

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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

22nd February, 2009

My Life - A New Story

The Christian life then is not merely a story of my failures and sins; it is marvellously a new story of God changing me from within into “the goodness of God”, through the gift of forgiveness.

“Life is not about the pursuits of happiness but about the discovery of Joy.” (J. Grenfell).

Wherever we are as Christians, we are always in the hands of a living God: “Underneath are the everlasting arms of his Love” bringing us home.

My life story is all about waking up to the Gift of God's inexhaustible Goodness, taking in the tidings of great joy *that I am never not loved and forgiven by One who is totally on my side.* It is not about my achieving goodness but about my growing better at seeing life and love as Gift and letting them well up in me.

It involves a daily “Yes” to grace and to God. The key movement is the “obedience of faith” - a heart surrender to the Lord to whom I belong.

Like our Lady in the Magnificat, I see my whole life story as a song of thanksgiving to God my Saviour who works marvels in me.

An American Calvinist theologian puts it this way: “ We are all Mary, barefooted recipients of the Gift of God”.



Our life is more than a human adventure. It starts from beyond us in God's desire, amazingly to promote us humans to his own Divine Family Life.

LENT

What's on this week?

LENT

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 22nd February, 2009

Fr. Jerry Carey ☎ 6822166

Wednesday: 25th (Ash Wednesday)


Fr. Tom Hogan ☎ 6824043

Ash Wednesday



Wednesday is Ash Wednesday day of fast and abstinence: weekday morning Mass in St. Joseph's & Cathedral @ 7.45am during Lent.

The Parish theme for lent is "Home is a Holy Place". Fr. Martin Tierney, Liscannor, will be Celebrant of Mass on Ash Wednesday night in the Cathedral @ 7.30pm

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

Wanted for needy: Table and chairs and Pine wardrobe.

Cuan an Chláir

Ennis day care centre for older people.



Sincere thanks to the 170 volunteers who gave of their time last week end with the bag packing fund raising at Dunne's Stores. The help of transition year students from St Flannan's and Rice College and the support of their teachers was much appreciated.

The Cuan fund raising committee acknowledge and thank Mary O'Sullivan who co-ordinated the volunteers and the management and staff of Dunnes Stores for permission and their help.

€7,976.00 was collected. Mile buiochas to all who supported the event.

People of the Year

This Monday 23rd February
in
The Old Ground Hotel at 8pm



Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- ◆ Stan Moroney, St. Michael's Villas.
- ◆ Maura Mallaghan, Considine's Road.
- ◆ Pádraig MacMathúna, Kevin Barry Ave.
- ◆ Julia Fitzgibbon-Hayes, Boheraroon.
- ◆ Mary Corey, Loughville.
- ◆ Alan Flynn, Old Ground Hotel.

Special Merit Award

- ◆ Canon Brendan O'Donoghue, Shannon.


The night will commence with a slide presentation on the History of Bank Place; Bindon Street; Harmony Row & Springfield by local Historian, Seán Spellissy.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

Diocesan Charismatic Core Group will host a Day of Spiritual Renewal, Sunday March 1st at St. Anthony's Hall, Francis St. 11am - 5.30pm Prayer Praise Teaching celebration of the Eucharist. Director: Fr. Kevin O'Boyle. All Welcome.

Daffodil Lunch in West County Hotel on Monday 23rd February @ 8.00pm. All old friends welcome and a special invitation to new members also. Enquiries to 087 2108867 or 087 6424863



 **Clare Hospice at Cahercalla**, Weekly Draw Results, Tue 17th Feb. **1st Prize €635:** Derek Timmons, Ballycaseymore, Shannon. **2nd Prize €127:** Mary Laffan, Clonboy, Miltown Malbay.

Save our Hospital public meeting

YOU HAVE THE POWER

Venue: Auburn Lodge Hotel

Date: Monday 23rd February

Time: 8.30pm

Mass With A Difference

In the Palm of His Hand

The theme for our next Mass with A Difference is the extraordinary way that God holds us in the palm of his hand, protecting and comforting us through our journey in life. As we take each footstep, he is there beside us, walking every step of the way, even when we are not aware of His presence. Come join Fr. Jerry Carey and the vibrant, uplifting music of the Ennis Gospel Choir



St. Joseph's Church
on this Sunday 22nd February
at 6.30pm.

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer group trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Monte Sant' Angelo, Loreto, Lanciano & Adriatic Coast for 9 nights from 31st August to 9th September, 2009. *Visiting Padre Pio's tomb where his exhumed body can be seen until 23rd Sept.* Ex Cork €1,285.00 pps and includes dinners & taxes. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan Adm. Ennis Cathedral. Call Maire @ 086 8804603.

Fatima 2009—Departs 28th May from Shannon for 7 nights. Hotel Pastorinhos, guided tours €795.00 plus insurance if required. Spiritual director Fr. John Walsh. Details: Kathleen Hayes. Tel 061 368549

Clare Lourdes Pilgrimage: From Shannon – July 22nd (7nts), Agena Hotel. Cost €789 pps, With Spiritual Director

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage Tour: To Rome, Montecassino, Nettuno, Sorrento & Amalfi Coast, Sep 9th (9 nights) Tour Leaders: Canon Brendan O'Donoghue & Tom Mannion. Few seats left. For full details for both of these pilgrimages call: Tom Mannion Travel @ 6824211

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Aug 23rd to 30th from Shannon. Cost: €695 all inclusive, less €30 if booked before May 31st. Contact: 6824750 or 6820243.

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 15th February, €9,692.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- Sat 7pm: Paddy O'Donovan, The Crescent.
- Sun 8am: George O'Neill, Clareabbey.
- 10am: Jack & Rose Spring, St. Senans Rd.
- 11.30am: Brendan Armstrong.
- Tues 11am: Mary & John Fitzgerald.
- Sat 11am: Patricia Quinn, 39 Ivy Hill.
- 7pm: Mary Sweeney, 34 Shannon Park.
- Sun 1st March: 10am: Betty & Tony Glynn, College Rd.
- Sun 1st @ 11.30am: Cora Fanning, Gort na Rí.

NB: Early weekday Mass @ 7.45am throughout Lent beginning Ash Wednesday

Taizé Prayer through Lent: Each Thursday during lent think about joining us in St. Joseph's Church for prayer using the songs of Taizé, Readings from Scripture and quiet time for reflection. All welcome. Beginning Thursday 26th February at 8pm.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- Sun 11am: Gary Murphy, 5 Considine Rd.
- Mon 9.30am: Michael Fawl, 27 Hermitage
- Tue 11am: Probus Mass.
- Sun 1st 11am: Bernie & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd

Seachtain na Gaeilge, 2009 idir an 27 Feabhra agus 17 Márta, 2009. Tá réimse leathan imeachtaí eagraithe chun tarlú tríd an Chontae, ceolchoirm oscailte le Bréag ar an 27 Feabhra ar 8.00 agus Céilí Mór na Seachtaine ar an 17 Márta i nGlór ar 2.30i.n san áireamh. **Seachtain na Gaeilge in Clare** from February 27th to March 17th, 2009. Events include opening concert with Bréag on February 27th at 8pm and Céilí Mór na Seachtaine on 17th March at 2.30pm. Further Information contact Emer on 065-6846512/gaeilge@clarecoco.ie or www.clarecoco.ie



BUSHYPARK TREATMENT CENTRE, ENNIS.

(CLARECARE SERVICE) present two seminars on Eating Disorders; Wednesday 25th February from 7.30pm to 9pm; Thursday 26th February from 10am to 1pm; **Venue:** Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, **Key Speaker:** Suzanne Horgan – Director of Eating Disorder Resource Centre of Ireland. Seminars are for young adults, teachers, professional staff, concerned persons and members of the public who have an interest in or concerns around EATING DISORDERS, BODY IMAGE or FOOD ISSUES. There will be a questions and answers session at the end of both seminars. You are welcome to attend one or both sessions which are free of charge.

Clare Haven Insights Programme:

A free and confidential programme for women in Domestic Abuse situations commencing in Ennis in March. For further information contact Clare Haven on 065 6842646 by Friday 27th of February.

The AGM of Ennis Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club will take place on Thursday 26th February in the club house. All members are invited to attend



Step out in faith this Lent: Wednesday nights at 7pm in Mary Immaculate College, Lmk.



Feb 25th (Ash Wednesday): Do We Need Jesus? - Prof. Eamonn Conway. Public Lecture. All Welcome! €10 per lecture.

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*



DeafHear.ie

Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People

Formerly known as the National Association for Deaf People are holding an Outreach Clinic in conjunction with the Audiology Clinic on Thursday, 26th February, from 10am – 3.30pm in the Health Centre, Kiltrush. At the Clinic DeafHear Personnel will provide advice on entitlements, information and demonstration on Deaftech equipment and advice on hearing aids to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and to people who experience Tinnitus and family members and local agencies which may need service support.

Inagh Development: A non-profit group based locally. Meals to your door @ €6.50 per person! If you would be interested in this service commencing Summer 2009. Please call Ann, Mary or Maxine on 065 689 1412.

Table Quiz "The Smartest Shop in Town" for all retailers of Ennis in Brogan's Pub on Thursday 26th Feb at 8.30pm. €30 per table of 4 proceeds to Building of Hope 2010 Project. Call Laura @ 087-2901892 to book a table.

Ash Wednesday Reflection

Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this day holy by our self-denial. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- Sat:6.30 Liam Murray, Francis Street. MM
- Sun.:9am Johnny Purcell, Árd na Gréine.
- 10am Lorraine Cooley, 8 Dalcassian Ave. Anthony Noonan, 12 Hermitage. Thompson Family. Donal O'Sullivan, 29 Greendale.
- 11am Margaret Graham, Prague, Cusack Rd 1st Anniv.
- 12.15pm Patrick McMahon, Carmody St. MM
- Mon:8am Mass for the People.
- 10am Peggy O'Halloran, 33 Collins Pk.
- 7.30pm Maisie O'Loughlin, Maghera View, Golflinks Rd.
- Tues.:8am Eileen Dunne, Clare Rd.
- 10am Danny Greene, Cahercalla Rd.
- 7.30pm Mary Hehir, 12 Connolly Villas.
- Wed.:7.45am Nora Meaney, Boloughera.
- 10am Tom Tuttle, Castlilawn, Tulla Rd.
- 7.30pm Jane Gallagher, late St Flannans Tce & Newmarket.
- Thurs.:7.45am Michael McMullin, New Oak, Ballyalla.
- 10am Thomas Kenny, Rathflynn, Maurices Mills.
- 7.30pm Mary Piggott, 46 Connolly Villas.
- Fri.:7.45am Thomas & Martin Byrnes, Lisdoonvarna.
- 10am Patk Burke, Derreen, Clarecastle
- 7.30pm Mass for the People.
- Sat.:10am Frank Lillis, Beechpark.
- 11am Jim & Mary Rockett, 18 Dalcassian Ave.
- 6.30pm Michael Neylon, Cahercalla Estate. MM
- Sun.:9am Tony Dargan, Limerick Rd.
- 10am Enda Kerin, Clonroadmore. Tom & Ena Hogan, Ballymaley, Gort Rd. Jack & Angela Slattery, Clonroadbeg. John Fleming, 6 Marian Ave. Ciara Fox, 21 Hermitage.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 1st March, 2009
Readers: Group 6
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Rest in Peace

Pat Kearney, Sixmilebridge, brother of Brid Wilkie, Hermitage & father of Dympna Kearney-Dinan, Hermitage; **Aileen Nugent**, 51 Castlerock, Tulla Rd.; **John Foran**, Liselton, Co Kerry brother of Bridie Bowe, 6 Clancy Park; **Michael Howard**, Clareen House. **Br. John Anthony Keane**, India & late of Hermitage brother of Aidan Keane, 38 Considine Road.

For your Diary

- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting on Tuesday 24th February in Cathedral House @ 8pm.
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** 25th February. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all Masses
- ◆ **Ceremony of Light** for Confirmation Young people from Ennis National School on **Tues 3rd March @ 8.00pm**
- ◆ **Ceremony of Light** for Confirmation young people Holy Family & Gaelscoil Mhichil Cíosóg on **Wed 4th March @ 8.00pm**
- ◆ **Workshop** for Parish Readers Monday 9th March @ 8pm in Cathedral Chapter Room.



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language



First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.
Jacob, you have not invoked me,
you have not troubled yourself, Israel, on my behalf.
Instead you have burdened me with your sins,
troubled me with your iniquities.
I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything
and not remember your sins.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

Happy the people who consider the poor and the weak.
The Lord will save them in the day of evil,
Will guard them, give them life, make them happy in the land

And will not give them up to the will of their foes. **R**

The Lord will help them on their beds of pain,
He will bring them back from sickness to health.
As for me, I said: 'Lord, have mercy on me,
Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.' **R**

If you uphold me I shall be unharmed
And set in your presence for evermore.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel
From age to age. Amen. Amen. **R**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I swear by God's truth, there is no Yes and No about what we say to you. The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you - I mean Silvanus and Timothy and I - was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes, and however many the promises God made, the Yes

to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through him' that we answer Amen to the praise of God. Remember it is God who assures us all, and you, of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us, marking us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;

To all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, word went round that he was back; and so many people collected that there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was preaching the word to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowd made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.' Now some scribes were sitting there, and they thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?' Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk"? But to prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,' - he said to the paralytic - 'I order you: get up, pick up your stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

