



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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Friary: 6828751

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

29th March, 2009

Generous with His Mercy

Each year at Lent, we are invited once again, to make a difference. To become aware once more of the importance of the smallest effort to bring about the Kingdom of Love, Justice, Peace & Forgiveness.

The image of the seed in the Gospel reminds us of the process of death that comes before new birth. Sometimes our contribution to the work for justice seems so small, in comparison to the changes that need to take place in the world of disadvantage.

The important step is taken when we begin to die to our selfishness and look beyond our needs to those of others. In this way we plant seeds of hope for a better future.

Archbishop Oscar Romero, who spent his life in the service of justice and his people in El Salvador, places our contributions in perspective:

'We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete...

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.'

**FORGIVENESS
UNITY LOVE**





What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 29th March, 2009
Fr. Jackie Sharpe ☎ 086-8940556
Wednesday: 1st April
Fr. Fergal O'Neill ☎ 087-6615975



Home is a Holy Place.

Preparing for Easter - Meditation & gentle movement in St Anthony's Hall, Francis St., on Wed 1st April at 7.30pm.

The Cathedral:

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

Gospel Reflection: Thurs April 2nd; 8-9pm Cathedral House.

Secondary Schools' involvement with Sunday Liturgy: St. Flannan's College 5th April;

St. Joseph's:

Taizé Prayer: Thursdays of Lent @ 8pm.

Bingo in Community Centre on Sunday night at 8.30pm.



Naomh Fhlannain Hurling and Football training resumes on Mon March 30 in St. Flannans. Registration on Mon from 6.30-7.30 at St. Flannans. ☎ Jim O'Neill 087 2205176.



Pilates Course; 8 wk beginner level starts Thurs 2nd April at 10am in the C.T.R.C., Clonroad Business Pk. ☎ Lizzie 0872757703.

Ennis Montessori After School Club open during Easter for full day care for school age children. ☎ Edelle - 0857669303/6842506.

Computer Lessons: One to one, at your own pace, Experienced teacher. Call 087 9101646

Quiz on Tue March 31st @ 8.30pm in Library Bar; teams of 4 @ €30 per team. Proceeds to Clare Crusaders & Suaimhneas ASD unit @ St. Flannan's National School, Inagh.

Ennis Toastmasters: During this period of recession, - changing jobs etc is a challenge facing many of us. Speaking in public or at interview can be difficult. At Toastmasters you can regain your confidence. *Next meeting at Temple Gate Tue March 31 @ 8.30pm.* Info@EnnisToastmasters.COM/087-2366388.

A Triduum of Masses will be offered for your intentions on Easter Sunday. Cards available at The Parish Office.

40th Anniversary Celebration



CLARECARE

If you have been involved in anyway with Clarecare over the last 40 years, we would like to invite you to celebrate with us in Clarecare, Harmony Row Monday 30th March at 7pm.



Dyslexia Parents' Support Group of children with dyslexia has been established in Clare. Plans to organise courses & activities based on the needs of parents.

☎ Clare Education Centre, 6845500.

Ennis Tidy Towns: THANKS to Teresa



McGrath for her hard work in co-ordinating Tidy Towns involvement in St. Patrick's Day Parade.

WANTED: PLANTS . . . Yes! Plants,



preferably perennials, that can be divided up. So no matter what variety or type would you like to see your favourite plant bloom at the

Cathedral this summer? If so, drop it in and it will be planted and also divided for a plant sale for charity!

Thank You. Fr. John @ 086 8152828.

Clare Co Council Planning Dept invites members of the Public to a Public Information Workshop on new Clare Co Dev Plan 2011-2017 at Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis on Wed April 1 from 3.30-8pm. Details at www.clarecoco.ie or Economic Dev & Planning Department 065-6821616.

Building of Hope Project

NEEDED: PLASTERERS skilled/unskilled workers for Fr. Martin Keane, Cranny, Kenya Jan-Feb 2010. ☎ Fr. John 0868152828 &

Cake Sale in aid of Fr. Martin Keane on Sat (Easter Sat), April 11th in Market Sq., Ennis (beside Specsavers); flowers, easter eggs also on sale. Please support.



Sincere thanks to all who have contributed and supported the various fund-raising events for Cuan an Chlair - the Ennis Daycare Centre at Cahercalla. Raised to date is €210,515.



