



# 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>

The Baptism of the Lord

Year A

9th January, 2011

## Baptism - God's Special Gift

In Baptism we are welcomed into God's family - we are given a share in God's eternal life.

One of the old saints - St. Leo the Great - once preached a famous sermon which said: *"Recognize, O Christian, your nobility. It is God's own nature you share"*.

God has called us *"to the glory that has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. A people set apart"*.

*"The Son of God"*, says St. Augustine *"was made the Son of Man, so that the daughters and sons of humankind would become daughters and sons of God"*.

God sent Christ to save the world, but He sent Him help too. Here we are then, God's help, God's baptised people.

When we live our baptism we change the world. We are no longer afraid of life or of death because we are strong in the strength of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Christian call is to be *"the salt of the earth and the light of the world"*.

Jesus said, *"I came that you may have life, and have it to the full"*.



**This feast is a gentle reminder of the way of life to which we have been called in Baptism. It is a reminder of our own baptism and of the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

**Hospital & Sick Calls**

This week: 9th January, 2011

**Priest on Duty:**

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043

**Wednesday Duty:**

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎065 68 24043

**Migrant Sunday**

Next Sunday 16th January is Migrant Sunday. The theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI is "One Human Family." The Church invites us to remember all migrants - those who have left Ireland to find new life elsewhere and those who have left their own countries to come and live here. We pray for all those who live away from their own homeland.

Mass of all Nations will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 12noon.

**Newly Baptised**

We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Izagire Makulova; Jasmina Makulova; Nikolas Makuna; Erik Makuna; Mario Makuna; Paddy Lawrence Hehir; James Patrick Keller; Mia Ann Cronin; Eli George Gallery;

**TRÓCAIRE**

Trócaire has expressed sincere thanks to everyone in the parish and throughout the diocese for their support in 2010 - not just during their Christmas Global Gift campaign but during Lent and following the recent disasters in Haiti and Pakistan. Trócaire wishes you and your families a happy and peaceful new year.

Grinds Commencing in Kildysart Community Centre in Irish (written and oral) and English for Junior Cert, Fifth Year, Leaving Cert and mature students. Higher and Ordinary levels catered for. Interested parties should contact Ruth Morrissey (Dept. of Education written and oral Irish examiner) on 0871250166

**Live the Word**

January 16th, 2011

Jn 1:29-34



A new year brings a new beginning. Let go of what has been- that's why it is called history. Learn to live in the now with a positive mind frame, which will benefit what happens in your future.

**Seeking Vision Clare Branch Sunset Foundation** is a registered charity in Ennis. They work to help the visually impaired and blind in Clare, send people to Lourdes annually, provide aids and appliances, provide day trips and also sent people to Sight Village in Birmingham last year.

**Toonagh Walk for Seeking Vision** will take place Sun, 16th Jan.2011 @12.30pm. Start and Finish at Toonagh Hall. Walk to suit all levels of fitness 2, 3, and 6.5mls walks. Refreshments served after walk. Register on the day. Your support would be gratefully appreciated. Further info. Breda 065 6837380 or 0851947763

**Pilates** for beginners 8 week course starts Wednesday 12th January @ 7.30pm. Pilates "50 plus" 8 week course starts Friday 14th January at 11.15am. For bookings and further details call Lizzie on 087 2757703. Level 2 and level 3 classes also available.



**Ladies Meet & Train** resumes on 10th of January at Fairgreen, Ennis at 7pm. Contact (087) 2170569 for more information.

**McCullough Art studio**, 16 St Michael's Villas (Old Quinn shop), Sale of Original oil paintings, sports prints, Munster v All Blacks. All stock must go. Low prices

**John Conneely English classes** will resume in Ennis on Saturday Jan 22nd 2011. Junior Cert higher level 2011, leaving cert higher level 2011. contact 091 637206

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla** Weekly draw results, year 10 week 29. **1st Prize €635:** Michael Flynn, Mount, Ballynacally; **2nd Prize €127:** Tom & B Queally, Miltown Malbay

**Taizé Prayer**

Taizé Prayer using the songs of Taizé with reading from Scripture, reflective silence and prayer of intercession. Poor Clare Church, Francis St., Ennis, on Thursday 13th January at 7pm. All welcome.

**Study Break**

Fr. Martin Blake will be away from the Parish for the next 3 months, while he participates in "Pastoral care of the sick" course at Cork University Hospital. He will be in residence at S.M.A. House Wilton.

During his study break Bishop Willie Walsh will take on some of Martin's duties with the Mass Rota and Chaplaincy in Primary Schools.

We wish Martin well with his course and thank him for his Trojan work in our Parish.

"Go méadaí Dia bhúr stór."

**Reflection**

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved**

You are amazed that God could say to you,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You feel ashamed of your past,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You are afraid of the future, of illness, of uselessness and of death.

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You are guilty for what you've said about another.

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You criticise others in word and thought and judgement, and know that God says of each person,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You feel bad about yourself, how you look, how you feel,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You rejoice in your talents, your gifts, and the love of your life,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You are grateful for the friendship of others and you know that God says of each of them,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

You wonder about God and search for him in the questions of your life,

**You are my son, my daughter, the beloved.**

Donal Neary SJ

**HAZELWOOD After School Service**, Clonrood Dropoffs/Pickups et. Rhoda 086 8262500

**New Yoga classes** with Karen Brennan start Tuesday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> in the Auburn Lodge. 6.30pm-8pm Gentle, 8pm-9.30pm Continuation. 8 week course. Suitable for everyone! Call 087 6405839 to enrol.



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



**Medjugorje Prayer Meeting** on Monday 10th January, Clarecastle, Day Care Centre 8pm.

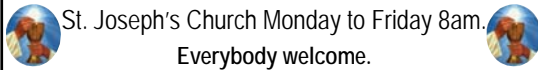


## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 8th 7pm: Eamon Duffy, Kincora Park.  
 Sun 8am: Thomas Scanlon, Newcastlewest.  
 10.am: Mary Glynn, Kincora Park.  
 11.30am: Toss O' Sullivan, New Road.  
 Mon 11am: Michael O'Halloran, Corrovorrin.  
 Wed 11am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.  
 Fri 11am: John McDermott, Doonbeg.  
 Sat 11am: Anthony Dormer, 36 Rosanore.  
 7pm: Paddy Joe Moloney, 3 Glenina, Gort Rd.  
 Sun 16th 10am: Patrick Lyons, 4 Avondale, Kilrush Rd.  
 11.30am: Mary Walsh, Westbourne. MM

### 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: Decd membs Hennessy family, Carraigaholt.  
 11am: Maisie Hayes, late Hermitage.  
 Mon 9.30am: Maimie Murphy, Cloughleigh Rd. 1st Anniv  
 Sun 16th 9.30am: Joan Kears, 36 Cloughleigh. MM  
 11am: Maura, Joe, Johnny & Marie Griffey,  
 Circular Rd, Inch & New York.

Children's set dancing under the instruction of Helen Hehir and Niamh Normoyle recommences on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 6.15 p.m. in Cois na hAbhanna. Please contact Helen (086) 1587681 or Niamh (086) 8706175.

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme is intended to provide 10 yr battery operated smoke alarms to homes of the elderly, people with disabilities, lone parents & unemployed persons. Application forms from 065 6846571 or dceoff@clarecoco.ie

Enlighten us as we search for  
 hope in recession.  
 Dispel our fears,  
 Increase our hope.

## Diary Dates

- ◆ Bereavement Visitation Group Thursday 13th at 8pm in Cathedral Presbytery.
- ◆ Mass of All Nations 16th January, 12 noon Mass Sunday.
- ◆ Pastoral Council Meeting 22nd January, Cathedral Chapter Room.

St. Hilary was born in Poitiers, France around 315. After becoming a Christian, he was elected Bishop of Poitiers in what is now France, by the laity and clergy. He was already married with one daughter named Apra. His feast day falls on January 14th.

### Prayer to St. Hilary

Saint Hilary of Poitiers, instead of being discouraged by your exile, you used your time to study and write. Help us to bring good out of suffering and isolation in our own lives and see adversity as an opportunity to learn about or share our faith.

Amen

Feast of St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor is January 13th



## Eucharistic Congress 2012



Lord Jesus,  
 You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever.

Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.  
 May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection.

In communion with Mary, whom you gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church,  
 Now and forever.  
 Amen

Mass intentions for St. Joseph's Church can be booked through the Parish Office at 6824043



Wanted for Car Boot Sale in aid of Cuan an Chlair: good quality clothes, delph, bric-a-brac. Contact Paul at Parish Office 6824043.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Kevin Keane, 15 Connolly Villas. 1st Anniv  
 Sun.:9am Nancy Roche, Quin  
 10.30am Patrick & Frances Feeney, St. Michael's Villas  
 Vincent Neylon, Parnell Street  
 Michelle Dinan Malone, 10 Waterpark Heights  
 Patrick McMahon, Carmody Street.  
 Pat O'Sullivan, Abbeycourt, Limerick Road  
 Mary Brogan, 74 College Green.  
 Paddy Cunningham, 16 Hermitage & mother Annie,  
 Mary Brace (sister) & Anthony (brother)  
 12 noon Patricia Gormley, 9 Dalcassian Park MM  
 Kitty Casey, Monument Hse, O'Connell Sq.  
 Mon:7.45am Donors Intentions  
 10am John Nevin, Summerhill.  
 7.30pm Nora Malone, Parnell Street.  
 Tues.:7.45am Stephen Cunningham, Labasheda.  
 10am Andrew Mc Shea, 2 Showgrounds View.  
 7.30pm Colm Slattery, Moyriesk & 28 Golfinks Rd.  
 Wed.:7.45am Joe Coffey, 55 Circular Road  
 10am Chrissie Malone, Dalcassian Drive.  
 7.30pm Christina Griffin, 60 Parnell St.  
 Thurs.:7.45am Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.  
 10am Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh, Moyasta.  
 7.30pm Alice Brennan, 62 O'Connell Street.  
 Fri.:7.45am Decd members Griffin family, Feakle.  
 10am Bridget & Patrick Cotter, Dysert.  
 7.30pm Haulie Molloy, late Old Mill St. 1st Anniv  
 Sat.:10am Bridget Crosse Kinnane, Galway.  
 6.30pm Martin O'Halloran, Flat 52, O'Connell St. & Newmarket-on-Fergus 1st Anniv  
 Liam Murray, Francis St.  
 Sun.:9am James Sheedy, 17 Greendale, Clonroad.  
 10.30am Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.  
 Paulette Cosgrove, 33 Castlewood Park.  
 Marian Ball O'Neill, Hermitage.  
 Nuala Dinan nee Guerin, Newmarket-on-Fergus  
 12 noon Joan Griffin, Wayside, Kilmorane, Ennis MM

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 16th January, 2011

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



### Rest in Peace

Michael Cabey, Manchester & Kilmaley, brother of Kitty Quinn, Maryville, Almer's Cross; Moira McMahon, Rosslare; Kitty Reidy, Oak Park, Gort Road; Patsy Leyden, 1 Glassan, Clareen; Kevin Crowe late of Market Street & Glenina, Gort Road; Julia Dvorakovska, Ukraine, daughter of Alexander, Showgrounds Court;

## SAMARITANS

People can contact the Samaritans by phoning 1850 60 90 90, email jo@samaritans.org, write to Pat or Mary, Samaritans, Sunville, Kilrush Road, Ennis.

### Clare Money Advice & Budgeting Service:

Would you like to manage your money better? Finding it hard meeting loan repayments or making ends meet, MABS can help you manage your debts and plan a budget. This is a Free, Independent & Confidential Service. Phone 6841991 for an appointment in your area.





## First Reading **Is 42:1-4,6-7**

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:  
Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations

He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light  
of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

#### *Response:*

*The Lord will bless his people with peace*

O give the Lord you children of God,  
Give the Lord glory and power,  
Give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court

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The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
The Lord on the immensity of waters;  
The voice of the Lord, full of power,  
The voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

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The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"  
The lord sat enthroned over the flood:  
The Lord sits as king for ever.

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## Second Reading **Act. 10:34-38**

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is lord of all people. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:*

*"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him".*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel **Mt 3:13-17**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replies, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all the righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on him.'

### The Gospel of the Lord