

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, 10, 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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1st Sunday of Lent (Year B)

1st March, 2009

From Peru

I am here over a month now visiting Ecuador and Peru. Both similar countries but many differences too. For us to leave home and family for a short while is easy. But for those who go, push out into the deep waters as it were, to a new country, to make a new life, is certainly more challenging.

Similarly, but in much different circumstances, the poor of Ecuador and Peru move from the country to the cities to better themselves, especially for their children.

When we visited Carlos and his family in their raised bamboo hut (because of the floods), we saw dignity and hope. Amid the story of their lives, granddad was dying of cancer. Charlos was placed caringly on the kitchen floor, while Maria fed him and Sylvia fanned him with a piece of cardboard. All the grandchildren were around. He was fed, held - tears and laughter - all in a dignified, caring and graceful way. I will never forget it.

That experience of living and dying amidst poverty, gives me great hope this Lent. It reminds me of how much we have. It reminds me of the desert where there may seem no hope, but an Oasis if one believes. It reminds me that as we journey each day, God is present in every human experience and encounter.

Maybe try and believe that concept more and more this Lent and then Lent may make more sense.

Believe, I say in Jesus Christ in the desert, who never gave up.

Believe, that no matter what, God is present in every moment in every person everyday.

Believe, that out of ordinary circumstances comes extraordinary happenings, and comes belief, that God works through others, to help us on that inward journey, because it's that *inward journey is the most difficult one of all* .

(T.S Elliott).

Tu Amigo Siempre,
Fr. John Molloy.

Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 1st March, 2009

Fr. Tom Hogan ☎ 6824043


Wednesday: 4th March

Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087 6615975

Parish Visitation: We thank the people of St. Patrick's Tce and Limerick Road for their welcome. In the coming weeks we will begin to visit Inisgrove and Drumcarronmore and Cloonbeg. We look forward to meeting you; remembering that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am too".



Solas Sucide Support Group will take place on **Saturday 7 March from 11am - 12noon at CIOC office**, Connolly House, Elevation Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis. (roundabout opposite turn off to Tesco). This group is for family, friends & co workers whose lives have been touched by suicide, either recently or in the past. It is totally confidential and free of charge. All are welcome, further information Johanna Treacy 086 - 0829907.


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

Workshop: Making a direct application as a mature student to UL & MIC. March 5th 2009. 7pm to 8.30pm. **Workshop:** Supports for people with a disability or learning difficulty at third level. March 12th 2009. 7 to 8.30pm. To book a place contact Anne on 085-7240750 email anne.griffin@lit.ie. Venue to be confirmed.

The Ennis Book Club Festival (6th - 8th March), in association with **Clare County Library**, is a unique social and literary gathering for all readers. The programme includes author readings, poetry, advice on organising book clubs and much more. Highlights include John Boyne, author of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and other noteworthy Irish writers, i.e., Conor O'Clery, Jennifer Johnston, Michael D. Higgins, Gerard Stembridge etc. Further details at www.ennisbookclubfestival.com Tel. 087 972 3647 or 085 784 2822.

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*

Bus to Clonfert on Wednesday. March 11th, Bring a packed lunch. Contact  Maura 065-6825739

Congratulations to Fr. Cletus who celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood last weekend. We thank Cletus for his goodness and ministry. We acknowledge his work and time spent here in Ennis. Praise God for the Holy Spirit working in and through Cletus Noone Ofm.

Ad Multos Annos.



February Draw winner of the Avenue United 200 Club was Michael Leahy, Hazelgrove, Ruan. The March draw will take place on Friday March 27th at Moroneys Bar Lr. Market St. at 9pm. For more information contact avenue200@gmail.com or www.AvenueUnited.com

Ennis Toastmasters will hold this year's "International Speech" and "Speech Evaluation" contests on Tuesday 3rd March at 8:30pm at Temple Gate Hotel. Guests are welcome. See CLUB MEMBERS IN COMPETITION. Feel free to contact us at: Info@EnnisToastmasters.COM Or Phone: 087-2366388

Do this in Memory


This Sunday parents and young people preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion will participate at the 9.30am Mass Cloughleigh; 10am in St. Joseph's and 11am in Cathedral. We remember all our young people in their preparation for the sacraments. 

Table Quiz in aid of Kilmaley Voluntary Housing Scheme and Day Care Centre takes place on Friday March 6th in Woodstock Golf Club Clubhouse @ 9pm. Teams of 3, entry fee €20.00 per team.

