



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

Ennis Parish News

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9, 10, 11, 12.15pm

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45am

Weekdays:

Cathedral: 8, 10, 7.30pm Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 8, 11am Mon. – Fri.; 11am on Saturday

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am Mon. – Fri.

Friary:- 10am, 1.05pm daily; 10am on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45am daily

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 25th January, 2009

Conversion of St. Paul

Today, we celebrate the conversion of St Paul. Paul was born around the year 8 AD in Tarsus (modern day Turkey). He was born into a strict Jewish family, whose trade was tent and cloak manufacturing.

As a leading Pharisee, Paul used his authority to persecute those meeting in the name of Jesus. It was on a journey from Jerusalem to Damascus, to seek out and arrest Christians, that Paul suffered a blinding conversion experience, of Christ. Baptised in Damascus, two days later, Paul was a changed man. He devoted the rest of his life to spreading the Gospel and his belief that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah.

Following the example of Jesus, Paul withdrew to a desert place to pray in preparation for his life as a Christian. After three years preaching to the Jews, the Lord appeared to Paul, telling him to take the Christian message to the pagans. Among his friends who helped him were Barnabas and Luke.

This reminds me that like St. Paul, we too can take a moment or two each day, to reflect where God is in our lives and the lives of others.



We support each other in our faith by words of encouragement and hope. To lead by example, as St. Francis said “go preach the Gospel and if necessary use words”.

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 25th January, 2009

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎ 6891983

Wednesday: 28th

Fr. Martin Blake ☎ 6824043

RTE Sunday Mass Broadcasts from Ennis Cathedral: To listen to this Sunday's Mass at 10am tune into:

Radio 1 long wave 252

Last Sunday's broadcast can be listened to from the following link:

www.rte.ie/radio1/religion

Bereavement Group commencing Sat Jan 31st. very beneficial to people who have been bereaved 6 months ago or longer. Limited to 9 people; Free of charge; Tel: 065 6841009

Social, Personal Health Education & the HSE are offering a three evening programme in Ennis to help parents talk to their young teenagers about relationships and sexuality. The programme starts on Wednesday 28th Jan at 7.15pm to 9pm. Places are limited and can be booked by calling 065 6865839

Would you like to learn Irish as a beginner? Would you like to improve on your "Cúpla Focal"? Ar mhaith leat úsáid a bhaint as do chuid Gaeilge in atmaisféar taitneamhach? Irish classes for beginners, improves agus cainteoirí commencing in Ennis on Monday 26th January @ 7pm. Fón 065 68 64474 to register. **Is leatsa an teanga!**

Getting married?: Why not spend a weekend away for your pre marriage course at Esker, Athenry. A wedding is for one day. A marriage is for every day. All information from: 091 844549

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



2 classes for 10 weeks, one in **Child Psychology** (starts Tues. 20th) and the other course on **Psychology and Mental Health** (starting on Thurs 22nd), to promote understanding and appreciation of the diversity of life and offer help & assistance in understanding different ways of being. Info & details from **085 8303054**.

The first draw of the **Avenue United Supporters 2000 Club Monthly draw** will take place in the Temple Gate Hotel on Friday 30th January. Subsequent draws will take place on the 3rd Friday of each month. Entry forms can be obtained from committee members, club coach or Tom Mannion Travel.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The annual week of prayer will be celebrated in **Ennis Parish at 7pm in St. Columba's Church of Ireland on Sunday January 25th**, using the Prayers & Chants of Taize. Prayer will be led by Canon Bob Hanna and Fr. Jerry Carey.

The theme for this year is reconciliation – quote taken from the prophet Ezekiel, who lived in a tragically divided nation and longed for unity **"That they may be one in your hand."**

God of compassion, you have loved and forgiven us in Christ, and sought to reconcile the entire human race in that redeeming love. Look with favour upon those who work and pray for the unity of Christians. Grant us the experience of being brothers and sisters in your love. May we be one, one in your hand.

Amen.



DeafHear.ie

Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People

Hard of Hearing? Difficulty Coping? Hearing help sessions will run for 8 weeks, starting on Wednesday 4th February. **Time:** 11am to 1pm. **Venue:** Dunphy House, Respond, Cooper's place, Ennis. **Topics included:** Hearings Aids; Coping strategies; Assistive Technology; learning the skills of Lip Reading; Assertiveness Training. **Contact:** Geraldine Collieran @ 061 467494

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer group trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Loreto & Adriatic Coast. 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. Call Maire @ 086 8804603.

Clare Hospice Draw 1st Prize

€635: Jimmie Quinlivan, Lisheen,

Ballynacally. 2nd Prize €127:

Gerry Hogan, Data Display, Ennistymon.



SAMARITANS

The Ennis & Clare Branch of the Samaritans are seeking new volunteers. Information/selection nights are in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis on Thursday 5th February & Monday 9th February at 8 pm.

Alzheimer annual Burren Walk: Many thanks to all those who supported the Alzheimer annual Burren walk in Fanore, including all the walkers, musicians, volunteers and the O'Donoghue family. It was a great family day out and will be held again on 3rd January 2010. Please return sponsorship cards to unit 17 Clonroad Business Park, Ennis. Tel 065 6868621/5845835



Recently Baptised

Bethany May Heverin, Aidan Kevin O'Connell, Emmanuel Olawaseyi Asubiojo, Luke Stack, Leon Pádraig Guerin, Kaylie Ann Mounsey, Jeremy Séan Coffey, Grace O'Brien, Jamie Patrick Hogan, Saoirse Enid O'Loughlin.

Voluntary Services Abroad (V.S.A.) would like to thank Ennis Track Club and all those that supported the fun walk and run held in Ballyea on St. Stephens Day. A total of €1,300 was raised and will be used to purchase vital medical supplies in third world countries this summer by 5th Year Medical students at NUI Galway.

Parish Visitation: In the coming weeks we will begin to visit St. Patrick's Tce., and Limerick Road. We look forward to meeting you. Remembering that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am too".

Taxing: An exasperated woman, being questioned by a tax inspector about her tax deductions, was heard to say: "I wish the government were half as fussy about how it spends money as it is about how I spend it!"



Talk on St. Bridget and Celtic Spirituality

Presented by Fr. Denis Crosby, Chapter Room at Cathedral on Thursday 29th January at 8pm.



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 Sunday
18th January, €10,085.00

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.

Sun 8am: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove

10am: Mary Arthur, Gort Road.

11.30am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.

Mon. 11am: Ned & Eileen Hennessy, Clarecastle.

Wed. 11am: Agnes & Patrick Keane, Clare Road.

Thurs. 11am: Kitty Begley, St. Senan's Road.

Sat. 11am: Catherine & John Behan, Kilkee.

7pm: Kevin & Mary O'Donoghue, Kincora Park.

Sun 1st Feb 10am: Michael Harhen, Liscannor.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Thomas Considine,

31 Childers Rd. 1st Anniv

11am: Fergal Landy, 10 Considine Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Bidy McDonagh, 18 Davitt Tce.

Wed 9.30am: Charlie McDonagh, 18 Davitt Tce.

Sun 1st Feb 11am: James Maloney, McHugh Villas
& Kilmaley. 1st Anniv.

Mothers together praying for
our children, meets every

Tuesday at 7pm in Cloughleigh

Church. This week we are

celebrating our 1st Birthday. Like

to join us? All very welcome.



Taize Summer Pilgrimage July 12th – 21st 2009



For 18 years we have travelled to Taize with 45 young people. Each year (Age 17-30). We join with 5,000 other young people from all parts of Europe. The community of Taize which was founded by the late Brother Roger are our hosts. There we stay for a week Sunday 12th July – Sunday 19th July. We share in prayer, workshops, Meals, all that makes up a week in the life of young people. On Sunday 19th we travel to Paris where we stay in Hotel accommodation for two nights. Monday 20th in Disneyland Paris, Monday evening a Coach tour of Paris. Tuesday some organised sightseeing, (Shopping), returning home that evening, Tuesday 21st July. Cost €550 Any enquiries (As soon as possible) to Fr Jerry Carey 086 2508444.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm Maura Nevin, Corrovorrin Crescent. MM

Sun.: 9am Clair, Flan, Paddy & Fr. MI Donoghue,
late 65 Parnell Street.

10am Patk & Bridget Cotter, Dysart, Maurices Mills.
George & Mgt McMahon, St. Michael's Villas.

Austin Nagle, 118 Cahercalla Estate.

Denis Willington, Dublin

Tom Kelly, Golf Links Road

11am Mass for People

12.15pm Cormac McCannon, 56 Cahercalla Est. MM

Mon: 8am James & Nora Spaight, Sixmilebridge

10am T. Kenny, Maurices Mills

7.30pm Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin.

Martin & Ann O'Grady, Quin

Tues.: 8am Mary & Paddy Kissane, Hermitage.

10am Daisy Redican, 75 O'Connell Street.

7.30pm Bridget Cross, Headford, Galway & Ennistymon.

Wed.: 8am Holy Souls.

10am John & Delia Hanrahan, Turnpike Road.

7.30pm Mgt (Peggy) Flynn, 33 Connolly Villas

Thurs.: 8am Al Wrafter, late Tullamore

10am Austin O'Callaghan, 2 Clancy Park.

7.30pm James, Agnes & Séamus Blake, Limerick Rd

Fri.: 8am Mass for people

10am Elizabeth Hanrahan, Circular Road.

7.30pm Elaine Lempriere, 29 Avondale. MM

Sat.: 10am Daniel Kelly, Tipperary his daughter

Marie McCarthy, Limerick & Tom O' Sullivan, Tralee.

11am Philomena & Josie Nightengale, 38 Hermitage.

6.30pm Anna Cunningham, Ardlea Road. 1st Anniv

Sun.: 9am Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.

10am James Kelly, Clonroadmore.

Brian Tuohy, Drumcarronmore.

Frances & Johnny Tuohy, Cloughleigh.

Nancy Sheils, College Road.

Agatha Finnerty, late of Tobartaoscaín.

Dr. Brendan O'Regan. 1st Anniv.

Patrick & Una O'Regan & Mai Stewart.

11am Mass for People

12.15pm Michéal Frawley, Cahercalla, Kilrush Rd. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 1st February, 2009

Readers: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace



Paddy Casey, Ruan; Seamus Bohan, Spencilhill;
Mary Walsh, Roscrea; Joe Cullinan, Ballyalla. Filip
Lakatos, 6 Shannon Park. Bidy Pearce, Leeds
sister of Vincent Mc Mahon, Shannon Park; Margaret
Roche, Cork sister of Frank Holland, Inis Grove.
John Martin O'Donoghue, 17 Old Military Barrack,
Kilrush Rd. Denis Daly, 11 Cluan an Óir, Clonroad &
late Gortagannive, Kilmaley, sister of Geraldine
Beszant, Tulla Road; Ellen Fanning, Dublin, mother
of Angela O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Mary Keane,
Flagmount, mother of Ann Harvey Corrovorrin Drive &
Maria Conway Ennis General Hospital; Gus Hynes,
28 Rosanoir & Marian Ave.; June Sullivan (nee
Bolger), Tralee; Anne Marie O'Loughlin, Radaírch
na hInse, Waterpark;

For your Diary

- ✚ Parish Pastoral Council, Tuesday 27th February at 8pm in Chapter Room.
- ✚ Old Folks meeting on Monday 2nd February, @ 8.30pm in Community centre. Transport can be organised. Contact Martin @ 087 9033682.
- ✚ "People of the Year" Award Night, February 23rd Old Ground Hotel at 8pm.



Cloughleigh Comhaltas Ceolteóirí Eireann Supports Cuan

A cheque for €5,576.82 was presented to Cuan Fundraising Committee at the Monday night set dancing session at Woodstock. The monies were raised on St. Stephen's Day and evening by the Woodstock Set Dancers.



Today's Scripture Readings



With Inclusive Language

First Reading: 22:3-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul said to the people, 'I am a Jew and was born at Tarsus in Cilicia. I was brought up here in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was taught the exact observance of the Law of our ancestors. In fact, I was as full of duty towards God as you are today. I even persecuted this Way to the death, and sent women as well as men to prison in chains as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify, since they even sent me with letters to their brothers in Damascus. When I set off it was with the intention of bringing prisoners back from there to Jerusalem for punishment.'

'I was on that journey and nearly at Damascus when about midday a bright light from heaven suddenly shone round me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" I answered: Who are you, Lord? And he said to me, "I am Jesus the Nazarene, and you are persecuting me". The people with me saw the light but did not hear his voice as he spoke to me. I said: What am I to do, Lord? The Lord answered, "Stand up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told what you have been appointed to do." The light had been so dazzling that I was blind and my companions had to take me by the hand; and so I came to Damascus.

'Someone called Ananias, a devout follower of the Law and highly thought of by all the Jews living there, came to see me; he stood beside me and said, "Brother Saul, receive your sight." Instantly my sight came back and I was able to see him. Then he said, "The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Just One and hear his own voice speaking, because you are to be his witness before all humankind, testifying to what you have seen and heard. And now why delay? It is time you were baptised and had your sins washed away while invoking his name."

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, make me know your ways

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
And the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Second Reading:

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

Brothers & Sisters, our time is growing short. Those who have wives or husbands should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it, is passing away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I chose you from the world,
To go out and to bear fruit,
Fruit that will last says the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel: 16:15-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover'.

The Gospel of the Lord