



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: 8.00, 10, 7.30 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 10, 11 a.m. on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- 8.00, 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>

6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

17th May, 2009

An Easter Footnote

Imagine.....

There is a Bank that credits your account each morning with €6,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out ALL OF IT, of course!!!!

Each of us has such a Bank.

It's name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow".

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

- To realise the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.
- To realise the value of ONE MONTH, ask a Mother who gave birth to a premature Baby.



- To realise the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realise the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realise the value of ONE MINUTE, ask the person who missed the train.
- To realise the value of ONE SECOND, ask the person who just avoided an accident.
- To realise the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the winner of a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have.

And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.

And remember that time waits for no one.

Yesterday is history.

Tomorrow is a mystery.

Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!!!

Friends are a very rare 'jewel', indeed. They make us smile and encourage us to succeed. They lend us an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their heart to us.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 17th May, 2009

Fr. Fergal O' Neill ☎ 087 6615975

Wednesday: 20th May

Fr. Martin Blake ☎ 065 6824043

May Month of Our Lady

- Rosary and Benediction at Lees Road Grotto @ 8pm on Tuesday 19th May.

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.



"Slow Food Festival on Sat & Sun 15-17th May at The Pavilion Theatre Lisdoonvarna from 1-6pm daily. Free Cookery demonstrations, tastings and fun for the family. BBQ and lots of food stalls. www.slowfoodclare.com"

A New purpose-built Dementia Day Care Unit at Clarecastle remains idle as sufferers await HSE funding to operate the service. Unit was built in response to the growing number of people in the community, diagnosed with the condition & anticipated future growth. Designed to facilitate 25 people/day with mild/moderate dementia. 250 people per week avail of a broad range of services at the existing District Day Care Centre. Services are provided by dedicated professional staff & volunteers. Older people from this parish regularly use the services & have commented most favourably on the care & sense of community provided. The new Dementia Unit will complement existing Centre but it will not open without your supporting influence.

Elderly Project

☎0656842457; daycarecc@eircom.net

Charity Walk for Pemba Island takes place on Thurs May 21st. Sponsorship Cards from Maura Brooks at Cathedral House or €20 registration fee on the day. Gathering for 8K Walk, run or jog from One Mile Inn at 6pm, setting off with traditional music, and spot prizes at the finish.

Special Olympics,

Join 10,000 people on Sun May 17; 2-4pm around the Fairgreen in Ennis - to Dance the Largest Siege of Ennis in aid of the Special Olympics, Music by Larry McEvoy, Kilfenora Ceili Band plus dancing by John Fennell & Michael Donnellan - further details www.siegeofennis.com



Clare 250 Mile Cycle
This year's Clare 250 mile cycle takes place on the weekend of May 23rd and 24th. Fr Jerry wishes to say a word of thanks for your support over the last 21 years of participating.

And is hoping for your support again..... It could be his last year????

Floral Demonstration by Mary Johannes Tipperary @ West County Tue 19th May @ 8.15pm. Doors open @ 7.30pm. Demonstrators' arrangements raffled; (non-members) €10; ennisflowerandgardenclub@eircom.net

Next book club meeting on Tue 19th May at 8pm in Cathedral House. New members welcome. Book for this month is *Start Where You Are by Pema Chodron*... A guide to compassionate living.

Congratulations to Maretta O'Hehir, Ballycorick on the recent launch of her new CD of Church Music; **Faith Hope and Love**. Part proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice. CD'S available from Veritas, Record Rack and Cahercalla Hospital.

Ennis Walking Tours has recommenced in the town & are running daily (except Wed & Sun) leaving from outside Ennis Tourist Office at 11:00am. ☎ 0876483714 or info@enniswalkingtours.com.

Bingo Community Centre on Sun at 8.30pm.

A Mass with a Difference

Exam Mass on this Sun May 17th @ 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Church with Ennis Gospel Choir & Fr. Jerry Carey. **Bring a friend!**

"My Precious Child, I love you and I would never leave you".

Exam Students particularly welcome.



National Council for the Blind in Ireland (NCBI)

Working for People with Sight Loss

Looking for

community based volunteers in Ennis. If you have 1-2 hours /week to spare & would like to assist a person who is blind or visually impaired please contact . ☎ Maura Barry 061/316388/maura.barry@ncbi.ie

Exam Triduum Masses will be offered on

30th May St. Joseph's at 7pm
3rd June Cloughleigh at 9.30am
7th June Cathedral at 11am

Cards available from The Parish Office.



Moonlight to Midnight Sponsored Walk in aid of The Clare Hospice at Cahercalla Fri May 22nd @ The Flaggy Shore, New Quay. 10p.m. to Midnight; assemble at the Flaggy Shore, New Quay at 9.30p.m.; Ramble at 10.00p.m. - approx 5 miles. Bring walking and rain gear!



www.clarequitarweekend.com presents Mark Anthony Mc Grath at Danlann an Chlair,

Ennis, Thursday May 28th at 8p.m. Proceeds to The Clare Hospice at Cahercalla. Tickets €10 available at Cahercalla Hospital.

NEEDED - Skilled & Unskilled workers for Fr. Martin Keane, Cranny, Building of Hope Project Kenya Jan- Feb 2010. ☎: Fr. John 0868152828.

Sat May 23rd Cake Stall at Ennis Market. Bakers wanted - please contact Bernie on 087-273-8817 or come along and buy a bun!

Sun May 24th @ 1pm Vintage Tractor Run! in Coolmeen. Gerry O'Dea 087-623-6906. THANKS for all support to date.

Life in the Spirit Seminar with Milltown Malbay/Doonbeg Charismatic prayer group; each Mon 7.30-9.30pm; talks, song & prayer. All welcome.

Update on Parish Property - - - Work will begin on the conservation & restoration of the brick work on Cathedral House before the end of May. The building dates from the 1870's and sections of the brick have decayed. The work is being carried out by Irish Natural Stone, Tubber. It will necessitate the erection of scaffolding. We apologise for the disruption.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for

Sunday 10th May, 2009

€10,121.00



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm John, Mary & Josephine Rynne, Carron
 Sun 10am Kathleen O'Loughlin, Old Gort Rd
 Sun 11.30am George & Peter Dillon, St Senans Rd
 Tues 11am Rose & Linda Woods, Marian Avenue
 Thurs 11am Sr Christopher Tobin, Crusheen
 Fri 11am Michael Tuohy, Parnell St
 Sat 11am 1st Communion CBS
 Sat 7pm PJ Cleary, Cahercalla Cross
 Sun 24th 8am John O Shea, Tulla Rd
 Sun 24th 11.30am Pat & Garry Mannion, Corrovorrin Green

Padre Pio Mass

This month's gathering praying the intercession of St Pio on Wednes May 20 with Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

17th May @ 11am John & Bernadette Connolly, Galway.
 24th May @ 11am Ellen & Edward McKee, late of Kilfenora & all members of McKee family, Northern Ireland & London.

St. Flannan's College Parents' Association.
 Meeting on Mon May 18 @ 8.15 in classroom beside secretary's office. New members are welcome.

Bus to Lough Derg on Sat May 30, returning Mon June 1. ☎ Michael Meere 086 8458922/0656824833.

Clare VEC Adult Education Centre -
Open Evening & Launch Speed Demon 11
 Motorbike Wednes 20; 7-9.30 Clonroad B / Park.

The Chieftains and guests In Concert
Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral, Ennis -
Next Wed 20th May 8.00 p.m.



Fleadh Nua are delighted to have The Chieftains as part of the Fleadh Nua 2009 concert programme. The Chieftains are undoubtedly the best known Irish Traditional band on the planet. This will be their debut performance in Ennis and it promises to be an unforgettable event. Seats cannot be reserved for this concert and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Doors will open at 7.00 pm. Please feel free to bring a cushion; Tickets: €50.00; Available on www.glor.ie or at the Glór Box Office, 684 3103.

Total collected to date: €221,740.00

- ♦ Mary O'Sullivan & friends taking part in Cork City Marathon 1st June (bank holiday) for Cuan an Chlair; Would appreciate your sponsorship & support. Cards from Parish Office.



Franciscans Celebrating



This Sunday 17th May:

12pm *Festive Eucharist* in the Friary, Francis Street, with Franciscan Provincial Fr Caoimhín Ó Laoide, Friary Choir and Ennis Brass Band.
www.ennis800.blogspot.com

PRH (Personality & Human Relations) Ireland offer workshop '*Discovering the Core of My Identity*' on May 29th to May 31st (Fri. 7pm - 10pm; Sat. & Sun. 10am-3.00pm), in the Parish Centre, Lissycasey. Eibhlin Maher 067 43383.

Cathedral House Tea-Day
Many thanks to all who donated to the Alzheimers Tea Day. €420.35 collected.

Lourdes Sick Pilgrim Appeal. The Annual collection to help support & finance sick & seriously ill pilgrims on this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage, amounted to €4,904.27. Your generosity will enable sick people to experience peace & blessings at Grotto of Lourdes. Pilgrimage will take place from June 26th - July 1st & Sept 22nd - 27th. Details in Church Porches.

Knock Summer Youth Festival
 July 23-26 at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock; 18-35 yrs; €70/free buses; 0876927850/094 9375035; www.knock-shrine-ie/youthfestival

Mass and Anointing



for persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses, *their families and carers*, in Ennis Cathedral on Wednesday, May 27th at 2.00 p.m. All are welcome.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30 Donal Mc Mathúna, Ballybeg 1st Anniv
 Sun.: 9am Paddy & Rita Doohan, St Patricks Tce
 10am Mary Ryan, Roslevan
 Agnes Fox, 8 Cornmarket St
 Decd members of Brody family, St Patricks Tce
 Peggy Smyth, nee Cullinan, Drumcliffe & Reading, England.
 11am Mass for the People
 12.15pm Michael 1st Anniv & Una O' Meara, Limerick Rd
 Mon: 8am Jerick Repino, Phillipines
 10am Séan O'Callaghan, 119 Hermitage
 7.30pm PJ & Mary Burke, Inch
 Tues.: 8am Ann O'Connor, Newmarket-on-Fergus
 10am Christopher Rynne, 62 Honans Tce, Hermitage
 7.30pm Sheila & Paddy Connolly, 1 Kilrush Rd
 Wed.: 8am Bernie Meere-Ryan, 88 Turnpike Rd
 10am Kathleen Markham, Turnpike Rd
 7.30pm Peggy Sullivan, Patrick Street, Clarecastle
 Thurs.: 8am Delia Reidy, 319 Golflinks Rd
 10am Madge Moloney, 45 Mc Namara Pk
 7.30pm Bridget & Jack Healy, 101 Hermitage
 Fri.: 8am Mass for the People
 10am Michael & Nora Coughlan, Turnpike Road
 7.30pm Mass for the People
 Sat.: 10am Michael & Bridget Kinnane, St MIs Villas
 11am Laurence Cawley, Shanaway Road
 6.30pm Eileen Murphy, 4 St Annes Tce, Ard na Greine
 1st Anniv
 Sun.: 9am Mary Moroney, 9 Lower Market St
 10am Mary Davoren, Kilcornly, Kilfenora
 Michael & John Spellissy, Lees Rd, Drumcliffe
 Thomas O Keffe, Kilrush Rd
 Dec'd members Reidy family, late Fergus Row
 11am Fleadh Nua Mass (as Gaeilge)

Rest in Peace



Michael (Nuggie) Nihill, 80 Shallee Drive, Cloughleigh; Paschal Molloy, 18 Hermitage;
 Enda O'Dwyer, Pallasgreen, Limerick, sister of Val Hogan, Morrissey Ave; Nancy Dervan, Lahinch & formerly Cusack Rd.; Baby Lisa Maria Moloney O'Mahoney, Gordon Dr.; Michael Stokes, Kilsheelan, father of Isobel O'Dea, Park Ave; Gordon Walker, 41 Corrovorrin Drive; Claire O'Brien (nee McCarthy), Mountshannon & late of Ennis.

Polish Masses in Ennis Cathedral

Sunday 24th May at 3pm - Fr. Szymon, Limerick.
 Sunday 31st May - No Polish Mass
 Sunday 7th June at 3pm - Fr. Szymon, Limerick.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday, 24th May, 2009
 Readers: Group 6
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



For your Diary

- ♦ Wisdom of the Aged Mass on Sat May 23rd at 11am. All welcome.
- ♦ Mass for persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses, May 27th 2pm in Cathedral.
- ♦ Summer Pre-school Blessing on Saturday 6th June @ 12noon in Ennis Cathedral.

Today's Scripture Readings With Inclusive Language



First Reading: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

As Peter reached the house, Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. Stand up, he said, I am only human after all!

Then Peter addressed them: The truth I have now come to realise, he said, is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have? He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord



WITH THE GIFT
OF GRACE
WE BECOME
HEIRS
WITH CHRIST

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
For He has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
Have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
Has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
For the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
Ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord.
The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you
for ever,
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
'As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A person can have no greater love
than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

