan
 Sat.:10am Michaela Hannick, 30 Dun na Ri. 1st Anni
 11am Bernie Canny, Claireen 1st Anni
 6.30pm Mary Brigdale, 52 Clancy Park. 1st Anni
 Sun.:9am Roger Knightson, Beechpark.
 10am Decd members Madigan family, Kilrush Rd.
 James Maher, Clonroadbeg.
 Denis & Bridgie Carney, Connolly.
 Lena & Patrick Mangan, Brookville, Lahinch Rd.
 Mick & Mae Lyons, late Loughville.
 11am Decd membs Sales & Catering, Aer Rianta Staff.
 12.15pm Eileen Cleary MM, Westport & Beechwood Est.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 9.30: Nancy & Bernard Murphy, Circular Rd.
 11am: Maureen Joyce, Cloughleigh.
 Mon 9.30am: Josephine & Patrick Finlay
 Thurs 9.30am: Thomas & Elizabeth McDermott
 Fri 7.30pm: Bushypark Treatment Centre.
 Sun 15th 9.30: John, Peg & Peter Moloney, Brookville.
 11am: Annie & Ann 1st Anni Leyden, Cloughleigh Rd.

Month of the Holy Souls

House Masses for The Month of the Holy Souls will take place in the Cloughleigh Pastoral Area for the four Wednesdays of November. The following families have accepted the invitation to host the Mass. The Mass will begin at 8pm.

Nov 11th: Noreen & Tom Flynn, Drumcliffe
 Nov. 18th: Moloney Family 32 Morrissey Ave.
 Nov. 25th: Michael & Ann Carey Loughville.
 People are welcome to attend any or all of the Masses.

Medugorje Prayer meeting Mon Nov 9 @ 8pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.



On Passing a Graveyard



May perpetual light shine upon
 The faces of all who rest here.
 May the lives they lived
 Unfold further in spirit.
 May all their past travail
 Find ease in the kindness of
 clay.
 May the remembering earth
 Mind every memory they
 brought.
 May the rains from the heavens
 Fall gently upon them.
 May the wildflowers & grasses
 Whisper their wishes into light.
 May we reverence the village of
 presence
 In the stillness of this silent field.
 John O'Donoghue.

The Year for Priests



Pope Benedict has declared this year a "Year for Priests" beginning on June 19, 2009. It is the 150th anniversary of the death of John Vianney, the French Parish Priest. He is patron saint of parish priests. During this Year for Priests, we are asked to pray for our priests that they be always faithful to their sacred calling and their ministry. Every month, we will be interviewing a priest.

This month our interview begins with Bishop Willie Walsh.

What age were you when you first considered priesthood? I began to seriously consider priesthood when I was 17. It was the year I was doing my Leaving Cert at St Flannan's.

Who or what inspired you to become a priest? There were several factors which inspired me. The religious environment in Ireland at the time was telling us that the best possible thing you would do with your life was to become a priest. There were also many priests who would have inspired me.

Where did you do your study? I studied in St Patrick's College, Maynooth and in the Irish College in Rome.

How many years have you been a priest? I have been just over 50 years a priest. After finishing my studies, I spent 25 years teaching in St Flannan's College, 6 years as Curate at the Cathedral and 15 years as Bishop.

What was/is the most rewarding / difficult part of your ministry? Celebrating the Sunday Eucharist has been joyful and rewarding. Teaching in St Flannan's College was a very happy experience. Meeting with and trying to bring healing to victims of abuse has been heart breaking, but also rewarding.

If someone said they were considering priesthood, what would you say to them? I would encourage them to think about it, to pray about it and discuss it with parents, friends, and a priest. I would talk to them about the joys and sorrows, the struggles and the fulfilment, the privilege and the responsibilities which priesthood entails.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th November, 2009

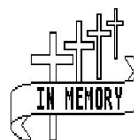
Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace



Paddy Mulcaire, Thurles, brother of John Mulcaire, Senan's Rd.; Declan Meade, Lissaniska, Claireen & Clareabbey, Clarecastle; Sheila Cullinan, Quin, mother of Gretta Burke, Ashline; Sr. Teresa Meaney, St. Xaviers Convent; Mary Guthrie, St. Claires Close & Miltown Malbay; Maureen Hanrahan, "Garryard", Cusack Rd.;

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Tue, Nov 3rd 1st Prize €635: Martin Coffey, Tulla Rd, 2nd Prize €127: Paula Gleeson, McNamara Pk.



SAMARITANS

Can be contacted by phone 6829777 or 185060 90 90. Any person of any age can visit the Samaritans (Kilrush Road), any day between 12noon & 10pm.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink. She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. Please he said, bring me a scrap of bread in your hand. As the Lord your God lives, she replied, I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die. But Elijah said to her, Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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,
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. *R.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is 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:

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It is not as though Christ had entered a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere model of the real one; but it was into heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since we only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*How happy are the poor in spirit;
Their's is the kingdom of heaven.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12: 38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; they swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

