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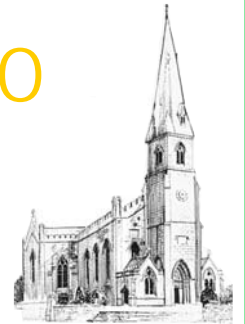
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Ennis Parish People Of The Year Awards



Mary Moroney

For her lifetime of work with the Legion of Mary, and in particular her care of the patients and former patients of Our Lady's Hospital, through her weekly visits.



Pat Galvin

For over 40 years of work with the Travelling Community and for his ongoing involvement in a variety of projects associated with the welfare of Traveller People.

The Pastoral Council decided in the Autumn to honour some of the unsung heroes in our Community and Parish. Nominations were invited for people who have given of their time and energy in the service of others and have enriched the community of Ennis. On Thursday March 3rd five individuals were honoured at a special function in the Old Ground Hotel. Bishop Willie Walsh presented each recipient with a scroll specially designed by local Artist Hilary Gilmore.



Paddy Walsh

Detta and Paddy Walsh were recognised for a lifetime of care to their Special needs daughter Rachel. Sadly Detta, his wife, passed away before the awards night.



Leon Walsh

For his gift of music and his generosity in sharing it with the Community as Cathedral Organist and mentor to our Junior Organists.



Peggy Kearney

For her involvement with the Old Folks Club and for organising the Christmas Day Dinner, annual holiday to Lahinch and Day trips to Knock for the Seniors in our Community.

New Life New Hope

When you die, that's it. Nothing. Out like a light. That's what the man in the pub said, and his mates all nodded, though the one whose mother had died the week before wasn't really quite so certain. Still, it seemed to make sense. After all, we know what 'dead' means: dead leaves, dead batteries, dead fish, dead pets... and dead people, to be honest. While we recognise that it's all too easy to go from alive to dead, we've got serious doubts about the possibility of any return journeys.

Which is why Christians have an uphill task at Easter. Jesus was a great man, and people want to remember how he died. Fair enough. But it starts getting complicated when Christians insist that Jesus died but didn't stay dead - in fact, that he's alive now. That 'return journey' has happened, they say.

That's the problem about Easter, Christians persisting in what sounds like a ridiculous belief. If they just dropped the resurrection bit, and concentrated on the wonderful teaching of Jesus and his example of generosity, compassion and love then everybody would find Christianity much more believable. Wouldn't that make sense? And wouldn't that fill the churches again?

Well it might (or, more likely, it might not). But in any case, the trouble is that it wouldn't be Christianity at all. The faith of Christians actually depends on the resurrection of Jesus, and always has done, right from the earliest days. After the crucifixion the body of Jesus was

taken down from the cross by some of his friends and put in a rock tomb with a heavy stone rolled across the doorway. Yet the following Sunday, the third day after his death, his followers claimed that they had met him, seen him, talked with him.

So certain was their belief that nothing could make them recant it. Not ridicule, not torture, not even death itself. They couldn't do it because they were absolutely convinced that it had happened. Plenty of clever and powerful people at the time had a vested interest in proving them wrong. It shouldn't have been difficult to prove that a dead man had stayed dead, especially when you have at your disposal the resources of the greatest empire in history. Yet they didn't do it, because it couldn't be done.

Still today millions of people all over the world believe that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. They include brilliant scientists and philosophers as well as plenty of 'ordinary' men and women of all ages. They believe it because they respect the witness of those first Christians, and because in many cases their own lives have been transformed by a relationship with Jesus - a relationship that wouldn't make sense if He were dead!

Christians don't put their faith in a dead hero from the past, but in someone who is alive and active in their own lives and in the world. That, in a nutshell, is the real message of Easter.

Canon David Winter



Bene Merenti Award

Ennis Parish acknowledged the work of Nell Hanley, Tulla Road by nominating her the honour of the Bene Merenti Medal. This Papal Award is given for outstanding service to the life of the Catholic Church, and in Nell's case it was for over 45 years service to Church Music and Choirs. Nell became involved in Parish Choirs when she moved to Ennis in 1961, she has been involved in both the Cathedral and Friary Choirs as a member and as Organist. In the early 1970's she began her own Choir, the St. Anthony

Choir. So it was with a great sense of gratitude and affection the Bene Merenti was awarded to Nell in recognition of her love of Music and her lifetime of work to Choirs in the Life of our Parish.



Michael & Nell Hanley

Ad Multos Annos.

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Confirmation 2005

22nd April Scoil Christ Rí.

23rd April

Ennis National,
Holy Family School,
Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg.

23rd April CBS



Cemetery Sunday

On Sunday 22nd May at 3pm
- Mass remembering our
Dead. Drumcliffe Graveyard.



Lough Derg

Time For
Body & Soul

3 day Parish Pilgrimage to
Lough Derg on Monday
Aug 1st to Wednesday
Aug 3rd. Booking &
details from Parish
Office 6824043.



