



Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am

Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.40am; 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; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass

St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass

Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Second Sunday of Advent

(Year C)

9th December, 2018

2 Things God Wants You To Remember

First

God made you to know, love and serve HIM in this world. (average life is about 70 years)

And then BE HAPPY with HIM in HEAVEN, for millions of never ending years.

How unwise then to live these short seventy years in sin and thus lose ETERNAL HAPPINESS.

Second

God invites you to help others to know, love, and serve HIM.

He offers you that inexpressible honor of being one of HIS co-workers.

Meaning of the Advent Wreath

The 1st purple candle is lit on the 1st Sunday in Advent, Dec 2nd, and is the candle of HOPE.

The 2nd purple candle is lit on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, Dec 9th, and is the candle of PEACE.

The 3rd pink candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, Dec 16th, also known as Gaudete Sunday, and is the candle of

JOY.

The 4th purple candle is lit on the 4th Sunday in Advent, Dec 23rd, and is the candle of LOVE.

The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day as the light of Christ enters the world when Jesus is born.

The wreath is evergreen symbolising everlasting life, and in the shape of a circle



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Joe & Mary Nevin, Loughville & Mary O'Neill, Dysart.
Vinnie O'Connor, Inis Free, Circular Rd. **1st Anniv**
Margaret Coughlan, Fergus Lawn, Tulla Rd.
Deceased Butler Family, St. Claire's Tce, Clonroad.
George & Kathleen Dinan, Hermitage.

Sun: 9.30am: Patrick Shannon, Cornmarket St.
Bobby & Frances O'Rourke, Dalcassian Ave.
Catherine, Gerard & Michael Griffin, Ardlea Rd.

11.30am: Dermot Molloy, Cahercalla & Paschal Molloy, Cloughleigh.
Darragh O'Halloran, Ard na Gréine.

Mon: 7.40am: Patrick & Con McInerney, Doora.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Noreen & Alan Seery, Davitt Tce, Cloughleigh.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Eileen & Patrick Morrissey, Cornmarket St.
Ella Burke, Phoenix Court & Mill Rd.
P.J. Quinn, Hermitage.

Wed: 7.40am: Brian, Tessie & Brian Jnr. Kelly, Lmk Rd.
10am: Mary & John O'Looney, Kilfenora.
7.30pm: Patrick Molloy, Dalcassian Pk.

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Don Farrell, Cahercalla Estate.
7.30pm: Patrick Shannon, Cornmarket St.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
10am: Frank Fox & family, Cornmarket St.
7.30pm: Eileen O'Connor, Clonroad. **MM**

Sat: 10am: Peter **1st Anniv** Patrick & Maura Keane, Market St.
John Kerin, McHugh Villas. **MM**

6.30pm: Nellie Wylde, **1st Anniv** & Denis, Clonroad.
Nancy Sherlock, Watery Rd.
Jack Moroney, Kilrush Rd. **MM**

Do this in Memory, ENS & Holy Family

Sun: 9.30am: Peggie Corry, Loughville.
Donal Cahill, Roslevan.
Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.
Bridget & John Daly, Parnell St & Collins Pk.
Gertrude Vaughan, The Market.
Peggy Kearney, Summerhill.
Karen Cosgrove, Gollinks Rd. **1st Anniv**

11.30am: Jim Whyms, Cusack Rd.
Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.
Michael, Eileen & Noreen Hogan, Corrovorrin Green.
Maureen Martin, Woodstock View, Shanaway Rd.
Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd & Nellie Ryan.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 16th December, 2018

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Patrick Walsh, Maurice's Mills, Inagh, father of John Walsh, Elm Pk; **Joan Quinn Chaplin**, Cratloe, sister of Mike, Ivy Hill; **Anna Reidy**, Corofin, sister of Martina Corry, Golf Links Rd;



Hospital & Sick Calls

9th December, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Lancelot

Please call: 065 6869098

St VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION BEFORE THE VIGIL MASSES IN ENNIS ON SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER AND THE MASSES ON SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

Children's Masses

5pm: St. Joseph's

6pm: Cathedral

Vigil Masses

7pm: St. Joseph's

9pm: Cathedral

Poor Clare Monastery

10pm: Friary

Midnight:

Polish Midnight Mass in Cathedral

Christmas Day

7.45am: Poor Clare Monastery

8am: Cloughleigh

9am: Cathedral

10am: St. Joseph's

10.30pm: Cathedral & Friary

11am: Cloughleigh

11.45am: St. Joseph's

12noon: Cathedral & Friary

1.15pm: Polish Mass in Cathedral



Confession Times

Penitential Services

Monday 17th December

7.30pm - Cathedral

Tuesday 18th December

10.30am - Friary

Friday 21st December

1.05pm - Friary

Confession

From Tuesday 18th to Saturday

22nd December

11am - 12.30pm; Friary

3pm - 5pm; Friary

Christmas Eve

10am - 5pm; Cathedral

11am - 1pm; Friary

2pm - 5.30pm; Friary



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:

7pm: Noel & Bernadene Moloney, Marian Ave.

Sun 10am: John McCarthy, Cree & London.

11.45: Mary Ellen Quinn, Kincora Pk.

Bill & Agnes Reidy, Coolmeen.

Mon 11am: Peter Cosgrove, Kincora Pk.

Tues 11am: Donor's Intention.

Wed 11am: James & Maureen O'Keefe, Lifford Rd.

Thu 11am: Eileen Leydon, London.

Fri 11am: Bridget Orchard & John McMahon, Ennis & Dysart.

Sat 11am: John Leydon, Sligo.

7pm: Patrick Kearney, Kincora Pk.

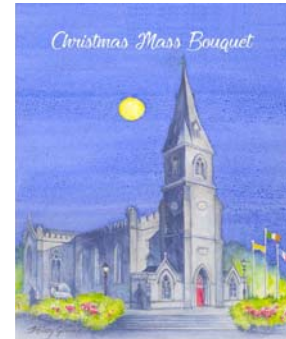
Sun 11.45am: Seán & Claire McGrath, Lifford Rd.

Christmas Fair; St. Joseph's Hospital, Long Corridor Sunday 9th December 10am—1pm

- Massive Bake sale
- Mince Pies
- Christmas Wreaths & Candles
- Home Made Christmas Fare
- Luxury Hampers
- Big Raffle



Ennis Parish Christmas Project



Triduum Mass Cards (*Triduum of Masses offered on Christmas Day*) and Parish Christmas Cards are now available from Parish Office. *Proceeds from cards towards: Cathedral Restoration Fund.*



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8am: Donor's Intention.

11am: Louis, Dr. Tom & Louis P Galvin, Cloughleigh Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Kitty Downes, Miltown Malbay.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

Thu 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

Sun 8am: Patrick Gegan, Inch.

11am: Kath Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.

Do this in Memory, Scoil Christ Ri

This Sunday's Advent speaker at 11am mass in Cloughleigh Oratory; we welcome Gerard Hartmann whose physiotherapy work brings him in touch with internationally renowned sports stars. He will share the story of how faith inspires and can help us be more than we thought we could be.

Advent / Christmas Parish Events



Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday): A Beautiful Advent Tradition. Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called "*Bambinelli Sunday*." Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. **On Sunday 16th December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any mass in Ennis Parish and they will be blessed by the celebrant.**

Parish Carol Service in Cathedral Sunday 16th December; 7pm. Celebrate this occasion as a family to help us have the "Real" Christmas atmosphere in our lives and homes.

An Advent Giving Tree is situated in the Cathedral at the side of the Altar. Any of the following can be donated: Tea, coffee, sugar, Tayto, selection boxes, minerals, biscuits, soup, jam, baked beans, cornflakes, custard, peas, crackers, shampoo, toilet rolls, tinned food. By donating any of these food items, you will be helping organisations who work with our town's needy this Christmas. **Items can be left under the tree or delivered to the Parish Office.**



Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí na Nollag

I rith mí na Nollag bí linn a Thiarna, mí Bheith ár Slánaitheora, mí lár an Gheimhridh, mí dheirdh den bhliain, mí na mbronntanas. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go bhfaighe na daoine a bhfuil baint acu le hoibriú ar son, agus craobhscaoileadh creidimh; teanga atá oiriúnach do mheon, cultúr agus choinníollacha an lae inniu.

Sna heaglaisí feicfidh tú Crann leise, crann ginealaigh Íosa Chríost, agus samhail chomhartha na ndaoine a chuaigh roimhe ó Ádhamh agus Éabha go dtí Muire Máthair Íosa. Ba é leise duine díobh siúd mar gurbh é athair Daibhead é a chónaigh i mBeithil. Bhí an cine daonna ag feitheamh ar theacht an fhuascailteora. Ba é Iseáia an Fáidh ba mhó a bhí acu. Is aige a bhí na tuairiscí ba líonmhaire agus ba thábhachtaí. Thug sé sólas dóibh i dtaobh an fhuascailteora úd a bhí geallta.

Mhínigh sé don phobal faoi mar a chuirfeadh sé an t-olc, an éagóir agus an t-eascairdeas ar chúl. Scaipfeadh sé an dorchadas agus chuirfeadh sé i réim ríoga síochána agus sonas do chách. Iarraimid ar ár Slánaitheoir arís teacht i gcabhair orainn le sólas agus síocháin. Is féidir an phaidir seo a rá i rith na hAidbhinte:

Tar chugainn, a Thiarna, Íosa Chríost. Aimeán.

