



# Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral every Saturday:  
12 to 1pm & also before and after 6.30pm Mass

## Mass Times

### Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon  
Mass in Polish each Sunday at 3pm  
St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am  
Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am  
Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon  
Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

### Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday  
St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am  
Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am  
Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday  
Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am

### Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715;  
Friary: 6828751

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

Ascension Sunday (World Communication Day) (Year C) 16th May, 2010

## Bursting with Joy

The Easter Season is celebrated over 50 days. During this time, we reflect on Christ's presence among us and our call to follow as disciples.

Ascension Day brings the Easter Season to an end. In one sense, this marks the end of Jesus ministry but in another it is only the beginning.

The Feast of the Ascension confirms for us that Jesus came from God and now returns to God. He came to give us a clearer and more accurate picture of God as the source of our human lives. He came that we might have confidence that we do not journey alone.

He came to deepen our awareness that God is near and we can reach out and touch God at any moment.

You would expect the disciples to be saddened on his departure. Yet the Gospel story tells, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they could be found in the temple praising God. The disciples were filled with joy because they knew much of the Lord remained with them.



What remained were the words he preached, the forgiveness and love he embodied, his presence that touched and healed so many lives, and the memorial of his body and blood, the Eucharist.

**Through our celebration of the Eucharist may the Risen Lord deepen our experience of God's love for us!**



# What's on this week?



## Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 16th May, 2010

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Taaffe ☎065 68 91983

Wednesday Duty:

Fr. Martin Blake ☎065 68 24043

## Bring Flowers of the Rarest



Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from gardens and woodlands  
and hillside and dale;

our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling

the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus:

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!*

*Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,*

*Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*

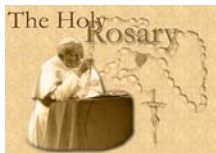
Their lady they name thee,

Their mistress proclaim thee,

oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
as long as the bowers

are radiant with flowers,

as long as the azure shall keep its bright blue.



## May Devotions

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.

- ◆ May Devotions at our Lady's Shrine each evening at 7pm in Dalcassian Park.
- ◆ Lees Road Tuesday 18th May at 8pm Rosary & Benediction.
- ◆ Hermitage Grotto Thursday 27th May at 7.30pm.

## Holy Family Kids Club Summer Camps:

The following camps will run from our purpose built child care facility; Cookery Club: 5th - 9th July; Creative Kids Club: 12th - 16th July; Funky friends Fashion Club: 19th - 23rd July. All children aged 4 years - 12 years welcome Camps run from 9am - 3pm. Contact Lara to book your space: 086 843 8888.

The Irish Heart Foundation's, Happy Heart Weekend, fundraising this weekend 13th, 14th & 15th May.



## Summer Blessing for Pre-Schools



Special Summer Blessing will take place here in the Cathedral on **next Saturday May 22nd at 12 noon**. All children, families and extended families from the entire parish and surrounds are invited.



**Pilates for beginners** 8 week course

starts Tuesday 11th May at 7.30pm in

The Clare Training Resource Centre,

Clonroad. Ongoing classes are on Fridays at

10am. Call Lizzie to book on 087 2757703.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

## The Big Brew, Alzheimer's Tea Day,

Coffee Morning at Cathedral Presbytery

raised €250. Many thanks to all who contributed.

## Trip to Medjugorje from Shannon 10th—

17th September. ☎ James on 065 9059328.

## Free Return to Learning Workshop:

Preparing for the mature student interview. Ennis Regional

Learning Centre. Wed. May 19th. 7pm – 8.30pm.

Ring 6866844 to book a place. **Also Free**

**Educational Guidance Sessions** for adults over

18, considering third level education. May 19th &

20th 2010. Ennis Regional Learning Centre. Tel:

065-6866844 or email: [info@ennisrlc.ie](mailto:info@ennisrlc.ie) for an

appointment.



## Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Weekly Draw

Results Week 47 Tue, May 11th. **1st Prize**

€635: Bernadette Nelson, Boston N.S. Tubber. **2nd**

**Prize €127:** Blaise Phelan, Inis Ri, Shannon.



## Newly Baptised

We welcomed the following into the Christian

Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**David Andrew Conroy; Emma Rose Donnelly;**

**Kelly Esosa Osasere Odeh; Marvin**

**Nosakhare Odeh; Alexander Daniel Norris;**

## For Your Diary

- ◆ Baptismal Team Meeting, Wednesday 19th May at 8pm in Chapter Room.
- ◆ Education Forum Meeting Monday 24th May 8.30pm Cathedral House.
- ◆ Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday 25th May 8pm in Chapter Room.
- ◆ Property & Finance Meeting Wednesday 26th May 8pm.
- ◆ Wisdom of the Aged Mass Saturday 29th May at 10am.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT EXAMS??



Then take a break from the books and come along to our **SPECIAL MASS** for exam students and their families at **St Joseph's Church on Sat 29th May at 7pm**. Come and enjoy a little time to relax, to sing and to pray for all our young people preparing for exams.

**Family Support Programme** Tue evenings at 7.30 pm in Clarecare room 13, Harmony Row, Families trying to cope with a family member's substance misuse need support, information, outreach, space and time for themselves, stress management, and someone to talk to over a cup of tea.

**May 18th** we will talk about managing stress. We always have tea or coffee and are always available to listen. Getting support for yourself can benefit the whole family. Teresa and Ellen are there to listen. Sponsored by Bushypark Treatment Centre (a service of Clarecare Ltd) and funded by the OMD Cocaine Initiative through the MWRDTF. Ellen Cocaine Initiative - Tel: 065-6840944; 065-6862049 (Direct Line); FAX: 6840450; Website: [www.bushypark.ie](http://www.bushypark.ie)

**Ennis Flower & Garden Club** "friendship through flowers" Floral Demonstration by Bernadette Scanlon, Limerick, at West County Hotel on Tuesday 18th May at 8.15pm. Doors open at 7.30pm. All welcome—Admission (non-members) €10 Enquiries: [ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net)

## Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2009, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in the Cathedral on Sunday, May 23rd, 2010 at 2pm. 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.

Newsletter items to Parish Office ☎ 065-6824043 Fax 065-6842541

or email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com) Deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday.

Ennis Parish Development Fund

for Sunday 9th May, €9,974.00



## St. Joseph's

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**7pm:** Gerry & Kitty Ryan, College Road, & son Henry, Teresa & Harry Kelly, Laureen Drive. Mary Miniter, Kincora Park MM

**Sun 8am:** Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Road.

**11.30am:** Gerry & Una Casey, Kilrush Rd.

**Mon 11am:** John Joe McGill. SSC

**Tue 11am:** Timothy O'Loughlin. SSC

**Wed 11am:** Timothy O'Shea, USA MM

**7.30pm:** St. Pio Mass

**Thurs 11am:** P.J. McDonagh SSC

**Fri 11am:** Sr. Christopher Tobin, Crusheen.

**Sat 11am:** George & Peter Dillon, St. Senan's Rd.

**7pm** Cathal Ryan, Shanaway Rd.

**Sun 23rd 10am:** Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanoir.

**11.30:** Barry Coughlan, 64 Corrovorrin Grove. MM

### Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

St. Joseph's Church Monday to Friday 8am.

Everybody welcome.



**St. Pio Monthly Mass** in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday 19th at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 16th 11am:** John & Bernadette Connolly, Galway.

**Mon 9.30am:** Donor's Intentions

**Wed 9.30:** Michael & Nora Linnane.

**Thurs 9.30am:** Martin McCarthy.

**Sun 23rd 11am:** Edward & Ellen McKee, late Kilfenora & dec'd membs McKee family, Northern Ireland & England.

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



## Friary News

### Pentecost Novena

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses .. To the ends of the Earth." Come and join us as we prepare for Pentecost. The Friary 15th—23rd May at 10am.



## Veni Creator Spiritus

Come Holy Ghost, Creator come from Thy bright heavenly throne, come, take possession of our souls, and make them all thine own.

Thou who are called the Paraclete, best gift of God above, thy living spring, the living fire, sweet unction and true love.

Thou who are sevenfold in thy grace, finger of God's right hand; His promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand.

O guide our minds with thy blest light, with love our hearts inflame; and with thy strength, which ne'er decays, confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe; true peace unto us bring; and through all perils keep us safe Beneath thy sacred wind.

Through Thee may we the Father know, through Thee the eternal Son, and Thee the Spirit of them both, thrice blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be, with His co-equal Son; the same to Thee, great Paraclete, while endless ages run.

Ascribed to Rabanus Maurus



## Live the Word:

Jn: 16:12-15

Being grateful is one of the greatest strengths a person can have. Gratitude makes you stop, and simply reflect. So put some time aside each day, just to say 'Thanks'. You'll see you have many gifts in your life.

**Megan McKenna – Author and Storyteller**, will speak on "St Luke for Today's World" in St. Anthony's Hall, Francis Street Ennis on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Megan, author of more than 30 books, taught at Fordham University. It promises to be a reflective and nourishing evening. Megan will also give a public talk in the Poor Clare Chapel, Ennis on Wednesday morning May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am—Theme will be "We live inside a story". All welcome.



## Slow Food® Clare

**Burren Slow Food Festival on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in The Pavilion Theatre Lisdoonvarna.** Great family fun, over 50 market food and craft stalls, all day BBQ, celebrity chef demos, and children's workshops. Bring the picnic blanket, plenty of food and fun. For more info, see [www.slowfoodclare.com](http://www.slowfoodclare.com)  
**Slow Food is a voluntary, not-for-profit worldwide organization, promoting ethically produced and locally sourced foods.**

**Clare County Library:** The Bealtaine festival celebrates creativity in older people during the month of May. Senior Citizens can avail of free membership in all Clare libraries at any time of year but why not celebrate Bealtaine by joining your local library this month? A whole world of books awaits!



**Up coming event:**  
**Coffee Morning Thursday 20th May** at Cathedral, hosted by Mary O'Sullivan & Friends who will participate in the Mini Marathon in Cork on June Bank Holiday Weekend.

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm** Des Cullinan, 2 Dalcassian Park. MM

**Sun.:9am** Frank Hassett, 4 Ard na Greine.

**10.30am** Michael & Una O'Meara, Limerick Road Rosie Tierney, Drumcliffe.

John Cuggeran, 5 Stewart St., Kilrush

**12 noon** Teresa Nugent, Cusack Rd. **1st Anniv** Brendan McMahon.

**Mon.:7.45am** Michael, Margaret & Maura Keane, Caherea.

**10am** Maureen & Billy Pigott, 46 Connolly Villas

**7.30pm** Liam Daly, 14 Hermitage

**Tues.:7.45am** Jack & Henrietta Darcy, Upr O'Connell St.

**10am** Frank Corcoran, Highfield Park.

**7.30pm** James Kelly, Collins Park.

**Wed.:7.45am** Sheila Connolly, 1 Kilrush Rd.

**10am** Christopher Rynne, 62 Honan's Tce., Hermitage.

**7.30pm** Paddy & Sheila Connolly, 1 Kilrush Rd.

**Thurs.:7.45am** Special Intention.

**10am** Kathleen Markham, Turnpike Rd.

**7.30pm** Mary & Matt O'Brien, Ard na Greine.

**Fri.:7.45am** Mass for the People.

**10am** Madge Moloney, 45 McNamara Pk.

**7.30pm** Frankie Dinan, 25 McNamara Park. MM

**Sat.:10am** Donall Mac Mathúna, Ballybeg.

Martin & Catherin Brody, Limerick Rd.

**6.30pm** Tim McLoughlin, Ard na Greine. MM

**Sun.:9am** Mary Moroney, 9 Lower Market St.

Mary Donovan, Kilfenora; John O'Shea, Tulla Rd.

Paddy & Rita Doolan, St. Patrick's Tce., Ennis

**10.30am** Larry Cawley, Shanaway Rd.

**12 noon** Noel Ryan, 69 St. Joseph's Tce., Clarecastle.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 23rd May, 2010

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



### Rest in Peace

*We remember with Love and Affection those who have gone to God recently:* **Mary Costello**, Dublin; sister of Joan Cahir, 31 Oak Park; **Brendan Mulqueen**, Roscommon & late of Hermitage, brother of Eddie and Tony, Cloughleigh & Eileen Morrissey, Cornmarket; **Michael Connellan**, Ard na Greine; **Tom Lynch**, 65 Turnpike Rd.; **Sean Tobin**, 14 Considines Tce.; **Katarzyna Musial**, Poznan Poland, Sister of Maggie Musial 9 Westfields; **Sheila Kearney Lindquist**, daughter of late John Kearney, Kansas, USA & late Market St.; **Fr. Liam Murray**, Mountshannon; **Mate Marie Colette**, Cameroon, sister of John, Tulla Rd;

**Beautifully Illustrated Book of short stories and poems "Angels of God Come to meet her" by Sr. Carmel Kehoe.** Launch in Old Ground Hotel on 29th May at 8pm. Presenter: Fr. Brendan Quinlivan; **Guest Artists:** Tim Dennihy; Jim Maher; John Kelly. **All welcome.**

**Fundraiser:** Science Club Fundraiser for St. Flannans College Students travelling to participate in the International Space Development Conference in Chicago later this month. Calling all Book Lovers and Past Pupils to support Students by bringing a book, having a cuppa, making a donation and leaving with a book!! In College on Tues 18th May 6pm to 8.30pm.

**A Bereavement Awareness Talk ...** (To help people to understand what to expect following bereavement). Will take place in the Chapter Room (at the rear of the Cathedral) on Tuesday 1st June at 8pm all welcome.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## With Inclusive Text



### First Reading

Reference: Acts 1:1-11

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. It is he had said what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Now having met together, they asked him, Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied, It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you people from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.

#### The word of the Lord



### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** .

**God goes up with shouts of joy;  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
Great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
Sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill,  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

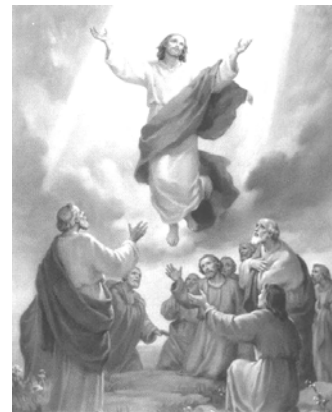
### Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

#### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

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 God. May God 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 and how infinitely great is the power that God has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of God's power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. God has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

#### The word of the Lord



### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Go, make disciples of all the nations;*  
*I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.*  
*Alleluia!*

### Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

#### The Gospel of the Lord