Taizé Pilgrimage

Sunday July 17th to Tuesday
July 26th. (18 to 30 year olds)
Contact: Fr. Jerry Carey @
086 2508444.



Taizé Prayer on 2nd
Tuesday of each month at 8pm
in St. Joseph's Church.

Proofs about Jesus

Three proofs that Jesus was Puerto Rican

1. His first name was Jesus
2. He was bilingual
3. He was always being harassed by the authorities.

Three proofs that Jesus was black

1. He called everybody 'brother'
2. He liked gospel.
3. He couldn't get a fair trial.

Three proofs that Jesus was Jewish

1. He went into his father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33.
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin, and his Mother was sure he was God.

Three proofs that Jesus was Italian.

1. He talked with his hands
2. He had wine with every meal
3. He worked in the building trade

Three proofs that Jesus was a Californian

1. He never cut his hair
2. He walked around barefoot
3. He started a new religion.

Three proofs that Jesus was Irish

1. He never got married
2. He was always telling stories
3. He loved green pastures.

And now - the most compelling evidence!

Three proofs that Jesus was a woman

1. He had to feed a crowd, at a moment's notice, when there was no food.
2. He kept trying to get the message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it.
3. Even when he was dead, he had to get up because there was more work for him to do.

An after-Easter prayer

Don't leave our Lord amidst
the lilies

Within a hallowed sphere
Don't praise him only in his
temple

In Easter hymn and prayer...
Keep him beside you through

The business of ordinary
days,

In the common place
encounters

Along the humdrum ways.

Our Master told us very
simply

What He would have us do...

He taught us: "Love one
another

Even as I love you."

Elsie Campbell

First Holy Communion 2005

7th May CBS

14th May Holy Family

14th May Gaelscoil

21st May Scoil Christ Rí.

21st May Ennis National



Blessing of Expectant Parents

Chapter room, beside the
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul.
8pm on Tuesday 10th May 2005
All Welcome!!!!



Photos in this Link by
Fintan Lynch Photography.



Easter Ceremonies

Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul

Wednesday, 23rd March: Chrism Mass 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday, 24th March: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose.

Holy Hour 10pm – 11pm.

Good Friday, 25th March: Stations of the Cross at 12noon,

Outdoor Stations at 11am, Connolly Villas.

Outdoor Stations at 12noon, Watery Road.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm.

"The Cross". Prayer and reflection around the cross at 9.00pm.

Holy Saturday, 26th March: Morning Prayer at 11.00am.

Easter Vigil at 9.00 pm. And Prayer of Waiting

(Note: No 6.30pm. Mass this Evening.)

Easter Sunday, 27th March:

Masses at 9.00am.; 10.00am.; 11.00am. and 12 noon.

The Friary

Thursday, Friday & Saturday - Morning Prayer at 10am.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm.

Procession to Altar of Repose.

Adoration until 10.00pm with Night Prayer at 9.45pm.

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion at 5.00pm.

Reflection on the Stations of the Cross 8.00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 9.30pm.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 9.30am.; 10.30am. and 12 noon.

St. Joseph's Church

Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession to Altar of Repose at 8.00pm. - Adoration until 10pm.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 11.00 am.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 9.00pm.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8.00am.; 10.00am. And 11.30am.

Poor Clare Monastery

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5.00pm.

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 9.00pm.

Cloughleigh Church

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm.

Good Friday Outdoor Stations at 10.30am - Cloughleigh Estate.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm.

Reflection on Stations of the Cross at 8.00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 9.00pm.

Cahercalla

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 2pm.

Penitential Service

Monday 21st March at 7.30pm :Cathedral.

Wednesday March 23rd at 10.30am: Friary

Holy Thursday March 24th at 1.05pm: Friary.

Confessions at the Cathedral

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies & during Prayer around the Cross-Liturgy at 9pm.

Holy Saturday: 11.00am – 1.00pm.; 2.00pm – 6.00pm.; 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

Confessions at the Friary

Tuesday to Holy Saturday: 11.00am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

Confessions at St. Joseph's Church

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies

Holy Saturday: 11.00am – 12 noon; 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Confessions at Cloughleigh Church

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies which take place at 3pm.



Masses during Easter Week - 28th March to 1st April

Cathedral: 10am & 7.30pm Monday–Friday - no 8am.

10am & 11am on Saturday.

St. Joseph's: 11am Monday – Saturday – no 8.00am.

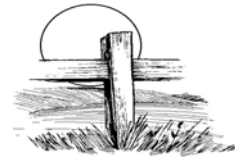
Cloughleigh: 9.30am Monday – Friday.

Friary: 10am & 1.05pm Monday – Friday.

7.30pm Tuesday only.

Poor Clares: 8.30am Monday - Friday.

Dawn Mass



Dawn Mass

Friary Garden & Old Abbey at 6am, Easter Sunday

Year of the Eucharist



Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi