



Ennis Parish News

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

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30 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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Ennis Parish Web Site at: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Easter Sunday (Year B)

12th April, 2009

Our Hearts Have Risen

There is something maternal about Easter Sunday. It is the dawn of Mother Nature's Day.

All around us the beauty of nature is an alleluia that proclaims: *Christ is raised from the dead.* We focus on the everyday event of sunrise in order to deepen our awareness of the Christian Mystery that is Resurrection.

That first Easter Sunday morning the stone was rolled back and the tomb was left empty. No witness saw the event but all could read the signs that spilled out across the Jerusalem landscape. A boulder of rock was cast aside and sunbeams scattered the dark doubts of crucifixion and death. Emptiness for once spoke of fulfilment.

We can go to ground under the weight of life's worries and cares. Often the only coping mechanism we can find is to shut ourselves off from the world and go it alone. We crumble under the weight of our fears.

Today and everyday resurrection shines light into our lives and gives us the hope that our emptiness is full of the Risen Christ's presence. The darkness we feel at times is often no more than our own fears.

Easter reminds us that just as the sun is said to dance in the sky, there is also a dance going on in our hearts as we move in step to the joyful news that Christ is risen.

We are an Easter people charged with the twin

obligation of caring for humanity and caring for creation. God is in all of us and is mirrored too in creation.

Nature is the space where the grandeur of God is seen at its best.

The resurrection of nature explodes silently in atomic splitting wonder, in a cloud burst of colours that pirouette across the roof of our senses.

We need Easter Sunday mornings to bring us back to nature and to find there the hint of the divine and the imprint of God's creative hand.

We look for words to express the Easter experience. Words like joy, celebration, exult and delight all come to mind on a morning such as this. There is one word that sums up all the words. The word is 'rejoice'. Nature rejoices with us that Christ has risen and lives among us.



May the joy of Easter touch your heart in a special way today.

Hospital & Sick Calls


This week: 12th April, 2009
Please contact Parish Office
☎ 065 6824043



ENNIS TIDY TOWNS

Spring into action with Spring Clean. Ennis Tidy Towns is calling on all residents & community groups to take part in Spring Clean Day. Organise a group of people in your area to meet up on Sat April 18th; 11am-1pm & work together to rid your area of any unsightly litter & do a general tidy up. ☎ Margaret - 065 6842988/e-mail info@ennischamber.com. Get free bags/gloves from Ennis Town Council, Drumbiggle at 11am. You also might consider sounding your neighbours about setting up a Residents' Association.

Spring Fair at Carrigoran House on Sunday April 19th next from 1pm. Circus Workshop, Stalls, Vintage Cars, Bar-B-Q, Pet Dog Show, Children's Fancy Dress and much, much more.


 **Annual day pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** on Sat 2nd May. Those wishing to join the Christian Life Sodality Group Day Pilgrimage contact Sr. Benedict 065 6842399 or any Sodality member.

Christian Life Sodality: Members please note, our next Sodality Meeting takes place in the Christian Brothers' Monastery on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm.

Ennis Players present "A Doctor In Spite of Himself"; Cois na hAbhna; April 16/17/18th @ 8.30pm. Admission €10.

Compass Counselling Service provides confidential counselling service free of charge to adults. Phone 065 6868766.

Building of Hope Project Needs Plasterers, other skilled & unskilled workers for Fr. Martin Keane, Kenya Jan-Feb 2010. Contact: Fr. John 086-815-2828. **Céili in aid of Project** on Easter Sun night in Cois na hAbhna with Merriman Céili Band. **Benefit Dance** in Old Ground Sat April 18 from 9.30pm; Music by Albatross. €10.

 **WANTED: PLANTS** - Yes! Plants preferably perennials that can be divided up. Any variety or type. *Would you like to see your favourite plant bloom at the Cathedral this summer?* If so, drop it in and it will be planted and also divided for a plant sale for charity! *Thank You.* Fr. John 086-815-2828.

Buíochas

In our Irish tradition Holy Week is known as An Seachtain Mór - The great week.

We acknowledge the involvement and co-operation of so many people of the Parish in the Celebration of the Liturgies of this great week. We say particular words of thanks to the choirs and choir directors, cantors and all involved in the music ministry, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar societies, sacristans, liturgy groups.



Happy Easter

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year Bring peace and happiness to you And those you hold most dear,

And may Christ, our Risen Saviour, Always be there by your side To bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.



Alleluia He Is Risen!



