



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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Ascension of the Lord (Year B) 24th May, 2009

My Way to God

MY WAY TO GOD, THE STORY OF MY FAITH JOURNEY

By Dana Cerna

It is very difficult for me to write this story about how I became a Christian because it is so full of emotion.

I grew up in the Czech Republic, in a family that was full of love. I thank my parents and grandparents for the love, trust and understanding that surrounded me in my childhood. Growing up with so much love and happiness, I never realised that there was anything else that could add to my happiness and peace.

Of course I knew a little about the Bible stories, about creation and that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. I visited the church and I also prayed before I went to sleep at night. My father had died and I believed that he was in Heaven. That was my faith, nothing less and nothing more.

Then one day I met this lovely young man who has become my boy friend. He grew up in a religious family and as I got to know this family, they showed me by their example, what it was like to live a life of faith. It was because of their friendship and witness that I began to think about becoming a Christian. Time passed and in 2007 a baby boy was born into that extended family. I was asked to be a godparent. That made me so happy that I was asked to take on that important role. That was the moment when I made a decision to become a Christian and to share in God's love.

With support from my boy friend and from my Godparents, Mary Beth and Finbar, I was baptised. On

that day I realised that I needed to get help to learn about my faith. So I began a hard year of preparation to be confirmed and receive my First Holy Communion. I say hard because my English wasn't good and I was frightened I might not understand. Even though it was not an easy year, it was the best experience I ever had.

Thanks to such lovely people as Sr. Anne, who taught me and to Fr. Tom and my friend Kirsten, who supported me and were always there for me. I also want to thank the whole parish community, who made me so welcome here in Ireland and who helped me with their prayers. The ceremonies we had during Lent were so good and it made me happy to see you hold your hands out to me praying for me. It was amazing. Now thanks to you all, I feel at home here in Ireland.



That is the story of my journey so far. It is just beginning and I hope I will continue to grow in close relationship with my God and be a very good Christian.

God bless all who helped me.



What's on this week?



Hospital & Sick Calls

This week: 24th May 2009

Fr. Jerry Carey: ☎ 065 6822166

Wednesday: 27th May

Fr. Fergal O' Neill: ☎ 087 6615975

May Month of Our Lady

May is traditionally the month associated with Mary. May devotions and Shrines to Our Lady are part of this tradition. We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly these weeks of May.

May Devotions at:

St. Michael's Grotto on Wed 27th at 8pm.

Buttermarket Grotto on Wed 27th @ 7.30pm



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.



Recently Baptised

Fia Denise Doody; Daniel Awolowo; Twins: Elizabeth & Mary Awolowo; Caoimhe Pio Hanrahan; Andrew Paul Shannon -Carmody; Eva Marie O'Grady; Niall George Kenneally; Donnacha Patrick Cooney; Mary Toyosi Sobamiwa; Grace Tomisin Sobamiwa; Mary Toyosi Sobamiwa; Rebecca Toun Sobamiwa; Aine Kate McManus; Conor James Coffey.

Would you like to walk, jog or

run the Flora Women's Mini-Marathon on Mon 1st June for Breast Cancer Research to raise funds for one of the major unresolved medical problems of our age? No need to think about entry forms or transport. Call Monica Gallagher: 6822206 or 086 1600660.



My First Communion Day



Today is special as can be
Because, dear Lord, You'll come to me
You'll call in Your own precious way
On this my First Communion Day
My First Confession I have made
And with Your grace my sins will fade.
My soul will be as white as snow
Then love for you will really grow.

The Mass begins, the organ plays,
The choir sings lovely hymns of praise.

I pay attention as I pray
That You'll be with me every day.
Well now, dear Jesus that you're near
May I just whisper in your ear,
Will you be good to Mam and Dad
Because today they're very glad.

My family I can't forget
As they mind me, they fuss and fret,
I pray, dear Lord, these too you'll guide
Throughout their lives, be at their side.

Céad míle Fáilte, Lord above.
I welcome You with all my love,
My hope is that You'll always stay
From this my First Communion Day.

Congratulations to all children from Ennis National; St. Anne's; Gaelscoil; Holy Family; Scoil Chríost Rí and CBS who made their First Holy Communion this Month. We thank Teachers, Choirs, and Parents for all their hard work and support.

Irish Heart Foundation would like to thank all who supported the collection and all the volunteers who gave their time.

Bus to Lough Derg on Saturday 30th May 2009, returning on Monday 1st June. Seats available. Contact Michael Meere 086 8458922 065 6824833

Charity Fashion Show in aid of the Fr. Martin Keane, building of Hope Project in Woodstock Hotel On Thursday 28th May @7.30pm. Tickets: €17 available from Woodstock Hotel. Wine & Canapé Reception.

The **Alzheimer Society Clare Branch** would like to thank all those who supported National Tea Day on May 7th. A special thank you to all who hosted Tea Parties and to all our wonderful volunteers.

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.



June Concert in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush on Sat June 13th at 8pm. Adm: €20; Concessions: €15; with Edel O'Brien, Mezzo-soprano, David O'Doherty, Violin, Moya O'Grady, Violin, & Geraldine O'Doherty, Harp (O'Dohertys are children of Moya O'Grady).

Do you have a disability or a mental health difficulty? Would you like some assistance to get a job? **Clare Supported Employment Service** are holding an **Open Information Morning**, Monday the 25th of May 2009, from



10am to 1pm at: 1 St. Anthony's Terrace, Harmony Row, Ennis. Ph: (065) 6844007

Email: info@claresupportedemployment.ie
Website: www.claresupportedemployment.ie

Honda 50 Charity Run in aid of **Aware** will take place on Saturday the 13th of June. Please contact John Timoney 086 2512494 for details.

Ennis Toastmasters: What do YOU have to say? Come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 26th May 08:30 pm at Temple Gate Hotel. This will be the Annual General Meeting of Ennis Toastmasters and the final meeting until September, so DO NOT miss it. *Guests are welcome, so bring a friend.* Feel free to contact us at: Info@EnnisToastmasters.COM ☎ 087-2366388

Quiz in aid of UCD volunteers overseas @ the Old Ground Hotel on Thurs 28th May @ 8pm. €40 per team of four, lots of raffle prizes. Ennis student Shane O'Byrne will be travelling

Cuan an Chlair - Ennis Daycare Centre

Cork City Marathon.

Mary O'Sullivan & friends are taking part in Cork City Marathon on 1st June (bank holiday) for Cuan an Chlair; Would appreciate your sponsorship & support. Cards from Parish Office. Contact: Mary O'Sullivan ☎ 6824043 for details.



Total Collected to Date:
€212,663

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, €



St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- Sat 7pm PJ Cleary, Cahercalla Cross
- Sun 8am John O Shea, Tulla Rd
- Sun 11.30am Pat & Garry Mannion, Corrovorrin Green
- Mon 11am Mike Joe Malone, Ballyalla & Childers Rd
- Sat 11am Jimmy O'Halloran St Senans Rd (M M)
- Sat 7pm Praying with families of Exam Students
- Sun 31st 10am Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanoir
- Sun 31st 11.30am Dan & Kathleen O'Brien, The Crescent

Exam Mass

families of Exam Students extend a Special Welcome to Mass in St. Joseph's Church on Sat 30th May at 7pm, organised by St. Joseph's Connect Group.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Ellen & Edward McKee, late of Kilfenora & members of McKee Family, Northern Ireland & London.

Mothers together praying for our children, meets every Tuesday at 7pm in Cloughleigh Church. This week we are celebrating our 1st Birthday. Like to join us? All very welcome.



General thanks for holy communion

Pilgrimage to Medugorje Aug 23rd to 30th from Shannon. Cost €659 all incl. less €30, if booked before Mfay 31. Call 6824750 or 6820243.

RAPID Resource House, No. 16 Gordon Drive, Cloughleigh, offers services to the residents living in the Ennis RAPID area (Hermitage, Cloughleigh, Clancy Pk., Drumbiggle, Turnpike/Dalcassian, Old Military Barracks).

- Every Wednesday: 11am-1pm
- Parent Support - Drop-in information & advice for parents with Clarecare's Springboard Project.
 - Meet the community Garda.
 - Meet the Ennis Town Council Estate Management Officer.
 - 2 DAY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS Active PLAY - Having Fun, Getting Active Learn to encourage your child to be physically active and to develop well through play. Please come and learn through fun (no cost!) On: Wednes 20th and Wednes 27th May. Time: 10am until 12 noon RING/TEXT: Pauline @ 065-6845974 or Mary @ 086-8523616 / 6865841
 - Thursday 28th May: 2.30-3.30pm
 - Information clinic on Welfare Entitlements with Citizens' Information Service & HSE Community Welfare Officer.



Friary News

Lay People called to the Franciscan way.....

Talk on St. Francis. If you would like to learn more about St. Francis or the Franciscan way of life for lay people please come along to the Friary Church on Wednesday May 27th @ 8pm. All welcome. St Anthony Novena led by Fr. Malcolm Timothy ofm Fri 5th to Sat 13th June Mornings Sessions 10.00am. Sunday Morning 10.30am. Evening Sessions 7.30pm. Sunday 7th: Healing Service with Sacramental Anointing of the Sick at 7pm (No Mass). Feast of St. Anthony 13th June: Blessing of Children at 4pm; Solemn Closing Mass with Blessing of Lilies: 10am and 7.30pm

Come Holy Spirit:

Killaloe Charismatic Core Group welcomes all to a Day of Prayer & Intercession for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. In Friary Hall, Francis St., Ennis at 11am.

Prayer Praise Teaching, Celebration of the Eucharist. Director: Fr Diarmuid O Riain O.F.M. Mass at 3.45pm. Please come & bring a friend.

www. clareguitar weekend.com presents Mark Anthony McGrath for an evening of classical guitar at Danlann an Chlair on Thurs 28th May as 8pm. Proceeds to Cahercalla Hospice; tickets cost €10 at the door.

Pastoral Scripture

Nothing worthwhile is achieved without God's Grace. Amongst God's gifts are: kind words; the person who is obliging; the person who gives encouragement; the person who is forgiving; the person who is understanding.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- 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 Keeffe, Kilrush Rd Dec'd members Reidy family, late Fergus Row Mary Emmanuel, Nigeria (1st Anniv)
- 11am Fleadh Nua Mass (as Gaeilge)
- 12noon Mass for the People
- Mon:8am Anne Higgins, 74 Hermitage
- 10am Sheila & Tom Cotter, Loughville
- 7.30pm Harry Guinnane, 67 Hermitage
- Tues.:8am Elizabeth Cahill, 8 Cahercalla Estaate & late Kilmaley
- 10am John & James Sexton, Ard na Greine
- 7.30pm Jackie Hayes, 4 McNamara Park
- Wed.:8am John & Eileen Howard, Circular Rd.
- 10am Michael, Mary, Michael Coleman Junior, Ard na Greine.
- 7.30pm Patrick Mc Carthy, 88 Hermitage.
- Thurs.:8am Marty Killeen, Miltown Malbay.
- 10am Flan Ryan, Drumcliffe.
- 7.30pm Decd members Cosgrove family, 2 Clare Rd.
- Fri.:8am Stephen Hegaty, Corofin
- 10am Bridie Kelly, 5 Carmody St.
- 7.30pm
- Sat.:10am Millicent Browne, Athenry
- 11am Brendan McMahon, Ferndown, Lahinch Rd.
- 6.30pm
- Sun.:9am Owen & Eileen Griffin, 2 Buttermarket St.
- 10am Bernard Corey, Lahinch Rd. Bridget Keane, 4 Kilrush Rd. Lucas Coote, 14 Roslia, Claireen Ignatius Lysaght, late Donegal & Kilrush
- 11am Mass for the People
- 12.15pm Exam Mass Triduum

Rest In Peace



Paddy Quinn, Limerick Rd; Teresa Nugent, Cusack Rd.; Margaret O'Dea, 5 McHugh Villas;

Roster for Cathedral:

- Sunday, 31st May, 2009
- Readers: Group 1
- Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5
- Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



For your Diary

- 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 Text



First Reading: First Reading

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 angels 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 skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne. R.



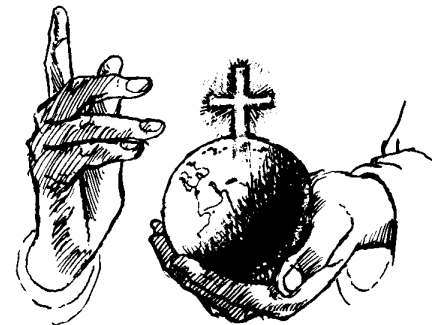
Second Reading

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 him. May he 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 he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his 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. He 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

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord