



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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2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

8th March, 2009.

A Little Glimpse of Heaven

In today's Gospel, the Apostles Peter, James & John are given a glimpse of Heaven. On the mountain top, Jesus is transformed. His whole body becomes illumined and shines "*as bright as the light*".

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory - a glory in which they would share - was given to these apostles, to strengthen and encourage them, in the terrible test of their faith, which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them, very soon.

In all our lives, there are moments of transcendence, when we are drawn into the mystery and love of God. These moments, however, can be very fleeting. Like the Apostles, we want to hold on to them and to prolong the experience. But the reality of our humanity demands that we move from such experiences back into the humdrum living of our daily lives.

This struggle in our day to day living, is not easy for our human nature, but our loving Saviour is beside us "*to raise us up and tell us not to fear*", if we but rely on Him.

**GOD OF LOVE,
OPEN MY
HEART TO
A NEW WAY.**



Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little that God demands of us, so that when we pass out of this life, we may be assured of seeing Christ in His Glory, ready to welcome us into His everlasting Kingdom.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 8th March, 2009

Fr. John Molloy ☎ 065 6824043

Wednesday: 11th March, 2009

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎ 065 6891983



Lent 2009: 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 Wed 11th, 18th, 25th and 1st April at 7.30pm. Call Mary at 087-9701130.

The Cathedral:

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

Gospel Reflection: Thurs March; 12th; 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 during lent @ 8pm.



Dominican Biblical Institute, Limerick. *Through darker days we stand together: Coming through the*

Downturn. In response to the economic downturn which is affecting the country and Limerick area in particular, speakers will reflect on the present situation in the light of their own knowledge and experience and will share their convictions, on how we find a way forward. Talks take place on Thursdays at 7.30pm. 12th March: Peter McVerry SJ - He has been working with Dublin's young homeless for more than 30 years. He has campaigned tirelessly for social justice. Adm free: Donations gratefully received.

PARENTS' GUIDE TO INTERNET SAFETY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.



Wednesday, 11th March at 8pm in Rice College School canteen (Hall). ALL WELCOME. Rice College will host a talk by Mr Paul Durrant on what is accessible to young people on the Internet, a description of the situations and dangers into which they can fall and helpful advice on safety measures that parents can take to protect them when they use the Internet.

Clare Hospice at Cahercalla; Year 8 Week 37; Tues, March 3rd; 1st Prize €635: Gertrude Hanrahan; Gallows Hill; 2nd Prize €127: Francis Keane Jnr, Clancy Pk.



CYS Promotional Gig for National "Irish Youth Music Awards"

All welcome to a Practice Gig in aid of Clare's representation at the Irish Youth Music Awards. Talented Ennis band CMC have been selected to represent Clare for the 2nd year in a row. A fundraising gig on March 14 in Clare Youth Service & will feature CMC as well as supporting bands, acoustic performers and a raffle with strange and wonderful prizes!



Fashion Show & Exhibition: New seasons collection Spring Summer 09 in association with Martina Costello Mon March 16th West County Hotel @ 7pm. In aid of Gaelcholáiste An Chláir & Ennis Community College.

Table Quiz Next heat of the 2009 table quiz in aid of Kilmaley Voluntary Housing scheme and Day Care Centre takes place on Fri March 13th in Carney's Pub Connolly @ 9pm. Teams of 3, entry fee €20 per team

STEM bereavement support group will hold a one-day free educational & support workshop in Ennis on Sat March 14th with the option of follow-up support meetings if needed. May not be suitable for very recently bereaved. Call Pauline Bradley 0876383988.

Street Children of Bucharest

Thank you for previous support for the Street Children of Bucharest. We appeal to your generosity again for help with 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.

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



Recently Baptised



Finn Paul Gardiner; **Ellen** Susan Meere; **Alex** Edward Dunn; **Emma** Ailish McGann;

Thanks to all who supported recent Coffee Day at Maddens, Tulla; raising funds for Clare250 Cancer Centre & to send cancer patients to Lourdes. Amount raised €7,285.40; *go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís, le cúnamh Dé.*

International Women's Day March 8th, 2009



International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. **Theme for 2009: Inspiring Women; Challenging Voices, Changing Times.**

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 sold in Parish Office and also after all Masses on Saturday 14th of March.



Christian life Sodality: Members will meet in the Christian Brothers' Monastery on Tues March 10th at 8 pm for meeting and mass.

Medjugorje Prayer meeting Monday March 9th at 8pm in Clarecastle Daycare Centre.

Clare Language Centre - Improve your English - 4 class (No Charge), Wed 4th, 11th, 19th, 26th March, 7pm, Tell: 0656841681 Erasmus Smith College Rd, clarelc@iol.ie; www.clarelc.ie.

"SUPER SPORTS SESSION" Table quiz night; sports fanatics of Ennis (Guys only) will take place in Knox's Bar, Tues 10th March at 8:30pm & hosted by Clare Sportster-Marty Morrissey. €30 table of 4; all proceeds to the building of **Hope 2010 Project**.

Art & Craft classes each Wed from 11th March. Glass & Silk Painting, Acrylics & Watercolours & more. Clare @ 087-2389521.

Na Fianna hurling & football club catering for all players from Beechpark, Drumbiggie, Clancy Pk, Hermitage, Cloughleigh, Lahinch Rd, Drumcliff Rd, Shanaway, Loughville and their environs continue training each Sat from 11am - 12:30 in St. Flannan's. New players from age 6 to 12 welcome, contact David Casey 086-8066008 or Mike Ryan 087 4126915.

Clare Archaeological & Historical Society's Final lecture in series - at

Clare Museum, Arthur's Row, at 8.30pm on Monday, March 9th. Speaker Fr. John Jones PP Mountshannon who will discuss how stamp collecting can enhance our enjoyment of the study of history. Non members welcome.

Football training for girls aged 8 - 12 takes place every Saturday morning in Eire Óg at 10am. New players always welcome! Contact Sharon on (087) 9679679 for more details.

Wanted for needy: Pine wardrobe.

For your Diary

- ♦ Pastoral Council meeting March 24th @ 8pm.
- ♦ Spiritual book club meeting Wednesday March 25th @ 8pm; Cathedral House.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 1st March, €9,966.00

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: Pat O'Brien, 27 Shannon Park.
 Sun 10am: Joe Moroney, 5 Corrovorrin.
 Sun 11.30am: Maureen O'Keefe, Lifford Road.
 Mon 11am: Kieran Hennessy, Coopers Place.
 Tues 11am: Kathleen & Thomas Lowe.
 Wed 11am: Sean McMahon, 58 Marian Avenue.
 Thurs 11am: Dec'd members O'Brien Family, Crusheen.
 Fri 11am: Brudsie & Gus McCarthy, 72 Hermitage.
 Sat 11am: Jimmy Madigan, 25 Marian Avenue.
 Sat 7pm: Mary Hayes, 20 Pine Grove.
 Sun 15th 10am: Tina Canole, Pat & Mary O'Brien, Carron.
 11.30am: Peadar O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Taizè Prayer through Lent - Each Thurs @ 8pm during Lent think about joining us in St Joseph's Church for prayer using the songs of Taizè, reading from Scripture & quiet time for reflection. All welcome.



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Brigid Culliney, 8 Cloughleigh Road.
 Sun 15th 9.30am: Michael & Catherine Hehir, Dunsallagh, Miltown Malbay.
 11am: John & Bridie Murray, Shandrum, Mullagh.

Mark's Gospel with Fr. Gerard McCarthy SVD, Community Centre, Kilrush 11th & 18th March at 8pm; 0872890942; pastoralwestclare@gmail.com

Education Fund Collection will be taken up this 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.



Year of Vocation

The aim of The Year of Vocation is to raise awareness of the common vocation that we all share, through baptism, as expressed through witness, love and service. Our interview this week is with Fiona Hickey, Holy Family School.

Where are you from Fiona? I was born in Sydney, Australia and grew up in Shanaway Road, Ennis. I am now married and living in Clarecastle.

Where did you go to school? Following in my Mum's footsteps, I was educated in Holy Family Junior & Senior schools and Coláiste Muire. I then completed a B.A. in English & history in U.C.G. and from there went on to Mary Immaculate College of Education in Limerick where I did a post - grad in Primary Education.

Why did you choose teaching as a career?

Teaching is in my blood, with my mam, dad, grandparents and my grand aunt Sr. Annuciata, (a Mercy Sister) amongst others in the teaching profession! With an enthusiasm for interacting with people both young and old, I felt a career in teaching best suited my skills and personality. I loved every minute of my eight years spent in primary school, which served as further inspiration. Clichéd as it may sound, I hoped to make a difference in children's lives.

The most rewarding part of your job? It is a privilege to be part of a child's early development, not just in academic terms, but also emotionally and spiritually. As a teacher, you strive to help children reach their own true potential. My role is made all the more easy with the wonderful facilities available to us at H.F.S.S. The look of excitement and sense of achievement on a child's face when they grasp something makes it all worthwhile.

The most difficult part of your job? Meeting every child's diverse needs, while simultaneously teaching and overloaded curriculum can be a challenge. A teacher's day continues long after the bell has rung and the children have gone home.

Would you recommend your role to someone as a way of life? While teaching is a very challenging occupation requiring constant flexibility and commitment, I would recommend it as a hugely rewarding profession.

Who or what inspires you? I am inspired by: my parents who instilled the values I have today and who continue to inspire me, my former teachers, my faith and the children I teach, particularly those for whom learning is a struggle.



Learn effective ways to relax, de-stress & energise with Sr. Joan, Primary School teacher & counsellor with training in yoga & art therapy; Sat March 21st at Anne Leavy Health & Beauty Centre, Francis St; €20/or donation/1 hr; Call 0868120478

Ennis Padre Pio Prayer group trip to Rome, San Giovanni, Monte Sant' Angelo, Loreto, Lanciano & Adriatic Coast for 9 nights from 31st August to 9th Sept. *Visiting Padre Pio's tomb where his exhumed body can be seen until 23rd Sept.* Ex Cork €1,285pps and includes dinners & taxes. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan Adm. Ennis Cathedral. Call Maire @ 086 8804603.

Medjugorje pilgrimage from Shannon Aug 23th-30th; Cost €659 all incl; €30 discount if booked before May 31st; Call 6824750 or 6820243.

Workshop for Church Readers



Monday 9th March at 8pm.

Speaker: Peggy O'Reilly in Cathedral Chapter room.

All Readers Welcome!

Lost & Found in the Cathedral: Keys; Glasses; Scarves; Umbrellas; Caps; Gloves, call to sacristy this weekend after Mass

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30 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. & 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.
 Mon.:7.45am Holy Souls.
 10am Patrick Duffy, Gort.
 7.30pm Gerard O'Driscoll, 4 Summer Hill.
 Tues.:7.45am John & Teresa McNamara.
 10am Mairéad Scanlan, main Street, Miltown Malbay.
 7.30pm Patrick & Catherine Murphy & deceased members of Murphy family, Kerry.
 Wed.:7.45am Dec'd memb's McConnon & Cahill families.
 10am John T. Kelly, Cnoc Mhuire, Lissycasey.
 7.30pm Brid & Martin Moloney, Clare Road.
 Thurs.:7.45am Special Intention.
 10am Mary Sherman, Charleville.
 7.30pm Deceased members of McNamara family, late O'Connell St.
 Fri.:7.45am; Mass for People.
 10am Rosarie Gleeson.
 7.30pm Michael Howard, Claireen House. MM
 Sat.:10am Hilary O'Brien, Ruan.
 11am Albert Stephens, Clonroad & Sr. Marie Stephens Convent of Mercy, Ennis.
 6.30pm Denis Daly, Cluain óir, Clonroad. MM
 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 Mass for People

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 15th March, 2009

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Rest in Peace

IN MEMORY John Clancy, Kilrush, father of Valarie Leamy, Ivy Hill, Madeline Brisset, Cherbourg mother of Isabelle Brisset Limerick Rd; Michael McNerney, Feakle & Cahercalla Estate; John Mulkerrins, 62 Marian Ave; Ann Cummins, Corofin, sister in law of Sadie Lordon, St. Senan's Rd;

Mothers' Prayers For mothers and grandmothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren. **Annual weekend**, St. John's Rest, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock. Saturday 14th (10.30am to 6pm Mass at 5pm) & Sunday 15th March (10.30am to 4pm Mass at 12noon). You are welcome to join us even if only for a short time. Queries contact: 091-771009 or 087-6184110.





Today's Scripture Readings

With Inclusive Text



First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. Abraham, Abraham he called. Here I am he replied. Take your son, God said your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. Abraham, Abraham he said. I am here he replied. Do not raise your hand against the boy the angel said. Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son. Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

"I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

R.

Your servant, Lord. Your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R.



Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright clouds the father's voice was heard:

"This is my son, the Beloved, Listen to Him!"

Glory and praise to you, O Christ

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

