

# 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

### Phone Numbers:

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

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**15th February, 2009**

## From the Inside Out

The gospel story pictures a paralytic, who is let down on a stretcher by his friends, through the roof of a house, into the crowded room where Jesus is present. It offers us a chance to look at two things. One is faith, the other is healing.

Faith shines outward from within and Jesus notices this in the four men carrying the paralytic. Their faith motivated them to do all they could for their friend.

We are asked to do likewise. Sometimes, we may often feel that in times of difficulty and struggle, our own faith can become weak. But this is when we need the support of others around us, like the four friends of the paralytic - to help us through the difficult times. Through their faith, our faith can be strengthened and this only comes from within.

Healing is the second thing we are asked to look at, and it comes from within each person. Like faith it flows outward. The image of Jesus inside the house offers us the chance to see how, despite the difficulties that lie outside of us, it is what's inside that matters. External forces may play with our faith and our emotions, but looking within, we may find the answers. And like the paralytic we are all in need of healing in body and spirit.

**As Lent approaches**, we will have the opportunity to look within, and see where we are in need of healing. Forgiveness is a wonderful thing. While it doesn't condone or excuse, it allows us to make a fresh start. Being forgiven means that we are no longer paralysed by guilt, regret or doubt.



**God's forgiveness gives us the chance to start again and know we are loved. This forgiveness is a challenge for each of us in our turn to give forgiveness to those who hurt or let us down.**

## Hospital & Sick Calls

**This week: 15th February, 2009**  
Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087 6615975  
**Wednesday: 18th February**  
Fr. Jerry Carey ☎ 065 6822166



**53rd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** leaves Shannon on Fri June 26th; returns on July 1st. Cost: €694 pps; Bookings forms from: CARA/Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2; Tel: 01-2410810. Sick pilgrims can be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €550; applications for sick pilgrims only to: Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon; Tel: 061 364133; Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. More details see poster in church porch.

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



**National Counselling Institute of Ireland** is launching a part-time Certificate in Counselling Skills and Practice in your area. Please contact the college directly at 061-216288 or email [info@ncii.ie](mailto:info@ncii.ie)

**West Clare Pilgrimage:** The Steps of St. Paul - A Journey through Ancient Greece 7<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July; Athens, Corinth, Delphi & Phillipi; €1,295. Details: Fr. O'Meara @ 065-9056580.

**Colaiste Muire, Ennis, 25th Year Reunion (1984)** Old Ground Hotel, Nov 2009. Check out our Web Site for more info. [colaiste.wordpress.com](http://colaiste.wordpress.com) Please contact: Theresa Parks (Cherouvis) - [ladat@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ladat@myfairpoint.net) Helen Mellett (Petticrew) - [tpetticrew@eircom.net](mailto:tpetticrew@eircom.net) AnneMarie McCullagh (Custy) - [dacust.ennis@eircom.net](mailto:dacust.ennis@eircom.net)

**Designer/Dressmaker needed:** Are you interested in working with a group of young people 15-18 years in creating a theme for St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ennis. Clare Youth Service is looking for a volunteer to work with a group on designing and making costumes for the Parade. If you are interested please contact Jean Tierney 065-6845356, Clare Youth Service, Carmody St. Ennis.



**Ennis Toastmasters** meet every second Tuesday. Next meeting on Tue 17th Feb at 8:30pm at Temple Gate Hotel.

## People of the Year

Presentation of Awards on  
Monday 23rd February  
at The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- ◆ Maura Mallaghan, Considine's Road.
- ◆ Pádraig MacMathúna, Kevin Barry Ave.
- ◆ Julia Fitzgibbon-Hayes, Boheraroan.
- ◆ Mary Corey, Loughville.
- ◆ Alan Flynn, Old Ground Hotel.

### Special Merit Award

- ◆ Canon Brendan O'Donoghue, Shannon.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Clare Roots Society** family history meeting on Thurs Feb 19th. Speaker: Brian Donovan, Eneclann. ([irishorigins.com](http://irishorigins.com) & [archivecdbooks.ie](http://archivecdbooks.ie) websites). 3 areas of operation: Historical Research - House Histories & Genealogical Research, E-Publishing & Digitisation, and Records & Archive Management. Meeting takes place at 8pm Feb 19th in Ennis Town Council Civic Rooms, Waterpark.

**Song Recital Night - Kilmaley Voluntary Housing Association**, 20th Feb., Kilmaley Inn, Entry Free! Traditional singer, John Tunney, with friends and neighbours from 8am to 10pm.

**Lost: Yale key** with Permanent TSP tag attached, between Parnell St. Car Park & Aldi. Tel: 087 7502174.

**Ennis Gospel Choir** present a Gospel Music Workshop with the legendary **London Community Gospel Choir** on 26th April! Fiona: 087-6886378.

**The Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music:** Thursday, Feb. 19th to Sunday, Feb. 22nd. **Three days of classes and workshops** in Gort Community school offering a broad range of musical instruments to pupils of all ages. **Concert** in The Lady Gregory Hotel, Gort, Thurs. Feb. 19th: Cathal McConnell, Gerry O'Connor & Gilles le Bigot, Manus McGuire, Máire O'Keefe & Garry O'Briain: **Session** in Hennelly's Pub, Fri. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>: **Concert** in Crusheen Church, Sat. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, The West Ocean String Quartet. [www.josephbrowne.org](http://www.josephbrowne.org) or 087 0674335

**Supervised Study** on each day of Mid Tern Break for Junior & Leaving Cert students in Rice College. Daily 9am to 2pm; Sunday 2pm to 6pm; students from all schools are welcome; booking is not necessary; enquiries: 087 2766338.

**Bereavement Information Evening** In Social Work Department, Milford Care Centre on Tue 17th Feb from 7-8pm in the new Education conference room, Day Care Centre. Contact Jennifer Gillick: 061 485800 or [j.gillick@milfordcarecentre.ie](mailto:j.gillick@milfordcarecentre.ie)



### Newly Baptised

Kayla Marie Gooney; Dylan Anthony Lehane; Maddie Miriam O'Neill; Ryan Joe Edward Sherlock

**An Boithrin GAA club** is holding its AGM on Friday the 20th of February from 8pm to 9.30pm in the Temple Gate Hotel. All are welcome to attend.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo**, 30th Sept - 7th Oct 2009. €995pp. Details: Mary Kelly at 6835519.

**St. Josephs Education Centre** is now recruiting for full-time education programmes for early school leavers 18 and over. Fetac level 2,3,4 courses and non certified. Closing date 19th Feb. Interviews will be held week ending 23rd Feb. Application forms available from the Secretary, St. Josephs Education Centre, Gort Road Business Park. 065-6822922

**Finding the Course** you want to study workshop on Thurs Feb 19th from 7-8.30. Call Anne 061 448506/0876330549

**Clare Hospice at Cahercalla**, Weekly Draw Results, Tue, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. **1<sup>st</sup> Prize €635:** John Kelly, Shanaway Rd. **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize €127:** Geraldine Cullinan, Newmarket on Fergus.



**Learn effective ways to relax, de-stress & energise** with Sr. Joan, Primary School teacher & counsellor with training in yoga & art therapy; Sat 21st Feb at Anne Leavy Health & Beauty Centre, Francis St; Cost: €20 or donation.

**Old Folks meeting** on Monday 16th February, @ 8:30pm in community centre, Chapel Lane. Transport can be organised. Contract Martin @ 087-9033682.

**Grinds available** in physics, chemistry, maths & biology. Call Victor 087 9106705.

**Attention Flower arrangers and Garden Lovers:** Spring is here!! Ennis Flower & Garden Club will meet in the West County Hotel on Tues 17th Feb @ 8.15 p.m. Demonstration by Clare Feeney, Tipperary. All members and new members are welcome. **"Annual Membership Night"**.





## St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Maurice O'Brien, Inch.  
 Sun 10am: John Carmody, 50 Marian Avenue.  
 11.30am: Sean Moloney, Tulla Rd.  
 Mon 11am: Marian Molloy, 34 St Michaels Villas 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 Tues 11am: Mary & Stephen Meaney, Lissycasey.  
 Wed 11am: Liam Ryan, Hermitage.  
 Thurs 11am: Anne & Tom Eustace, Kilmaley.  
 Fri 11am: Sean Keane, Clare Rd.  
 Sat 11am: Michael Ensko, 54 Marian Avenue.  
 Sat 7pm: Paddy O'Donovan, The Crescent.  
 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am: Jack & Rose Spring, St Senan's Rd.  
 11.30am: Brendan Armstrong.

**Padre Pio Mass:** Monthly gathering for Mass and praying the intercession of St. Pio on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. All welcome



## Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Bridie Dilger, late 54 hermitage.  
 11am: Kathleen & James Whyte, 11 Considine Tce.  
 Fri 9.30am: Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Cloughleigh. MM  
 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am: Garry Murphy, 5 Considine Rd.

## Congratulations...

to the young people from Scoil Chríost Rí, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend in Cloughleigh Church.

We thank the teachers and pupils from the school for the tremendous work they put in to the liturgy and for preparing the young people so well for Confirmation. We thank all who have worked so hard to make the day possible.



### Granny of the Year 2009

**Fundraise today for Special Olympics Ireland**  
 Does your Granny have what it takes to become the 2009 Granny of the Year? Please lend your support by nominating your Granny - Tell us what makes your Granny special. To obtain your nomination form please contact Clare Branch of the Special Olympics office on 065 6842759 or email [clare@specialolympics.ie](mailto:clare@specialolympics.ie). We appreciate your support.

### Street Children of Bucharest

We appeal to you once again for your help for the following food items (all tinned): **fish, rice, fruit & soup**. Please leave items into the Parish Office or St. Joseph's Church on weekend before or after mass. Any queries to: 086-0704304. *On behalf of the Street Children, thank you.*



## Why Do We Celebrate Valentine's Day?



The story of Valentine's Day takes us back to the year 270 A.D. and the reign of Claudius II, emperor of Rome. When Claudius II succeeded Valerian, he continued to exercise his instinct for war. While in conflict with the Gauls, Claudius II came to the realization that married men are inferior at warfare, due to their personal attachments. Moreover, married men had a tendency to even avoid joining the army. To remedy this situation, Claudius II outlawed marriage.

Valentine, or Valentinus as he was known, lived in Rome at this time, and was outraged at the decree of this warmongering emperor. He refused to follow it. Valentine became a haven for young couples hoping to enter the Sacrament of Marriage. He married them in private, until eventually he was captured and imprisoned.

Valentine's devotion to God and love continued while he was in jail. Despite the overwhelming odds, Valentine took it upon himself to convert the Emperor, in hopes of reversing this unjust decree. But to no avail. Instead, the Emperor became further enraged by Valentine and sentenced him to death.



*St. Valentine taught us about the importance of love and the Sacrament of Marriage.*

## Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm Tomás Mannion, Highfield Park, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
 Sun.:9am Cormac & Mabel Mc Guinness, Clonroadmore.  
 10am Liam Moloney, Shanaway Road.  
 Thomas Murphy, 66 Hermitage.  
 Donors Intentions.  
 11am Tony Shannon, 94 Clancy Park. MM  
 12.15pm John O'Donoghue, 17 Old Military Barrack. MM  
 Mon:8am Harry Thompson, Dundalk.  
 10am Michael Dixon, Ennis.  
 7.30pm Mary Pigott, 46 Connolly Villas.  
 Tues.:8am Mary & Sean Feehan, Ennis & Cork.  
 10am Yvonne O'Callaghan-Moore, late of Cahercalla & Turnpike Rd.  
 7.30pm Brian & Nancy MacMahon, 18 Woodlawn.  
 Wed.:8am Ml & Mary & John Hogan,  
 42 St. Flannan's Tce.  
 10am Ciss McNamara, late 7 O'Connell St.  
 7.30pm Aggie Sexton, 44 Hermitage.  
 Thurs.:8am Tommy McEvoy, Park Ave.  
 10am Patrick & Catherine Doohan, Connolly.  
 7.30pm Cayla Dwane Connellan, 39 Willow Pk.  
 Fri.:8am Mass for the People.  
 10am Martin & Ml Culligan, Ballycurrane, Kilrush.  
 7.30pm Ita (Angela) White (Nee McMahon),  
 Shannon, Drumbiggle & Turnpike Rd. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv  
 Sat.:10am Sean Cronin, 21 Mountain View.  
 11am Jacksie Russell, Kilrush Rd.  
 6.30pm Liam Murray, Francis St. MM  
 Sun.:9am Johnny Purcell, Ard na Greine  
 10am Lorraine Cooley, 8 Dalcassian Ave.  
 Anthony Noonan, 12 Hermitage  
 Thompson Family  
 Donal O'Sullivan, 29 Greendale  
 11am Margaret Graham, "Prague", Cusack Rd.  
 12.15pm Patrick McMahon, Carmody St. MM

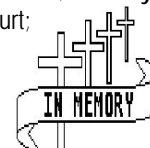
### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 22nd February, 2009  
 Readers: Group 5  
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1  
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



### Rest in Peace

Margaret (Peggy) Tierney, Mayo, mother of Andy Tierney, Gort Rd. and sister of Martin Heaney, Corrovorrin Drive; **Angie O'Regan**, 52 Hermitage; **Peg Lehane**, Cork; **Harry Thompson** Dundalk, brother-in-law of Tommy Dullaghan, Corrovorrin; **Anrí Griffin**, Cavan. grand-nephew of Sr. Ann Boland; **Michael McCabe**, Raheny, Dublin, brother of John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan; **Pakie Hegarty**, Kilnamona, father of Angela O'Halloran, 8 High Street; **Seamus Cahir**, 'Victoria', Charleville Rd., Tullamore, son of the late James & Brigid, Barefield; **Baby Conor Edmund Slattery**, 11 Stonecourt;



## For your Diary

- ◆ Spiritual Book Club Meeting on Tuesday 17th February in Cathedral House basement.
- ◆ February 25th Ash Wednesday, Fr. Martin Tierney celebrant evening Mass, Cathedral.



# Today's Scripture Readings



With Inclusive Text

## First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

### A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron that if a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a persons skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The person must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests. This person is leprous and is unclean. The priest must declare this person unclean; and suffering from leprosy of the head.

A person infected with leprosy must wear torn clothing and hair disordered; and must shield the upper lip and cry, Unclean, unclean. As long as the disease lasts a person must be unclean; and therefore must live apart and must live outside the camp.

### The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

### Response:

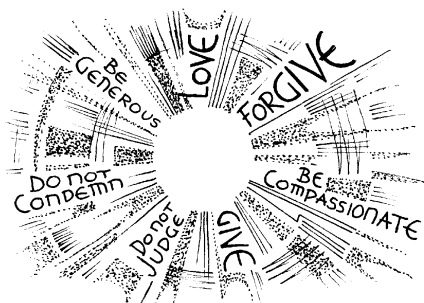
*You are my refuge, O Lord;  
You fill me with the joy of salvation*

Happy the one whose offence is forgiven,  
Whose sin is remitted.

O happy the one to whom the Lord  
Imputes no guilt,  
In whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
My guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
My offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
The guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
Exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
All you upright of heart. **R.**



## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

### The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Enlighten the eyes of our mind,*

*So that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!*



## Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### The Gospel of the Lord