Lord be with us during the month of December, month of the Birth of Our Saviour, middle of Winter, last month of the year, month of the gifts. The Pope's intention for this month is: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

In the churches, you will see the Jesse Tree, the genealogy of Jesus and the symbols of persons from Adam and Eve to Mary the mother of Jesus. Jesse was one of them, as he was the father of David who lived in Bethlehem. People were awaiting the coming of the Saviour. Isaiah was their most famous prophet. He foretold the most important events. He brought them comfort and hope in the promised redeemer. He explained that the Saviour would end injustice and enmity. He would dispel darkness and proclaim a kingdom of peace and grace for everyone. Let us ask our Saviour during Advent to come to our aid and bring joy and peace:

Come to us, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Abbey Pastoral Area Advent Reconciliation Service
Ennis Cathedral
Monday 17th December
7.30pm – 8.30pm.



All welcome.

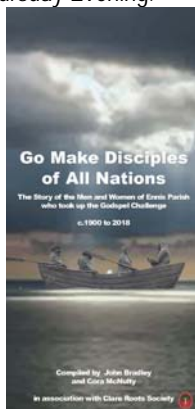
Go Make Disciples of All Nations

This fascinating book telling the story of Ennis people who over the last 180 years have travelled all over the world to proclaim the good news, was launched last Thursday Evening.

The book which would make an ideal Christmas Gift is available for sale after all weekend masses this week - only €20.

There is only a limited print edition so early purchase is advised.

Also available in the coming week in the Parish Office; The Friary; Ennis Book Shop;



Fundraiser for Cuan an Chláir: Monster sale of work starting this week in Cuan shop, Christmas trees and decorations and lots more for sale at very reduced prices. Please support.

Conradh na Gaeilge will have its annual siopa leabhar from 10-14 December in An Clár as Gaeilge office, 2 Barrack close, Barrack Street, Ennis. (office is close to Gourmet store) and across the street from the Clare Champion. Ring 065-6864474 for information.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 13th June 2019; Flight from Shannon to Split Spiritual director: Fr Paddy Conway. Cost €725 If paid by the 10th December €625. Contact Bernadette Murphy: 0861634553

Clare Crusaders' Christmas Fair; Auburn Lodge Hotel; Sunday 9th December from 12pm – 5pm: Perfect opportunity to get those Christmas gifts early! Up on 30 stalls of fantastic items to choose from including... Hampers, Jewellery, Toys, Fashion Accessories, Home Baking & Cosmetics just to name a few. Raffle with some great prizes! Visit Santa (Photographs €10 Optional). **Adults Admission €1.00**

Clarecastle/Ballyea Christmas Retreat on Saturday 15th Dec. from 4.30pm – 5.45pm. A quiet time. Directed Retreat in the midst of the intense activity of Christmas to pause and reflect in Christ's presence, on the deep meaning of God's coming. **Clarecastle Church from 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Drop in – even if for a few minutes).** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for duration of Retreat.

Maranatha Christmas Healing Retreat and family Tree Mass, today, Sunday, 9th December; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick. All welcome.

Medjugorje prayer meeting, 10th December; 8pm; Clarecastle Day Care Centre.

Candlelight Walk on 10th December; 6.30pm. Clare Haven Services invite you to walk from Ennis Garda Station to Ennis Courthouse in remembrance of the 225 women who have died tragically in Ireland through violence.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to all who supported the recent Table Quiz in aid of the Cathedral Restoration Fund. Gratitude to the many sponsors and to Margaret Lynch and her team who organised the event. €2,260 was raised on the night.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 2nd December, €6,654

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord

C. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

C. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

C. Amen.

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Ba 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for
ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God
around you, put the diadem of the glory of
the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to
every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will
be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour
through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and
east at the command of the Holy One,
jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting
hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground
level so that Israel can walk in safety under
the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of
his glory with his mercy
and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from

bondage,
It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
On our lips there were songs. *R*

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels The Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *R*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
As streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
Will sing when they reap. *R*

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back,
full of song,

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

Ph 1:4-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with
joy, remembering how you have helped to
spread the Good News from the day you
first heard it right up to the present. I am
quite certain that the One who began this
good work in you will see that it is finished
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God
knows how much I miss you all, loving you
as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that
your love for each other may increase more
and more and never stop improving your
knowledge and deepening your perception
so that you can always recognise what is
best. This will help you to become pure and
blameless, and prepare you for the Day of
Christ, when you will reach the perfect
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in
us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,

Make his paths straight,

*And all mankind shall see the salvation of
God.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of
Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of
Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch

of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.
He went through the whole Jordan district
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in
the book of the sayings of the prophet
Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid
low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, and by the
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. For our sake he
was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he
suffered death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day In accordance with
the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which
comes to you from God.