



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: 7.45, 10am, 7.30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11 a.m. on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 7.45, 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>

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

15th March, 2009

Lent: A Time of Spring Cleaning

The spring clean of the house or office is part and parcel of this time of year.

We all know too well the signs all around us - to draw attention to the need for this spring clean - to make all things fresh, whether it's the first sign of a bud on a branch, the lengthening evening or the first sound of a neighbour's lawnmower.

Lent, as it coincides with Springtime, calls us to look at another kind of spring clean... this time our Liturgy invites to "*Purify our Hearts*", not language we might use so often, yet we are living in an age where we purify many things for the sake of hygiene and cleanliness, so too our hearts and lives might need to be revived and renewed, rinsed and refreshed.

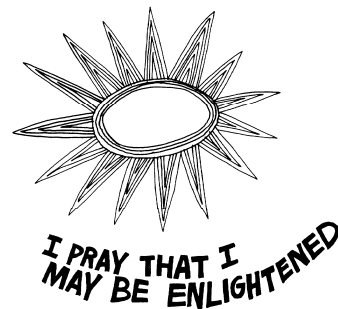
What are some of the things that collect and need to be cleaned off the windowpane of my heart? I often need to brush off frantic busyness so I can see God more clearly in people and events. Harsh thoughts and hasty judgements must be washed away.

The residue from old battles with others needs to be rinsed off.

I have to cleanse my heart of anxiety and lack of trust.

Racism must be scrubbed off...on and on the list goes.

Time for reflection and prayer is vital in order to keep my inner transparency. If I am too busy or too preoccupied with the external details of life, I can often miss what needs cleansing in my heart.



Loving God,

Bathe me in Your Mercy.

Clear my inner windowpane.

Help me see with Your Merciful Eyes,

To love with Your Incredible Love.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 15th March, 2009

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087 6615975

Wednesday: 18th March, 2009

Fr. Martin Blake ☎ 065 6824043



Home is a Holy Place.

Preparing for Easter - Would you like to take some time out for the remainder of Lent? Prepare for Easter in a different way – through Meditation and gentle movement. St Anthony's Hall, Francis St., on Wednesday 18th, 25th and 1st April at 7.30pm. Call Mary at 087-9701130.

The Cathedral:

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday morning prior to 10am Mass.

Gospel Reflection: Thurs March; 19th; 26th & April 2nd; 8-9pm Cathedral House.

Secondary Schools' involvement with Sunday Liturgy: Colaiste Muire 15th March; Rice College 22nd March; St. Flannan's College 5th April;

St. Joseph's:

Taizé Prayer: Thursday of Lent @ 8pm.

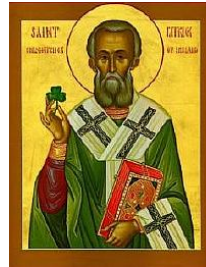
Alzheimer Unit at Carrigoran. County Clare Hunt Sponsored Ride on Sunday 22nd March, 1pm at Carrigoran House. Sponsorship Cards available from Carrigoran House or Chairman of County Clare Hunt - Paul O'Neill 087 9176243. All Proceeds to Alzheimer Unit.

Thomond Bridge Club Charity Night, taking place in Clare Community Bridge Centre, Ennis, on Wed 18th March @ 7.45pm *sharp*. All welcome, bring your friends. Refreshments served. In aid of David Hitchcock Foundation (building homes for physically disabled in South Africa).

Slow Food Clare – AGM March 22nd, Slow Food*Clare Ennistymon Courthouse Studios @ 3pm. Slow Food is a voluntary organisation with over 100,000 members in 132 countries, and was started in Italy in response to "fast food living". It is growing rapidly in Ireland, and new members are warmly welcomed. New officers will be elected, & anyone who has an interest in food (production or consumption!) & would like to help to expand and grow the Clare branch should come along. Contact Sarah Malone, PRO of the Clare Convivium on 086-3981325 www.slowfoodclare.com; email: slowfoodclare@gmail.com

Luireach Phádraig

Críost liom,
Críost romham,
Críost ar mo chúl.
Críost ionam,
Críost fúm,
Críost os mo chionn.
Críost ar mo dheis,
Críost ar mo chlé.
Críost im' Luí,
Críost im' shuí,
Críost im' éirí dom.



Críost I gcroí gach duine a smaoiníonn orm,
Críost I mbéal gach duine a labraíonn liom,
Críost I súil gach duine a fhéachann orm,
Críost I gcluais gach duine a chloiseann mé.

While in his teens, (some 1,500 years ago) Patrick was kidnapped in a raid and transported to Ireland, where he was enslaved to a local warlord & worked as a shepherd. It was at this stage that he underwent a religious conversion. He escaped six years later (having become a fluent Irish speaker) & returned home. Eventually he undertook studies for the priesthood with the intention of returning to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick is regarded as the Patron Saint of the Excluded and downtrodden. He worked for the abolition of slavery and in his writings he speaks of women with great respect and dignity.

Thinking of You...

St. Patrick's Day is traditionally a day when we celebrate Ireland & what it means to be Irish. On St. Patrick's Day this year, why not reflect on the lives of Irish emigrants abroad-both now & in the past? "Thinking of You" is what St. Patrick's Day should be about...



Mass times for St Patrick's Day

Monday 16th: Vigil Masses

Cathedral: 6.30pm;

St. Josephs: 7pm; Friary: 7.30pm.

Tuesday 17th:

Cathedral: 9am, 10am,

12.30pm Aifreann tri Gaeilge & 6.30pm.

Shamrock will be blessed before 12.30 mass.

St. Josephs: 10am & 11.30am

Friary: 9.30am, 10.30am & 12noon

Cloughleigh: 9.30am & 11am.

Recently Baptised

Sophie Nancy Moloney; Sophie Maher; Ronan Christopher Daly; Kyle Theo Lillis;



Get your scroll for Mother's Day!

Loving your mum and also supporting a mother in Pemba Island, Tanzania, where basic rights such as healthcare, nutrition and education are a big struggle in everyday life. Your €5 will go directly to Pemba on 6th July as Maura Brooks will be going with the **Playing for Life** organisation. Scrolls will be on sale in Parish Office.



Annual General Meeting of the RNLI (Lifeboats) will be held at The West County Hotel at 6.45pm on Tuesday 24th March. Anybody interested in helping with the work of saving lives at sea is welcome to attend.

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



Vietnamese Language Classes/Translation, Sat from 9.30am-10.30am. Vietnamese Cookery classes Tue & Fri 7-8pm. Call Binh 0656824048/0879013003.

Inch National School St Patricks Day Disco on Tue 17th March, 2.30 - 5.30pm; Magowna House Hotel, Inch. €5pp. Children must be accompanied by adult. For school funds.

Eire Óg Camogie Club, subscription night, Friday March 20th @ 8pm at Eire Óg Club House. All age groups, new members welcome.

Clare Roots Society's March meeting takes place Thurs 19th @ 8pm in Civic rooms, Waterpark. Speakers: Eric Shaw who will present the Killone Abbey transcription project, newly completed by Clare Roots members and Declan Barron.

Michael Cusack DVD, copies of the first ever DVD, a tribute to the founder of the GAA which was launched on March 5th in the Auburn Lodge hotel. For sale at Tom O'Donnell sportswear, 3 Abbey St. Profit from sale goes to Christian Brothers' Mission in Zambia.

Clare County Council Planning Department invites members of the Public to a Public Information Workshop on the new Clare County Development Plan 2011-2017 at The Oakwood Arms Hotel in Shannon, Wednesday 18th March, 2009 from 3.30pm to 8pm. Further details can be obtained at www.clarecoco.ie or Economic Development & Planning Department 065-6821616.



Fleadh Nua 2009

Presents The Chieftains in Concert Wednesday 20th May at 8pm in Cathedral. Tickets available through Glór Box Office exclusively. Limited capacity. Book your ticket to ensure you seat. Proceeds to Cuan an Chláir (Ennis Daycare Centre).



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




St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mary Hayes, 20 Pine Grove.
 Sun 10am: Tina Canole, Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron.
 11.30am: Peadar O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.
 Mon 7pm: Aileen Nugent, 51 Castlerock Tulla Rd. MM
 Tues 10am: Jenny Carmody, 25 Kincora Park.
 11.30: Brudsie & Ciss McCarthy, 72 Hermitage.
 Wed 11am: Pauline Reynolds.
 Thurs 11am: Cillian O'Sullivan, late Hawthorns, Clare Rd.
 Sat 11am: Patrick Griffin, Clonroad.
 Sat 7pm: Eric Connellan, 12 Fergus Lawn.
 Sun 22nd 10am: Agnes & Jack Ratcliffe, Marian Ave.
 11.30am: Bridget Walsh, Drumbiggle.

Padre Pio Mass monthly gathering with Mass
 7.30pm on Wednes 18th March. All welcome
 as we pray the intercession of St Pio.



 Taizé Prayer through Lent: Each Thursday at
 8pm during Lent think about joining us in St
 Joseph's Church for prayer using songs of Taizé, reading
 from scripture and quiet time for reflection. All welcome.





Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Ml & Catherine Hehir, Miltown-Malbay.
 11am John & Bridie Murray, Shandrum, Mullagh.
 Mon 9.30am: Sean Cullinan, 11 Cloughleigh Rd.
 Tue 9.30am: Dan McNamara, 32 College Green.
 11am Herbert & Georgina Colgan, Clonroadmore
 Wed 9.30am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.
 Thurs 9.30am: Flan McMahon & McMahon Family,
 late 141 Hermitage
 Fri 9.30am: Tom Collins, Carron.
 Sun 22nd 11am: Mary & Patrick Quigley, Kilfenora.

Clare All-County Pub Quiz, on behalf of  Special Olympics & in Association with Clare 
 FM Thurs 19th March 8pm sharp, at: Brandon's,
 Brogan's, Charlie Stewart's, Knox's, Micky Kerins, The
 Library Bar, The Old Ground, & Shibeen Bar Doora.
 Clare FM will broadcast questions and answers; prize
 for winning team €500. All monies raised go to Special
 Olympics Fundraising for County Clare.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the Cliffs of Moher.
 Saturday 14th Sunday 15th and Tuesday 17th, St
 Patrick will be at the Cliffs to raise the Irish Flag.
 Featuring traditional set dancing and music, ranger cliff
 edge walks and more.

Table Quiz series in aid of Kilmaley Voluntary
 Housing Scheme & Day Care
 Centre on Fri, March 20 in The Bogdale Pub, Lisroe at
 9pm. Teams of 3. Entry fee: €20 per team.

Cancer Tales, a play based on real lives, hope, love
 and understanding. The aim of this performance is to
 increase awareness of the importance of
 communication in Cancer Care. March 18th @ 8pm in
 LIT Millenium Theatre Limerick, cost €20 in aid of
 Milford Hospice.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw Results
 Year 8 Week 38, Tuesday, March
 10th 1st Prize €635: Myra English,
 Corofin. 2nd Prize €127: Aileen
 Murphy, Clarecastle.



Friary News

Concert in aid of the
 Friary & Poor
 Clares heating fund on
 Friday March 20th @ 7.45pm
 featuring Elain Country Big Band
 from Canada & Ennis Brass
 Band. Music to suit young and
 old. Donations on leaving would
 be greatly appreciated.



**II European
 Franciscan Meeting**
 for young people aged
 18 to 30 on foot from
 León to Santiago (Spain),
 August 9th to 15th. Contact
 Pilgrimage team Franciscan
 Friary @ 6828751.

**Vote for the Mulkerrin
 Brothers** taking part in the
 All-Ireland Talent Show final on
 next Sunday night 15th March in
 Dublin. They would appreciate the
 vote from the People of Ennis, and
 have relations living in Clonroad.



**Charity Stroll through the
 Woods at Dromoland
 Demense** will take place on
 Sunday, 22nd March. Assemble in
 the car park next to the tennis
 courts in Dromoland for
 registration at 12.30pm. All
 proceeds to support the
 construction of much needed
 houses for the growing number of
 aids orphans in Zambia. Maedhbh
 Moroney from Ennis will lead a
 Habitat for Humanity team
 travelling to Zambia in June. Your
 support would be greatly
 appreciated.

Could you turn your hand to
 becoming a priest?



Does your current job fit you?
 Why not look beyond the norm?
 Come along to a Vocations
 Weekend, April 25th & 26th in
 Mount St. Joseph's Abbey,
 Roscrea and spend some time
 with like-minded people to
 explore new possibilities for your
 future? **Contact: Fr. Iggy
 McCormack. Tel: 086-2777139.**

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:


Sat: 6.30 Denis Daly, Cluain Oir, Clonroad.
 Sun.: 9am Frances Cosgrove, 4 Árd na Gréine.
 10am Hal & Eva Frazer, 2 Considine Terrace.
 James Vaughan, Market Street.
 Elizabeth, Michael, Paul, & Shane Brasill,
 Ennis & Kilrush.
 John Daly, Lifford, Gort Road.
 John & Josephine McKiernan,
 2 Showgrounds View & Cavan.
 Andrew Quinn, Corofin.
 11am Eva Hogan, Árd na Gréine. MM
 12.15pm Angela & Jack Mulcaire, Crusheen.
 Mon.: 7.45 Alacoque Hennigan, Athenry
 10am Patrick, Elizabeth, Mary & Dolly Garrihy, Steeles Tce
 7.30pm Moira & Louis Brennan, Clare Rd.
 Tues.: 9am William Ryan, 19 Gallows Hill.
 10am John Hickey, Tullassa, Inch.
 12.30 Aifreann Trí Gaeilge.
 Patrick Wallace, 9 Cottage Gardens.
 7.30pm John Hickey, Inch & USA.
 Wed.: 7.45 Cullinan Family.
 10am Maureen & Michael Rice, Summerhill.
 7.30pm Frank Costello, Castletawn, Tulla Rd
 Thurs.: 7.45am Francis Morgan, Roscommon.
 10am PK Ryan, 31 Collins Pk.
 7.30pm Maisie & John Bradley, Limerick Rd.
 Fri.: 7.45am Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.
 10am Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, "St. Josephs" Clare Rd
 7.30pm Colin Paul, 28 Maiville. 1st Anniv
 Sat.: 10am Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
 11am Decd members McInerney family &
 Maisie & Tony O'Neill.
 6.30pm Joe Carmody, Meadow Court. 1st Anniv
 Sun.: 9am James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.
 10am Ian Muir, Ennis & Kilfenora.
 Peter Boland, Mullagh
 Mai Gallagher, Donegal.
 Pat & Mary McGarry, Ard na Greine
 Michael Kenneally, Fergus Pk
 John McMullin, 11 McNamara Pk
 11am Mass for the People.
 12.15pm Mass for the People.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 22nd March, 2009
 Readers: Group 3
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Rest in Peace

 Sister Clare Ronan, Essex, sister of Kathleen
 Kelly, Golf Links Rd; Murt Cuddihy, Kilkenny, brother
 of Ned St Senans Rd.; Tom McInerney, 30 The
 Crescent; Vincent Corbett, Lisheen, father of Helen
 Carr, Carmody St; Niall Callaly, Laoise sister of
 Patricia Callaly, Glór; Fr. Peter Driscoll, London &
 Laureen, son of Angela Cullinan, Redding/Drumcliffe;

Congratulations...



To the young people from Gaelscoil and Ennis National School, who
 received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend in St. Joseph's
 Church and Cathedral. We thank the teachers and pupils from the schools
 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.



Today's Scripture Readings



With inclusive text

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no gods except me.

You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the parents fault in the children, the grandchildren, and the great-grandchildren of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the person who utters his name to misuse it.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred.

Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbours house.

You shall not covet your neighbours wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,

It revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,

It gives wisdom to the simple. R

The precepts of the Lord are right,

They gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,

It gives light to the eyes. R

The fear of the Lord is holy,

Abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth

And all of them just. R

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,

Whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Reference: John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about anyone; he could tell what a person had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