Next event: Poker Classic on Fri April 24 in Old Ground 9.30pm. Tickets €30.

An Appreciation



Fr. Peter O'Driscoll
1949 - 2009

The sudden death of Fr. Peter O'Driscoll caused widespread sadness for his family, colleagues, friends and neighbours, here in Ennis.

Peter was the youngest of 3 boys, born into the family of Angela & Joe O'Driscoll. He was only nine months when his Dad died in September 1949. Reared by his grandmother, Mary Cullinan, Claireen and his Aunt Sally MacNamara.

His school years were spent at C.B.S. Primary & the Vocational School, Ennis. He then joined his mother & family in England. Entered All Hallows College, to study for the priesthood in 1968.

Peter celebrated his First Mass here at The Cathedral in June 16th, 1975.

In the early years of his priesthood he worked in Parish Ministry in the Diocese of Plymouth. In later years, he was Chaplain in St. George's Hospital in London.

Peter is returning home to his native Ennis to be laid to rest, beside his father Joe & his grandparents, Mary & Peter Cullinan.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilís.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS..

To our young people from Holy Family Senior & Christian Brothers Schools, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend in the Cathedral & St. Joseph's Church. We thank Parents, Teachers, Pupils, Faith Friends, Choirs, Musicians & Sponsors. The



tremendous work put into these liturgies for young people, is to be commended.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for

Sunday, 22nd March, 2009

€9,151.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: Michael Devitt, 11 St Senan's Rd. 1st Anniv
 Sun 10am: Gerry Lane, 9 The Crescent.
 11.30am: Harry Ballinger, Gort Rd.
 Mon 11am: Mary & Patrick Lafferty, Lisdoonvarna.
 Fri 11am: Tommy & Jack Carroll.
 7.30pm: Mike Foley, 4 Fergus Park.
 Sat 11am: Frank Markham, New Rd.
 7pm: James & John Sexton, Ballard, Miltown Malbay.
 Sun 5th 10am: Bridie & Denis Greer, 24 Shannon Pk.
 11.30am: Aaron & Paddy Haugh.

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



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Mary Ann & Patrick & Patrick Jr. Fitzpatrick, 50 Circular Rd., Ennistymon.
 11am: Rachel Walsh, 2 John Paul Ave.
 Sun 5th @ 11am: John & Mary Flanagan & deceased family members, Ballygriffey.

"Mothers together praying for Our Children" meet every Tue @ 7pm in Cloughleigh Church. All are welcome to come & join us.

Noel Bolger (Sacristen) thanks all who sent him good wishes, cards & Mass Bouquets, while he was ill. Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting on Friday 3rd April, after 7.30pm mass, in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 5th April, 2009
 Readers: Group 5
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3

For your Diary

- ◆ Cathedral Liturgy Group - March 30 @ 8.15
- ◆ Easter Penitential Service - Mon April 6th
- ◆ Bereavement Meeting on Tue 7th April @8pm in Cathedral House
- ◆ Chrism Mass April 8 St. Senan's Church, Kilrush

Mass with a Difference

Come & celebrate the arrival of Spring & the many wonders that greet us each day. With the lively, joyful music of the Ennis Gospel Choir & Fr. Jerry Carey, this is a Mass with a difference!



- ◆ St. Joseph's Church
- ◆ This Sunday @ 6.30pm
- ◆ All welcome, why not bring a friend?



Friary News

Monthly Mass & meeting of The Secular Franciscan Order, will take place in The Friary at 10am & in St. Anthony's Hall at 7pm, on Wednesday, 1st April.

Flora, Women's Mini



Marathon on Mon June 1st for Breast Cancer Research

Call Monica Gallagher 6822206 or 086 1600660 for full details.

Clare Branch of Irish Kidney Association



Association welcomes donors families, transplant recipients & their families to their

Annual Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving on this Sun @ 11am in Ennis Cathedral.

Beatitudes for Nurturing Vocations in the Family



Blessed are the children of parents who ...

1. **Witness love** for their spouse, their children, their neighbour and the world.
2. **Talk freely** about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of their lives.
3. **Remind their children** that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
4. **Lead their family** in prayer.
5. **Speak positively** about priests, religious sisters and brothers.
6. **Participate in lay ministries** and activities of their parish community.
7. **Encourage their children** to be open to the possibility of priesthood and religious life, as well as marriage.

"Come & See Weekend"

Vocations weekend in Mount St. Joseph's Monastery Roscrea on 25/26th April. Call Fr. Ignatius McCormack @ 0862777139/ignaid@hotmail.com

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Beenie Fitzpatrick, Clonroadmore. 1st Anniv.
 Sun.: 9am Mary Hogan & baby Harry, Tobartaoscain.
 10am Thomas & Mgt Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
 Jim Kitson, Claureen Drive.
 Nancy O'Sullivan, College Rd.
 Elizabeth Maher, Clonroadbeg.
 Tom Anderson, 10 Kilrush Rd.
 Agnes & John (Sonny) Hehir, Gortmore, Ennis
 Jimmy Daly, Cloughleigh.

11am Remembrance & Thanksgiving Mass for Clare Kidney Association

12.15pm Patrick Keane, Kilrush Rd. 1st Anniv.
 Mon: 7.45am John Lynch, Kilmaley
 10am Paddy McInerney, 20 Dalcassian Pk
 7.30pm Frank, Violet & Tom Slattery & Mary Ritchie, 3 College Park.

Tues.: 7.45am Packie Murrhy, Mullagh.
 10am Owen O'Neill, Lifford.

7.00pm Norah & Daniel & Michael & Maria O'Neill, Connolly & Michéal Frawley, Cahercalla.

Note: Change of Mass Time

Wed.: 7.45am John & Bridget Guilfoyle, 32 Hermitage.
 10am John O'Halloran, Ard na Gréine.

7.30pm Seán & Bridget O'Keeffe late Ard na Gréine.
 Thurs.: 7.45am Jack & Deborah McCarthy, Killarney.
 10am Tom Whelan, Clancy Pk & Ann Murphy, Dublin
 7.30pm Michael Coote, 4 Cloughleigh.

Fri.: 7.45am Josephine & Patk Kelly, Ard na Gréine
 10am Michael & Mary Kerin, Clonroadmore.

7.30pm Tommy McInerney, 30 The Crescent MM
 Sat.: 10am Donor Intentions.

11am Julie Fawl, 94 Shalee Drive.
 6.30pm Martin Casey, Dalcassian Ave. 1st Anniv

Sun.: 9am Tessie Meere, Cahercalla.
 10am Thomas & Kathleen Halpin &

Kathleen Halpin McGuire, late McNamara Pk, John Curtin, Cahercalla Road
 Thomas & Annie Hynes, Limerick Rd
 Bridget Callinan, Drumelihy, Cree
 Rebecca Dwane, 11 Old Military Barracks.
 Christopher Brigdale, 6 Hermitage.

Martin & Brid Moloney, Clare Rd.
 11am John Pigott, Lifford Rd. 1st Anniv.

& his parents Barry & Kitty.
 12.15pm Nurse Kath Duggan, Francis St. 1st Anniv.

Rest in Peace



John Kelly, Carrick-on-Suir, brother of Helen O'Sullivan, Castlewood Park & Kathleen Dobsen, Ashfield Park; **Martin Kennedy**, Erinagh, Toonagh; **Julie Salter** (nee McNamara) of Labasheeda & Canada, sister of Jane McNamara, Corrovorrin Grove; **John Preston**, Galway, brother of Louie Preston, St. Senan's Rd. & Teresa Larkin, Cusack Rd.; **James Meehan**, Kilmaley & Drimeen, Kilrush Rd., father of Mary Coote, Martin, Tulla Rd. & Eamon (Trocaire); **Annie O'Loughlin**, Corbally, Quin; **Pat Power**, Clarecastle, brother of Ber Connolly, Woodlawn; Maura Fahy, ; **Mother Angela Whelan**, Poor Clare Monastery, Ennis; **Patricia Guinnane**, Clarecastle; **Jane Fahy**, Quin, mother of Mary White, McNamara Pk. & Michael & Maura Fahy, Quin.

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



Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Language

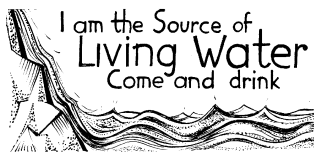


First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother or sister to say to each other, Learn to know the Lord! No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord



Responsorial Psalm

Response:

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrew.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
If you serve me, says the Lord, you must follow me;
Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If any person serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.'
Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all people to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