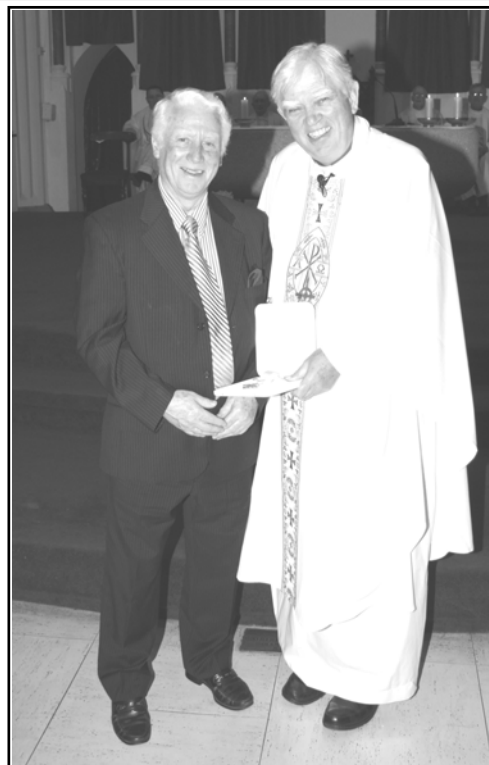
Newly Baptised

Ella Honan; Óisín James Gallagher-O'Neill; Liam Christopher McAllister; Eimear Kate O'Neill; Jack Fionn O'Halloran; Orla May Mulligan; Meadhbh Mary Peoples/Coughlin; Charlie Christopher Keenan; Zoe Helen Troy; Ava Rose Coffey-Bowe; Fionn Seán Guthrie; Seán Eamonn Corry; Shaniece Marie Maughan; Seán Patrick Roche; Mark Gerard Guilfoyle-Malone.

Roslevan Theatre School enrolling for Summer Term 2009, starts 18th April. All ages considered. 065 6821452 www.freewebs.com/dhalmh



Medjugorje Prayer meeting on Mon 13th @ 8pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.



Congratulations

To Gerry Cronin, Clare Road who received a Beni Mereiti Award from Bishop Willie Walsh at evening Mass on Tuesday 31st March. This award was in recognition of his contribution to the life of Ennis Parish as a member of the Cathedral Choir for 60 years; as Parish Cantor in St. Joseph's, Cloughleigh and in the Cathedral. Gerry has spent his working life in Primary Education, 45 years in Kilmaley. He is currently Diocesan Advisor for Primary School Catechetic.

Monastic Experience Weekend for Women Redemptoristine Sisters, Monastery of St. Alphonsus, Alphonsus Rd., Dublin 9 www.rednuns.faithweb.com - **April 17-19th** gabrielle.fox@redemptorists.ie (25-45 group) Single women interested in finding out more about monastic vocation are invited to join in life of prayer, liturgy & work for the weekend.

Guitar Lessons - Adult Education Centre, Clonroad from Thurs 23rd April. 6822516/ 0861731031; www.ennisguitarschool.ie

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw Results Tue, March 31st. **1st Prize €635:** Ml Hannon, Quin. **2nd Prize €127:** Pauline Sexton, Ardnagrine.



Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541 or Email: cathedralennis@eircom.net **Deadline is 12.00 noon on Tuesday.**

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 5th April, €10,022.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

No 8am Mass Mon 13th – Fri 17th April.

Sun 11.30am: Easter Mass Triduum.

Wed 11am: Margaret & Tom Fitzpatrick, Kilcock.

Thurs 11am: Tommy Moloney, 34 Marian Avenue.

Fri 11am: Chrissie Ensko, 30 Steels Terrace.

Sat 11am: Ellen & John Crowe, 145 Hermitage.

Sat 7pm: Fr. Michael Considine.

Sun 19th 10am: Robert Burns, New York.

11.30am: Cecilia Casey, Gort Rd.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Easter Mass Triduum.

11am: Jim Organ, Loughville

Sun 19th 11am: Jimmy McNamara,

late of Kilkishen & London



Poker Classic on Friday 24th April in Old Ground 9.30pm. Tickets €30 from Parish Office.

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

All Day Parking available in Holy Family School. Cost €3

Divine Mercy Devotions take place in Cathedral on Sunday 19th at 2.30pm. Novena to Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday.

Clare Youth Service are currently seeking adult volunteers to work with young people across a range of projects - The Youth Service offers training and support to all volunteers and are running an Induction Training Day on 18th April 2009 from 11am – 4pm in Clare Youth Service, Carmody Street, Ennis. For further information, to book a place or if you have any questions please contact Brian 086-6090051 or Jean 065-6845356.

Clare Living Links: Support for people bereaved by suicide. Healing Programme on eight consecutive Wednesdays commencing Wed. April 22nd. at 8pm. Venue: Meeting Room 52, Kincora Pk, Lifford, Ennis. Further information ☎ 086 0565373 between 5-7p.m. Monday to Friday.



Happy Easter

Masses during Easter Week 13th April to 17th April

Cathedral: 10am & 7.30pm Monday–Friday
No 8am.

10am & 11am on Saturday.

St. Joseph's: 11am Monday – Saturday
No 8am.

Cloughleigh: 9.30am Monday – Friday.

Friary: 10am & 1.05pm Monday – Friday.
7.30pm Tuesday only.

Poor Clares: 8.30am Monday – Friday.



Friary News

Celebrating 800 Years

Keep up with the forthcoming Franciscan 800 celebrations in Ennis on Fr. Hugh's mini-website @www.Ennis800.blogspot.com

Flora Women's Mini Marathon.

June Bank Holiday Weekend ☎ Ann @ 087-2224774. All proceeds to 250 Cancer Centre & 250 Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Ennis Gospel Choir are proud to present a **Gospel Music Workshop** with the legendary London Community Gospel Choir on April 26th from 11am-4.30pm in Temple Gate Hotel. Places available. **Cost:** €45 adult & €30 for student. ☎ 087 6886378 ennisgospelchoir@gmail.com (There will be an opportunity to celebrate mass with the Ennis Gospel Choir at 5.30pm at St. Joseph's Church.). Booking Form available at Parish Office.

Pemba Island, East Africa

Thank you for all your generous support over the last month with my collection for Playing for Life. Maura Brooks, Cathedral House.

Healthy Heart 10K Charity Fun run & walk (3.5K also) Sat 18th April, Kilmaley School at 12noon.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland 8th Oct. Fr. John Walsh Spiritual Director. Tel 061 368549. €1169.00

The Enneagram on 18/19th April/St. Senan's School, Kilrush. €30; Facilitator Clare Slattery. Enquiries: Fr. Donagh 065 9056580 or Maureen 087 2890942.

Buíochas...

Finbarr Coakley, Beechpark Landscaping for providing palm and Noel Griffin for providing Sally the Donkey on Palm Sunday.

Clare County Councils community smoke alarm scheme ☎ 68465711/dceoff@clarecoco.ie for details.

Easter Offerings

support your Bishop & Priests in the Parish. This is being taken up in all the churches this weekend. Envelopes can also be left at The Parish Office.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 9pm Vigil Mass

Sun.: 9am Decd members Griffin family, Tullabrack

10am William O'Halloran, 16 Woodview.

Peter Fitzgerald & deceased members of Fitzgerald family, late Walnut House.

Vincent Finnerty, late Tobartaoscaín.

Michael Patrick McMahon, Tobartaoscaín.

Norah Walsh, Killimer.

11am Easter Mass Triduum.

12.15pm Patsy Callinan, Ard na Gréine. 1st Anniv.

Mon: No 8am Mass

10am Peg & John Lawlor, Kilrush Rd.

12noon Polish Mass

7.30pm Jim Bowe, Clancy Park.

Tues: No 8am Mass

10am Gary & Chrissie Stack, late of Hermitage.

7.30pm Margaret Cullinan, Gortmore Inch.

Wed. No 8am Mass

10am Peggy Fox, late Barrack Street.

7.30pm Patricia (Patsy) McCarthy, 120 Hermitage.

Thurs. No 8am Mass

10am Caroline & Joseph Ensko, 30 Connolly Villas & Dettie & Flan Kelleher & Olive O'Malley.

7.30pm Frank Roche, 6 Dalcassian Pk.

Fri. No 8am Mass

10am Katie & Jack Keane, Clonlara.

7.30pm Sheila Fitzgerald, Westfields. 1st Anniv.

Sat.: 10am Bridie Connellan, Cahercalla.

11am Sheila O'Carroll, Kerry.

6.30pm Mary Harkus nee Coffey, 1st Anniv., late 56 Hermitage.

Sun.: 9am Joseph Keating, Connolly.

10am Christy & Breda Carpenter & deceased family members, late Hermitage Rd.

William McGovern, College View, Clare Rd.

Jimmy & Mary Arthur, Golf Links Rd.

Gerry Liston, 24 Mountain View

Colleen McGovern, U.S.A.

11am Joe Cleary, 29 Dun na Rí, Tobartaoscaín.

12.15pm Enid O'Loughlin, 70 Corrovorin Grv, 1st Anniv

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 19th April, 2009

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace



Mark McKeogh, Longwood, Co Meath, brother of Sr. Teresina, Convent of Mercy, Ardlea Close; **Martin Heaney**, 32 Corrovorin Dr. & 75 Parnell St.; **Frances O'Rourke**, Dalcassian Ave.; **Kathleen Gilgunn**, Sligo, mother of Maura Coll, Kevin Barry Ave.; **Timmy Keane**, Castlewood Pk. & Clarecastle; **Patrick Ryan**, Newmarket-on-Fergus, brother of David Ryan, Leanabeag; **Liam Ballinger**, Ruan; **Arnost Holub**, Léim an Bhradáin & Czech Republic;

For your Diary

- ♦ Spiritual Book Club meeting Tuesday April 21st @ 8pm in Cathedral House



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



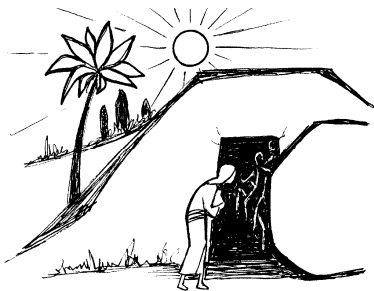
First Reading

Acts 10:34.37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response:

This day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
For His love has no end.
Let the people of Israel say:
"His love has no end." **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
And recount His deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builder rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes. **R**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

