



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass

St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass

Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 10am, 11.45am

Cloughleigh Church:- 8.00am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 10.30am, 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; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

11th February, 2018

The Cry of Human Need

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: *'If you want to'* he said *'you can cure me.'*

We probably have never considered this, but the leper was also taking a risk. Under the law he was among the untouchables, the lowest level on the social ladder. By being where he was, he was risking stern rebuke on the part of the bystanders. He also risked disappointment. He was willing to risk all of this and threw himself on the mercy of Jesus. His faith is expressed in his words, *"If you choose, you can make me clean."* This underscores his firm faith in Jesus. He was convinced that Jesus could restore him physically, spiritually, and socially.

Jesus also ran serious risks in this encounter. Jesus was always getting himself in trouble in his love and concern for others. He knew what he was doing was risky, but he never gave it a second thought because he was so preoccupied by the cry of human need. This is how Jesus always met men and women. He met them on the level of their need, regardless of who they were or what they had done.

The true church is not only the church of the ear where the gospel is rightly preached and heard. The church is not only the church of the eye where the sacraments are enacted for the faithful to see and experience. But the church is also the church of the outstretched helping hand.



There is a story about a statue of Christ in a church in Europe that was hit by a bomb during World War II. They dug up the statue and discovered that it was undamaged except for the hands that had been broken off. They hired a sculptor to replace the hands. Finally, they decided to leave it like it was as a reminder to the people that Christ has no hands but ours to do his work. *"Jesus stretched out his hands and touched him."*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Michael Tierney, Kilrush Rd. MM

Sun: 9.30am: Ando White, Dalcassian Pk.

James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.

Mary, Mick & Kitty Connellan, Ard na Greine.

Maurice O'Brien, late of Inch.

Paul Brassill, St. Michael's Villas.

Lorraine Cooley, Dalcassian Ave.

Maureen & Joe Murphy, late Hermitage.

Michael Hassett, Drumbiggle Rd.

Donal Ryan, Cusack Rd.

Danute Silgalinene, Woodlands.

11.30am: P.J. Malone, Beechpark. MM

Noel Garry, Sandfield. MM

Michael Griffin & John Doyle, Woodlawn.

Pat O'Sullivan, Abbey Court.

Mon: 7.45am: Dan Greene & Mary Pyne, Kilmaley.

10am: Joe Foley, College Pk.

7.30pm: Eva, Tom & Noel Ryan, Summerhill.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Monica Sheridan, Hermitage.

7.30pm: Margaret McMahon, Loughville.

Deceased Old Ground Staff & Management.

Wed: 7.45am: Olive Slattery, College Pk.

10am: Noel Molloy, Turnpike Rd.

7.30pm: Paddy & Mary Keane, Limerick Rd.

Thurs: 7.45am: Mary, Paddy, Sean, Lucy Kissane.

Mary & Sean Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.

10am: Vera Mc Govern, Athlone.

7.30pm: Yvonne O'Callaghan Moore, Cahercalla & Turnpike.

Fri: 7.45am Donor Intentions.

10am: Michael & Mary Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce.

7.30pm: Corcoran family, Templemore.

Sat: 10am: Anthony Coyle, Glenina.

Ellen, Daniel & John Kelly, Theresa Carroll.

Mamie & John Mc Carthy, Tom O'Sullivan.

Jacinta Flynn & Francis Lyons, Golf Links Rd.

6.30pm: Danny Moran, Shanaway Rd. 1st Anniv

Mary (Bodie) Hanley, Park Row, Francis St. MM

Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross. MM

Sun: 9.30am: Gerry Keane, St. Anne's Tce.

Patsy Quinn, Clonroad.

James (Jim) O'Halloran, Dalcassian Ave.

Patrick Lynch & deceased family, Ahern's Tce.

Gerry & Mary Moroney, Lower Market St.

Eleanor Murphy, Magowna, Inch.

RCIA Enrolment.

11.30am: Senan Sheehan, The Hawthorns. 1st Anniv

Johnny Joyce, Beechpark.

Ciara Fox, Hermitage.

Kearney family, O'Callaghan's Mills.

Killian O'Sullivan, Caherciveen, Co Kerry.

Hospital & Sick Calls

11th February, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Wednesday:

Fr. Brendan Quinlivan.

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Afternoon of Renewal for Lent in St Anthony's Hall Francis Street on Sunday 25th February; Start 1.30 pm and finish with Mass and Healing Service; Speaker Fr Brendan Walsh SCA Pallottine Fathers Thurles, Rosary, Praise and Worship, Music Talk. Theme 'What the Spirit brings is Hope' Contact Frank 087 9652864 or Clair 086 1622675

Newly Baptised



We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Aidan Eamon Kenny;

Jack Louis Moloney;

Parish Bingo

Great prizes;

Jackpot: €1,500;

In Community Centre

Sunday from 8pm.

Ash Wednesday

Mass times

Cathedral: 7.45am; 10am, 7.30pm

St Joseph's: 8am; 11am & 7pm

Cloughleigh: 9.30am

Friary: 10am; 1.05pm



Ashes will be distributed after all Masses and will be available for collection in the Churches.

St. Joseph's



Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Jim Keown, Corofin.

Sun 10am: Burns & Lipton families, L.A.

Maura Kavanagh, Pine Grove.

11.45am: Bridget Neylon, Golf Links Rd. MM

Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.

Mon 11am: Mary Mc Mahon, Steele's Tce.

Tues 11am: Deceased McCormack family, Tulla Rd.

Wed 11am: Aileen Nugent, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.

Thurs 11am: Jimmy Morgan, Shanaway Rd.

Fri 11am: Cahill & Walsh families, Mallow.

Sat 11am: Patrick O'Donovan, The Crescent.

Sun 10am: Teresa Kelly, Fergus Pk. 1st Anniv

11.45am: Jim Rochford, Bodyke.

Brendan Armstrong, Mountain View.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a prayer group on this **Tuesday Evening; 8pm; chapter room.** All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 18th February, 2018

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group



Rest in Peace



Marie Webb O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd;

Dr. Dan Curtin, Cahercalla Drive; Colm

Wiley, Bodyke, father of Catherine Fitzpatrick,

Shanaway, brother of Emer Sutton, Suttons Lighting,

St. Flannan's Drive; Jim O'Sullivan, Woodlands,

Lahinch Rd, George Nash, brother of Carmel Nestor,

Golf Links Rd; Victoria Aligo, Nigeria, mother of

Rosaleen Obi, Shanaway Rd; Una O'Donoghue nee

Griffin, sister of Pauline Lucey, Kilrush Rd, Margaret

O'Riordan, Collins Pk., Eileen Fox, Glen Gardens,

Vincent, Limerick Rd, Michael, Inisgrove & Jackie

Griffin, Ruan; Teresa Purtill, College Green; Jimmy

Clifford, Waterville, Co Kerry, father of Antoinette

Loftus, Silvergrove & Holy family school, Michael

Sheedy, College View, father of Gillian Glynn,

Westfields & Parish Office; Eddie George, formerly of

Maid of Erin & Birmingham; Susan Brohan (nee

Byrne), Considines Road, Cloughleigh;

Those we love don't go away,

they walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near;

still loved, still missed and very dear.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: P.J. & Bridie Diger, Hermitage.

Mon 9.30am: Séan Mc Enery, Mc Hugh Villas.

Tue 9.30am: .Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Fitzgerald family, Kerry.

Fri 9.30am: Bernard & Nancy Murphy, Circular Rd.

Sun 11am: Gabriel Kerin, Considine Rd.

Garry Murphy, Considine Rd.

Parish Visitation

Over the next three weeks two Clerical Students will be making Parish Visits on behalf of Parish Team. The students, seminarians in College in Armagh and Maynooth; Martin is from Poland, Israel is from Spain. Please give them a Céad Míle Fáilte.

People of the Year

Presentation of Awards

Friday 16th February

Cathedral at 8pm

Congratulations

to this year's recipients:

Nigel Bridge, Clarecastle

Della Curley, Limerick Road

Nora Monahan, Childers Road.

Mary Cosgrove, Dalcassian Park.

Sean & Mary McDermott, Shanaway.


Bro Seán MacNamara, New Road.

All Welcome.

Prolife Meeting

Protect the 8th Clare talk and training workshop on Monday February 12th 7:30pm; Old Ground Hotel, Ennis; Banner Suite.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING:

Monday 12th February; 8pm; District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle. All welcome. 

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat and Family Tree Mass; Sunday, 18th February; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick through the Ministry of Fr. Michael O'Shea, Limerick and Janice and Moss Carrigg, Limerick.

Alzheimer Support Group: If you are caring for someone with Dementia this is an opportunity to meet with others who are also caring for their family members. Should you need support or advice please drop in for a chat and a cuppa. Thursday 15 February; 7pm; Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cuan an Chlair, Cahercalla, Ennis. Details: 065 6868621 or Fiona: 086 8347195

Clare Roots Society Meeting: Topic: The Industrial School child in Ennis. 1880-1911. By Jane O'Brien; 8pm, 15th February; Old Ground Hotel. The Presentation investigates the operation of the school and the 400 Girls who were committed there. Jane O'Brien is a native of Ennis. She holds a Master's degree in local History from the University of Limerick and is currently studying for a Ph.D. in History at the National University of Galway. She is the owner and operator of the award -Winning Company Ennis Walking Tours and has been running historical tours of the town for many years.

Pilgrimages 2018

Killaloe Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport **Tuesday 26th June returning on Sunday 1st July.** €695 full board for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie or €705 for paper booking. Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims at a reduced price. Early booking advisable. Details: Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 061-364133.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2018 from SHANNON on 16th May to 23rd May Accompanied by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald as Spiritual Director. Cost: €629 if deposit paid by 1st Feb, thereafter cost: €679. Enquiries: Kathleen: 086 1031508 or Mary: 086 3629808.

Medjugorje, 14th June 2017 with Spiritual Director Fr Paddy Conway. Contact Bernadette: 0861634553.

Medjugorje, 5th—12th Sept accompanied by Fr. Tom O'Gorman. 12th –19th Sept accompanied by Fr. Martin Blake & Rev Martin Shanahan. Info: James Considine: 065 9059328 or 085 7385385

Sorrento & San Giovanni; 15th-22nd October; Afternoon flight from Dublin; Cost: €995. For information contact Group Leader: Mary O'Sullivan: 087 1247669; Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Hogan PP

The Alzheimer Society "Burren Walk" takes place in Fanore this Sunday 11th February. 10K Walk will start/finish at O' Donoghue's Pub with Registration from 11am to 1pm. Your Support as always is very much appreciated.

Clare Type 1 Diabetes. Meet Up on Wednesday February 21st in The Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare at 8pm. The Temple Gate was booked out on our usual Tuesday night. These meetings are free to attend and open to anyone who wants to learn more about Type 1 Diabetes. As well as sharing our stories and swapping strategies we discuss concerns about the impact type 1 diabetes has on our lives and futures. If you would like more information about our support group call Grainne at 087 654 8320 or email: clarebranchdfi@gmail.com. The Clare Type 1 Diabetes group meets every second month and information about future meetings can be obtained from the above contact information.

Lenten Campaign for Ireland: Join our Lenten Campaign of Prayer and Fasting and help Ireland at this crucial time when we are being threatened with abortion and redefinition of Family. Let's all come together and pray for our nation beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please call Paul: 087 9141588 email your pledge: lentencampaignforchange@gmail.com

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society 'Irish Traditional Music in Ennis 1950 - 1980' - a talk by Dr Geraldine Cotter: Lecture takes place on **Tuesday 13th February** in the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, at 8pm. Lectures are free to members, €5 for non-members. New members are always welcome. Hope you can join us. Enquiries to fogorman51@gmail.com Tel 087 2262259

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Easláin agus Measarthacht Ceiliúrtar Féile Mhuire Lourdes ar 11 Feabhra. Thabhsigh Muire do Bernadette Soubirous cailín bocht ceithre bliana déag d'aois, sa bhliain 1858. Nil áit ar bith ar fud an domhain ina bhfuil Críostaithe, nach bhfuil cáil ar Lourdes de bharr na sluaite a thugann cuairt ar an Scrín bheannaithe ag iarraidh leighis dá ngalair agus grásta dá n-anam. Tá aithne againn go léir ar dhaoine atá ag fulaingt de bharr breoiteachta. Mar sin agus sinn ag smaoineamh orthu inniu is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá:

*A Mhuire Mháthair, mo mhíle grá tú
Mo choimirce chúnta in am gach gá tú
Mo dhochtúir leighis, tinn agus slán tú.
Tabhair sólas dóibh siúd atá breoite inniu agus fan leo de shíor. Áiméan*

Iarrann an Eaglais orainn inniu guí ar son na nEasláin agus ar son Andúil Alcóil agus Drugaí.

Is eol dúinn go bhfuil fadhb an óil agus drugaí ag cur isteach go mór ar theaghlach. Is mór an brón agus briseadh croí a bhíonn le fulaingt dá bhri sin. Is féidir machnamh a dhéanamh ar an bpaidir seo a leanas ón Traidisiún:

A Iosa, glan mo chroise

Go gléghlan gach lá,

A Iosa, cuir m'íntinn faoi léirsmacht do ghrá.

Déan mo smaointe go fiorghlan agus briathra mo bhéil,

Is a Thiarna, 'Dhia dhílis, stiúir choiche mo shaol.

February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858 Our Lady appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous a poor girl, fourteen years of age. Many come to the Sacred Shrine each year from all over the world seeking healing from illness and for spiritual grace. We are all aware of people who are ill and we remember them especially today as we pray *Mother Mary you are my love protecting me in all distress. You are my physician when I am ill or well. Comfort all those who are ill. Be with them always. Amen.*

This Sunday is dedicated to Temperance. It is a virtue which we ought to practise in our lives. We know that drink and drug abuse cause serious problems pain and suffering for many families. This a prayer from oral tradition:

Jesus, cleanse my heart each day and make it spotless,

Jesus, rule my mind by the power of your love. Make truly clean my thoughts and the words of my mouth, and, dear Lord God, direct my life now and forever. Amen.

Family Carers' Support Group Meeting at Clarecare **14th February 7.30pm.** Guest Speaker: Tess Purcell. Tea & Chat. All family Carers, past, present and new very welcome.

Creative Journaling

Five sessions during lent with Denis Crosby, Maria Assumpta Hall, Thurs 15th Feb to Thurs 15th March 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Cost: €25 for 5 sessions. Places limited contact:

Anthony 087 6163492,

Maureen 087 2890942,

Donagh 087 2322140

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord

C. **For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

C. **And grant us your salvation.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

C. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise
you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify
you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, God, almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

Lv 13:1-2.44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a
swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a
man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to
be suspected. The man must be taken to
Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests
who are his sons.'

'The man is leprous he is unclean.
The priest must declare him unclean; he is
suffering from leprosy of the head.

A man infected with leprosy must wear his
clothing torn and his hair disordered; he
must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean,
unclean". As long as the disease lasts a
person must be unclean; and therefore he
must live apart he must live outside the
camp.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

You are my refuge, O Lord;

You fill me with the joy of salvation

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
Whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord

Imputes no guilt,

In whose spirit is no guile.

R.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;

My guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess

My offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven

The guilt of my sin.

R.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
Exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,

All you upright of heart.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of
God. Never do anything offensive to
anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the
Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to
everyone at all times, not anxious for my
own advantage but for the advantage of
everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Enlighten the eyes of our mind,

So that we can see what hope his call
holds for us.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his
knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure
me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched
out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I

want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the
leprosy left him at once and he was cured.
Jesus immediately sent him away and
sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing
to anyone, but go and show yourself to
the priest, and make the offering for your
healing prescribed by Moses as evidence
of your recovery.' The man went away, but
then started talking about it freely and
telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus
could no longer go openly into any town,
but had to stay outside in places where
nobody lived. Even so, people from all
around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, and by the
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. For our sake he
was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he
suffered death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day In accordance with
the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins and I look
forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

**They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave
them;**

**They were not disappointed in what
they craved.**