

# 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, 12.15 pm.  
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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Friary: 6828751

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

2nd Sunday after Christmas (Year B)

4th January, 2009

## HAPPY NEW YEAR - 'The Word among us'

A Chinese proverb tells us that the first step towards wisdom is getting things by their right names. What more important name to get right than 'God'? So, is our response to that name - chilly, wary or warm?

In **Things Hidden**, Richard Rohr points out, **'Most people do not realise that humanity did not, by and large, expect love from God before the biblical revelation.'**

Our God is steadfast in love. Made in God's image and likeness, so too are we. Any response to God on our part other than love, would be unworthy of God. *God gives love, wants love, is love...the Word of God has become flesh and lived among us.*  
(John 1:14)

### The Gate Of The Year

And I said to the one who stood at the Gate of the New Year:

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

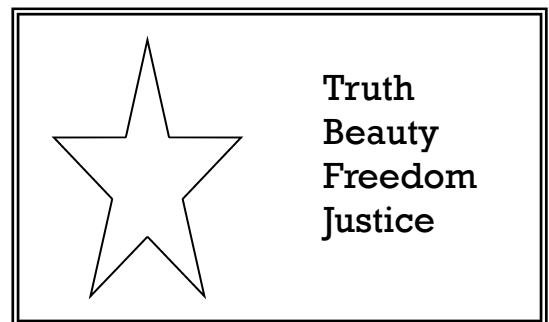
And the reply was:

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."*

(Minnie L Haskins 1875-1957 England)

### Resolutions:

- I will be truthful
  - I will suffer no injustice
  - I will be free from fear
  - I will not use force
  - I will be of good will to all humanity.
- (Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948, India.)



*Happy New Year 2009 to all our Parishioners and visitors and all who make our parish and Ennis a wonderful place to belong .*

Bliain fé mhaise dhuit.

Go mbeirimíd beo ag an am seo arís agus go maire on óige istigh in ár gcroí.

## Hospital & Sick Calls

**This week: 4th January, 2008**

Fr. Jerry Carey: 065 6822166

**Wednesday: 7th January**

Fr. Tom Hogan: 065 6824043

## Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2008, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in the Cathedral on next Sunday, 11th January at 3pm. As these little babies begin to crawl, walk and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years. *Baptismal Team members are most welcome.*



**There is a welcome to all babies & young children.**

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



**Ennis Padre Pio** Prayer group trip to Rome, San Giovanni & Adriatic Coast. Visiting Padre Pio's tomb where his exhumed body can be seen until 23rd Sept. Travel Dates: August 31-Sept 9; Ex Cork; €1,285 pps & includes dinners & taxes. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan; Call Maire @ 086 8804603.

### Baptisms



**Shelley** Ann Sherlock; **Danny** David Murphy; **Bernard** Christopher McDonagh; **Saoirse** Bridin Conway;

**Cillian** John Lawler; **Chibuiken** Brian Okeke.

**Fundraising Walk for Autistic Unit** Inagh National School on Sun 11th Jan at 12.30 from Toonagh Hall; Call Breda 6837380 or 087 7900647.

**40th Birthday Memorial Night** for Hilary O'Brien in aid of Clare 250 Cancer Centre, Ballygriffey, Ruan at Brandon's Bar, Ennis on Thurs 15th Jan. Local Bands on the Night: 8pm; finger food; tickets: €10.

## Unwanted Christmas Gifts for CUAN



If you receive a Christmas gift that you have no need for - Why not donate it to Cuan an Chláir Christmas Gifts Appeal? All unwanted gifts can be dropped off to the Chapter Room (behind the Cathedral) on Sunday 11th January from 8.30am to 1.15pm. There will be a sale of the unwanted gifts in the Maria Assumpta Hall on Sunday 18th January.

## Feast of the Epiphany

Church Holy day,  
Tuesday, 6th January

### Vigil Mass:

**Cathedral:** 6.30pm  
**St. Joseph's:** 7.00pm  
**Friary:** 7.30pm

**The Cathedral:** 9am, 10am, 12.15pm & 6.30pm

**St. Josephs:** 8am, 10am & 11.30am  
**Cloughleigh:** 9.30am & 11am  
**Poor Clare's:** 7.45am  
**Friary:** 10am, 12noon & 1.05pm  
**Cahercalla:** 10.30am



You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

**Go raibh ainm milis Íosa go taitheamhach scríofa i lár mo chroí-se.**

*May the Sweet Name of Jesus be written in my heart.*

### Roster for Cathedral:

**Sunday, 11th January, 2010**

**Readers:** Group 4

**Eucharistic Ministers Weekday:** Group 5

**Eucharistic Ministers Sunday:** Group 1



**Sun-Face, Productions with Glór Irish Music Centre Present Celebrating Balfe**

The compositions of Michael William Balfe are recognised and celebrated in an evening dedicated to his work. Local performers including Cathedral cantors Tony Murray and Koroline O'Sullivan and organist Léon Walsh along with a few others, promise to captivate the audience with their versions of his finest songs. Some of Balfe's arrangements of the Thomas More melodies will also be performed. **This musical evening will take place in Glór on Saturday 10th January. Tickets from Glór box office.**

## Reopening



*It's a New day! It's a New Dawn!  
It's a New Year! The turkey is now just a memory. It's time to make your New Year Resolution.*

**Ennis Toastmasters** will resume fortnightly from Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Jan at 08:30 pm at Temple Gate Hotel. Guests are always welcome, so make that resolution, come along, and bring a friend, and begin a Happy New Year. Tel: 087-2366388 or [Info@EnnisToastmasters.COM](http://Info@EnnisToastmasters.COM)

**Set Dancing:** Dick O'Connell's set dancing class will resume in May Kearney's Bar on Wed 7th Jan; 8.30pm to 11pm.

**Roslevan School of Speech & Drama** opening Sat 10th Jan at 2pm. All ages welcome; contact: 6821452 for details.



**Ennis Children's Choir** 2<sup>nd</sup> term starts Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Jan after school in St. Joseph's Meeting room, Kincora Park, boys and girls age 8-12, ring Fiona on 0876886378.

### Yoga Classes at Ennis Leisure Complex.

Tue 10am-11.30am starting 13th Jan for mixed ability & Thurs 15th 9.30am-11am continuation 11.15am-12.45pm for those looking for a gentle class. All classes run for 10 weeks, cost €100. Contact Guinevere at 6797451 or 086-2325200.

**Guitar Lessons** at Adult Education Centre, 59 Clonroad Business Park; All ages; 10 week course; includes manual & cd; commencing Thurs 22nd Jan; Tel: 6822516; 086 1731031; [www.ennisguitarschool.ie](http://www.ennisguitarschool.ie)



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm Eamon Duffy, Kincora Park  
 Sun 10am Tos O'Sullivan, New Rd  
 Sun 11.30am Clare & Sean McGrath, Lifford Rd  
 Mon 7pm Vincent Neylon, Parnell Street  
 Tues 11.30am Thomas & Delia Curry, Athenry  
 Wed 11am Deceased members of Finley family  
 Thurs 11am PJ Garvey, 24 Corrovorrin Green  
 Fri 11am Michael O Halloran, Corrovorrin  
 Sat 11am Noel Ballinger, Gort Rd  
 Sat 7pm Vickey Keane, Corrovorrin Drive  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 8am Thomas Scanlon, Newcastle West  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 10am Mary Glynn, Kincora Park  
 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Mary Brogan, College Green

### Taize Prayer



Prayer using the songs of Taize on Thursday at 8pm in St Joseph's Church. Taize Prayer continues on the second Thursday of each month. All welcome.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 4th Jan  
 11am Special Intentions  
 Tue 6th 9.30am Michael McMahon, late Gallow's Hill  
 Sun 11th  
 11am Georgina & Herbert Colgan, Clonroadmore

## Fáilte Fr. Fergal



*We Welcome this week  
 Fr. Fergal O'Neill.*

Fr. Fergal will have responsibility for the Cloughleigh area of the Parish, replacing Fr. Tom O'Gorman while on sick leave. Fr. Fergal is residing in Bishop's House, Westbourne.

If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass or Baptism for Cloughleigh, please contact the Parish Office 065 6824043. Fr. Fergal can be contacted at **087 6615975**.

**We wish him well in his Ministry.**



## Friary News

### Monthly Mass and meeting of The

**Secular Franciscan Order** will take place in the Friary at 10am and in St. Anthony's Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 7th January.

### Parish Readers



**Missals** for 2009 available to all Parish Readers in Sacristy.

### Ennis Track Club

Thanks to all who supported the Fun Run on St. Stephen's Day in Ballyea. Cheque for €1300 was presented to Medical Student Roisin Bhamjee for Voluntary Services Overseas Project.

### NUIG student Aine Pyne

thanks all who supported her at the annual Marian Turkey trot. Aine will be travelling to Honduras in Summer '09 to build houses for the poor, in conjunction with NUIG and Habitat, for Humanity. The help from RNLI & Marian Athletic's Club is also greatly appreciated.

### Art is for Everyone!

Oil Painting Courses - Tullabrack, Cooraclare/Kilrush The 6 Week Courses and Weekend Oil Painting Courses will be starting again in Jan - The programme of courses for 2009 is also available. Please phone or send an email for more information. Phone Avril on 065 9051720 or Mobile 085 1665281; Email: [abrand@eircom.net](mailto:abrand@eircom.net); [www.clareartist.com](http://www.clareartist.com)

### Soroptimist International Ennis & District

thank all who so generously contributed to their recent Church Door Collection, for local charities. Amount raised was: €2,760.00.



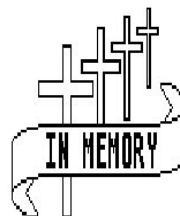
## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 Tom Clancy, 6 Woodview, Shanaway Rd. MM  
 Sun.:9am Nancy Guilfoyle, 6 Gallows Hill.  
 10am Patrick Hogan, Aymers Cross  
 Liam Madigan, 26 St. Michael's Villas.  
 Gerry & Helen Hynes, late Connolly Villas.  
 Michelle Malone (Nee Dinan), 10 Waterpark View.  
 Maura Nagle, Kilrush (1st Anniv) &  
 Catherine McGovern, late Dunlaoire  
 11am Anne Leyden, Corless Lodge, Cloughleigh. MM  
 12.15: Pat O'Sullivan, 3 Abbeycourt, Limerick Road.  
 Mon:8am Holy Souls  
 10am Patricia Moloney, 60 St. Michael's Villas  
 6.30pm O'Dwyer family, Lahinch & Limerick  
 Tues.:9am Mary & Flan Hynes, 73 St. Michael's Villas.  
 10am Haulie Reidy, 319 Golflinks Road  
 12.15: **Mass for the People**  
 6.30pm Tom Fox, late of Barrack Street.  
 Wed.:8am Decd Members of Malone & Keane families  
 10am Patrick & Margaret Keane, Hermitage  
 7.30pm Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas  
 Thurs.:8am Nancy O'Brien, Quin  
 10am Christina Malone, 6 Dalcassian Drive  
 7.30pm Seán & Sis O'Loughlin, Alaska & Ennis.  
 Fri.:8am Mass for People  
 10am Vincent Neylon, 16 Parnell Street  
 7.30pm Peter Skerritt, 112 Hermitage (1st Anniv)  
 Sat.:10am Andrew McShea, 2 Showgrounds View.  
 11am Joe Kerin, Clonroadmore  
 6.30pm Margaret Connellan, 13 Steele's Tce. MM  
 Sun.:9am John (Sonny) Hehir, Gortmore, Ennis  
 10am Joe Crosse, Ennistymon.  
 Nora Malone, late Parnell Street.  
 Imelda & Brendan Ryan, 101 Hermitage  
 11am Teresa Weir, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. MM  
 12.15pm Chrissie Guinnane, 31 St. Michael's Villas MM

### Rest in Peace

**Margaret Collins**, Ashfield Park; **Michael Frawley**, Cahercalla, Kilrush Rd.; **Maura Nevin**, 12 Corrovorrin Crescent; **Michael Preston**, New York & Sligo, brother of Louis, St. Senan's Rd. & Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd; **Mary O'Flaherty**, Lisdoonvarna, mother of Anna Murphy, Ashfield Park & Mary Connolly, Clarecastle; **Mary Murray**, Athlone, mother of Gwen Murray-Flynn, Ennis General Hospital; **Richard Savage**, Down, brother of Clare Vaughan, Gárran na Coille; **Helen Walsh**, Fresford, Kilkenny mother of Rosemary Walsh, Ballybeg; **Cormac Cannon**, 66 Cahercalla Estate; **Kitty Dillon**, Clarecastle, sister of Tessie Murrhly, Claireen, and Geraldine Vaughan, Cahercalla; **Ullah O'Malley**, Connamara, sister of George Hitching, Cahercalla Drive; **Frankie Mulqueen**, London & Cloughleigh, brother of Eileen Morrissey & Anthony & Eddie Mulqueen, Considine Road; **Pat Moloney**, brother of Kathleen Hannon, Tulla; **Sr. Mary Benet Fennell**, O.P., Sion Hill Dominican Convent, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, sister of Joe Fennell, Gort Rd.; **Maura Rankin**, Newry; **Charles Glynn**, Kilrush, husband of Edel, Ennis General Hospital; **Andrew Carroll**, Newhall, brother of Jimmy, Kilrush Road; **Sheila Dunne**, Dublin, mother of Mairead Sheedy, Woodview; **Liam Murray**, Francis Street;





# Today's Scripture Readings

## With Inclusive Text



### First Reading:

24:1-2.8-12

#### A reading from Ecclesiasticus

Wisdom speaks her own praises,  
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.  
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,  
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.  
Then the creator of all things instructed me,  
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.  
He said, Pitch your tent in Jacob,  
make Israel your inheritance.  
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for eternity I shall remain.  
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,  
and thus was I established on Zion.  
In the beloved city he has given me rest,  
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.  
I have taken root in a privileged people,  
in the Lords property, in his inheritance.

#### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Response:*

**The Word was made flesh &  
lived among us.**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
He has blessed the children within you. **R**

He established peace on your borders,  
He feeds you with finest wheat,  
He sends out his word to the earth,  
And swiftly runs his command. **R**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
To Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
He has not taught them his decrees. **R**

#### Second Reading

#### A reading from Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted children, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show

towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

#### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;  
Glory be to you, O Christ believed in by the world.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel John 1:1-18

#### A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word:  
the Word was with God and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of all people, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.  
A man came, sent by God. His name was John.  
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.  
The Word was the true light that enlightens all people; and he was coming into the world.  
He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.  
He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.  
But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh but of God himself.  
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.  
John appears as his witness.  
He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'  
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received - yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.  
No one has ever seen God;  
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