Dal gCais Naomh Flannain U12 Football Training resumes Monday 2nd March 5.30pm at St. Flannans College. All welcome. Enquiries Jim O'Neill 087 2205176 or Paul Keating 086 162162.


Caterpillar's Montessori Crèche: Full day child care. Ballybeg area (off Kilrush Road). Ages 2-5 years (small group). Very caring environment. Fully qualified NNEB/Montessori teacher. Phone 065 6822901/085 2838620.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla weekly draw results, week 36; **1st Prize €635:** Brendan Fitzgerald, Kilshany. **2nd Prize €127:** Dennis Deegan, Data Display, Ennistymon.

Ennis ICA meeting: in Clarecare on Tuesday March 3rd @ 8pm. New members welcome.

Vietnamese Language Classes/Translation, every Saturday from 9.30am to 10.30am **Vietnamese Cookery Classes** on Tuesday and Friday evening from 7pm to 8pm. Contact Binh 065 6824048 or 087 90130003

Recently Baptised

Nikodem Milek; Cillian Carnochan; Emily Grace Keane; Raymond Ekene Ntomchukwu. 



Congratulations to this years recipients of People of the Year Awards: L to R: Julia Hayes; Stan Moroney; Allen Flynn; Pádraig MacMathúna; Mary Corey; Maura Mallaghan; Bishop Willie Walsh; Canon Brendan O'Donoghue, Special Merit Award. Mile Buiochas to all who made the night such a success.

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 22nd February, €9,925.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Mary Sweeney, 34 Shannon Park.
 Sun 8am: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.
 10am: Betty & Tony Glynn, College Road.
 11.30am: Cora Fanning, Gort na Rí.
 Mon 11am: Gerry & Agnes O'Dwyer, Gort Road.
 Tues 11am: Mary Hartney, 23 Mountain View.
 Wed 11am: Anthony Murphy, Doora.
 & Teresa Murphy Green, The Crescent.
 Thurs 11am: John & Bridget Casserly, Old Gort Rd.
 Fri 7.30pm: Mary Doherty, McNamara Park.
 Sat 11am: Matt O'Connor, New Road.
 7pm: Pat O'Brien, 27 Shannon Park.
 Sun 8th 10am: Joe Moroney, 5 Corrovorrin.
 11.30am: Maureen O'Keefe, Lifford Road.

Taizè Prayer Through Lent: Each Thursday during lent think about joining us in St. Joseph's Church for prayer using the songs of Taizè, readings from scripture and quiet time for reflection. 8pm each Thursday. All welcome.

St. Joseph's young Priests' Society monthly meeting on Friday 6th March after 7.30pm Mass in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Dale (T.J.) Daly, 56 Brookville & formerly Steele's Terrace. (20th birthday remembrance).
 11am: Bernie & Nancy Murphy, Circular Road.
 Thurs 9.30am: Annie Moloney, Hermitage.
 Sun 8th 11am: Brigid Culliney, 8 Cloughleigh Rd.

Matt Talbot Novena continues on Wednesday nights in Tulla Church until 8th April. Speaker on next Wednesday 4th is Fr. Michael Collins & the theme is Jesus said "Give me your hand". (Blessing of keys, cars etc).

Aware hold a Support group for sufferers of depression weekly on Tuesday nights in the Day Hospital on the Gort Road in Ennis. For more information contact Mary @ 090 6634984.

Lent 2009: Home is a Holy Place.

The Cathedral:
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday morning prior to 10am Mass.
Gospel Reflection: Thursday March 5th; 12th; 19th; 26th and April 2nd from 8pm to 9pm in Cathedral House.
Secondary Schools' involvement with Sunday Liturgy at 11am Mass.
St. Joseph's:
Taizé Prayer: Each Thursday during lent.

New Members to Parish

This Sunday we welcome 4 Adults who have undertaken a preparation course for membership of our Parish Community, with the ceremony of entry into the elect. Their names are written into a special book. During the weeks of Lent, Kersten Meyer; Dana Cerna; Darlington Omorodion; Sandra Ovenserh will undertake their final preparation for Baptism and Confirmation.



Friary News

Monthly Mass and Meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order will take place in the Friary @ 10am and in St. Anthony's Hall @ 7pm on Wednesday March 4th.

Wanted for needy: Baby Car Seat.

First Sat Devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima in The Cathedral next Saturday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Confessions, Rosary & Benediction after 11am Mass.

The No Name Club is a National Youth Organisation with affiliated clubs in almost every county in Ireland. The organisation is currently actively involved in helping groups set up clubs where they don't already have a presence. The organisation is focused mainly on 15 to 18 year olds and it helps young people to create social activities for themselves in an alcohol and drug free environment. To find out more contact the local Development Officer, Bernie Divilly @ 087 9 9 1 8 2 5 2 or email berniedivilly@yahoo.ie

Clare Ladies Football team will play Kildare in the Div. 1 National League on this Sunday (March 1st) at Lissycasey at 2pm. This is a very important match for Clare and a win would guarantee them a quarter final place and secure their position in Div. 1 for next year. Please come out and support your county team. The team captain is Louise Henchy from Ennis. Admission: U/12s free, U/16s €4 and Adults €8.

Eire Óg Ladies Football Club will hold their Annual General Meeting at Eire Óg Clubhouse on Sunday, 1st March at 8pm. All parents and players over 16 are requested to attend. Your support is vital to the club.

Education Fund Collection will be taken up next weekend in all Churches in Ennis Parish. This fund is used to support students studying for the priesthood. This year the Diocese has 2 students in the Seminary. This collection is also directed towards further education of lay people in ministry.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 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.
 Patrick John Hanlon, London.
 11am Mass for the People
 12 .15pm Mass for the People
 Mon: 7.45am Harry Thompson & deceased members of the Dullaghan families.
 10am Michael, Bridget, Paddy & Brian Foley, Liscannor.
 7.30pm Kevin Hinton, England.
 Tues.: 7.45am Holy Souls.
 10am Galvin & Slattery families, Cahercalla.
 7.30pm Anne Killeen, 3 Linnanes Tce.
 Wed.: 7.45am James, Patrick & Mgt. Doohan.
 10am Charles O'Grady, 16 McNamara Park.
 7.30pm Nellie Galvin, Barrack St.
 Thurs.: 7.45am Tadhg & Eileen O'Shea, Noreen Slattery, Ard na Greine.
 10am Tony, Susan & James O'Brien, Golf Links Rd.
 7.30pm Paddy Brennan, late O'Connell St.
 Fri.: 7.45am Mass for the People.
 10am Decd membs Kenny family, Coolmeen.
 7.30pm Mary Mulqueen, College Grove/Parnell St. MM
 Sat.: 10am Sean Dinan, St Michaels Villas
 11am Christopher & Nora O Grady, 111 Hermitage.
 6.30pm Mass for the people.
 Sun.: 9am Patrick Guilfoyle, 6 Gallows Hill.
 10am Frank McMahon, Drumcaranmore, Loughville.
 Meere family, 88 Upper Turnpike Rd.
 Teresa Delaney, Glenina, Gort Rd. & Formerly High St.
 Joe & Mgt Duggan, Kilmihil.
 Philomena Downes, Knockalough, Kilrush.
 Eddie Gallagher & Norah Byrnes, Donegal & Scotland.
 11am Mass for the people
 12 .15pm Mass for the people

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 8th March, 2009
 Readers: Group 1
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Rest in Peace

Mary Sexton, Dublin sister of Paddy Sexton Willsgrave; **Angela Mullins**, mother of Liam, Corrovorrin; **Emmanuel Olusegun Adelodun**, Roslevan;

For Your Diary

- ◆ Old Folk Monday 2nd March @ 8.30pm in Community Centre, Chapel Lane. Transport can be provided, contact Martin @ 087 9033682
- ◆ Spiritual Book Club Meeting Wednesday 25th March @ 8pm, Cathedral House.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:- The next Meeting of Co-ordinators takes place this **Wednesday March 4th**, in the Chapter Room, at **8.05pm**. Hopefully all Co-ordinators will be present to welcome Fr. Jackie Sharpe to whose visit we look forward as he shares his Eucharistic insights garnered over many years in a part of the Lord's vineyard far far away.





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God spoke to Noah and his family, See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.

God said, Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: .

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

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

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

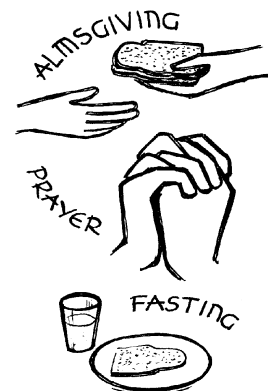
Gospel Acclamation

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

We do not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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



Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord