

Ennis Parish News

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: 7.40am; 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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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>



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

Third Sunday of Advent

(Year C) 16th December, 2018

Gaudete Sunday

Today is called Gaudete Sunday, joyful or happy Sunday. In the readings we have the example of three joy filled people.

Zephaniah was a prophet of the Old Testament. His main preaching was about the destruction of Jerusalem which took place in 587 B.C. At the same time he preached about a time of rejoicing for the people because of the presence of God amongst them.

St. Paul, as a prisoner awaiting death is writing a letter to cheer up the Phillipians because they lived by the Good News of the gospel so God was very close to them and they had nothing to fear.

In the Gospel we meet John the Baptist who preached the Good News that God was very near. To John that was a radical source of joy.

Both John the Baptist and Paul shared that radical sense of God's nearness. The joy of God's closeness was a power that carried them beyond imprisonment and execution.

Our Christian faith teaches us that God is present in us since our Baptism. If we really believe in the abiding presence of God we should be filled with a deep sense of joy which would enable us to live joyfully in the midst of all our ups and downs in life.

Gaudete Sunday calls us to witness to that radical joy of God's presence in and around us. We are called to be messengers of Gospel joy. Let us prepare to celebrate God's presence among us at Christmas with joy and thanksgiving.



Prayer of Julian of Norwich

I live in God and my God lives in me.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Nellie Wylde, 1st Anniv & Denis, Clonroad.
Nancy Sherlock, Watery Rd.
Jack Moroney, Kilrush Rd. MM

Do this in Memory, ENS & Holy Family

Sun: 9.30am: Peggie Corry, Loughville.
Donal Cahill, Roslevan.
Donal O'Brien, Turnpike Rd.
Bridget & John Daly, Parnell St & Collins Pk.
Gertrude Vaughan, The Market.
Peggy Kearney, Summerhill.
Karen Cosgrove, Golf Links Rd. 1st Anniv

11.30am: Jim Whyns, Cusack Rd.
Ignatius McCarthy, Tulla Rd.
Michael, Eileen & Noreen Hogan, Corrovorrin Green.
Maureen Martin, Woodstock View, Shanaway Rd.
Eileen & Jack O'Donovan, Turnpike Rd & Nellie Ryan, Murroe.

Mon: 7.40am: Thomas & Elizabeth Nugent.
Patrick Forde, Kathryn & Mathew Coughlan.

10am: Ita & Paddy Gilligan, Cloughleigh Rd.
Tess White, Clare Rd.
Holy Souls.

7.30pm: Penitential Service.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

10am: Donor's Intention.

7.30pm: Vivian (Thomas) Lee, Gallows Hill & Fr. Jim Kennedy & Dec'd family.
O'Halloran families, late of Tulla Rd & Maghera.
Thady & Johnny Joyce.

Wed:7.40am: Charles Paul McDermott, Coventry.
10am: Tommy Lorrigan, College Park.

7.30pm: Frances McInerney, Park Avenue.

Thurs:7.40am: Michael Kearns, Galway.

10am: Christine O'Sullivan, Shragh & London.

6pm: Michael Grinter, Australia & Ennis.

7.30pm: Michael & Margaret Fitzpatrick, St Patrick's Tce
Donor's Intention.

Fri:7.40am Mass for the People.

10am: Tony Woods, Rockmount Grove, Ballybeg.

7.30pm: Special Intention.

Sat:10am: Stephen & Ellen O'Sullivan Cork.
Stephen O'Sullivan Hazelgrove, Ruan.

6.30pm: Paddy & Mary Shanahan, St Michael's Villas.
Noel Scanlan, Willow Park.

Sun: 9.30am: Jimmy Duggan, Connolly Villas.
Marie O'Loughlin Castlewood Park

11.30am: Shay Moloney, Hazelwood.
Jim Harnett, Rockmount.
Breda Kelly, Turnpike Rd late of Cranny.MM
Teresa Collins Clare Rd.
Elizabeth Mc Inerney, Shanaway Rd, 1st Anniv
Dr. Patrick O'Beirne, Willsgrove.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 23rd December, 2018

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Newly Baptised

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

Winita Marie Keenan



Hospital & Sick Calls

16th December, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098

The monthly Mass of the Ennis

Padre Pio prayer group will be held in the Ennis Franciscan Friary on Thursday 20th Dec, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

Children's Masses

5pm: St. Joseph's

6pm: Cathedral

Vigil Masses

7pm: St. Joseph's

8pm: Cloughleigh

9pm: Cathedral

Poor Clare Monastery

10pm: Friary

Midnight:

Polish Midnight Mass in Cathedral

Christmas Day

7.45am: Poor Clare Monastery

8am: Cloughleigh

9am: Cathedral

10am: St. Joseph's

10.30pm: Cathedral & Friary

11am: Cloughleigh

11.45am: St. Joseph's

12noon: Cathedral & Friary

1.15pm: Polish Mass in Cathedral



Confession Times

Penitential Services

Monday 17th December

7.30pm - Cathedral

Tuesday 18th December

10.30am - Friary

Friday 21st December

1.05pm - Friary

Confession

From Tuesday 18th to Saturday

22nd December

11am - 12.30pm; Friary

3pm - 5pm; Friary

Christmas Eve

10am - 5pm; Cathedral

11am - 1pm; Friary

11am-12.30pm St. Joseph's

2pm - 5.30pm; Friary



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:

Sat 7pm: Patrick Kearney, Kincora Pk.

Sun 11.45am: Seán & Claire McGrath, Lifford Rd.

Mon 11am: Tom Mc Carthy, Cree & Sligo.
Chris Kearney.

Tues 11am: Donor's Intention

Wed 11am: Joe & Kathleen Hayes, Mullagh.

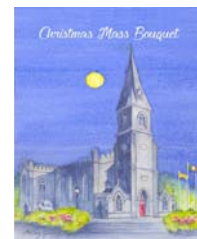
Thu 11am: Donor's Intention

Fri 11am: Special Intention.

Sat 11am: Maura Nevin, Corrovorrin Crescent.

Sun 10am: Catherine & Michael Griffin, Maurice's Mills.

Ennis Parish Christmas Project



Triduum Mass Cards (*Triduum of Masses offered on Christmas Day*) and **Parish Christmas Cards** are now available from Parish Office. *Proceeds from cards towards: Cathedral Restoration Fund.*



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8am: Patrick Gregan, Inch.

11am: Kathleen Shannon, Cloughleigh Rd.

Do this in Memory, Scoil Chríost Rí

Mon 9.30am: Peter & Kathleen Fallon, Roscommon.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

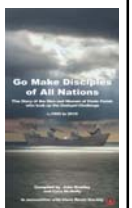
Wed 9.30am: Patrick Crowe, Knockerra.

Thurs 9.30am: Donor's Intention.

Sun 11am: Bridget & Patrick O'Loughlin, late Cloughleigh Rd.

Go Make Disciples of All Nations

This fascinating book telling the story of Ennis people who over the last 180 years have travelled all over the world to proclaim the good news, was launched last Thursday evening. The book which would make an ideal Christmas Gift is available for sale in the Parish Office.



Trocaire 'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' *Psalms 74:21.* Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

Advent / Christmas Parish Events

Advent Carol Service. This Sunday Evening at 7pm the combined choirs of Ennis Parish will lead our annual Carol Service in the Cathedral in the presence of both Bishops of the Killaloe Diocese. The Carol Service can be viewed live on our parish website <http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/our-webcam/>. The retiring collection will be in support of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Cluster Penitential Rite: Monday @ 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Festival of Cribs: Fr. Denis Crosby and the parishioners of Liscannor invite us to view the hundreds of Cribs on display in St. Bridget's Church Liscannor on this Saturday, Sunday & Monday from 10am to 6pm.

Feast of St. Flannan: Tuesday 18th December is the Feast of our Diocesan Patron St. Flannan. Please pray for the Bishop and Diocese on this day and especially for Vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

The Birth of Jesus as told by Luke: If you would like to truly enter into the Christmas Season we invite you to "Reading the Nativity Narrative in the Gospel of Luke": A presentation by Fr. Gerard Fitzgerald on the birth of Jesus as told by St. Luke. Ennis Parish Centre, Tuesday December 18th at 8:30p.m. All welcome.

Friary & Poor Clare Winter Heating Fund: Donations to the Winter heating fund for both the Friary & Poor Clares can be left into the Friary Office. Both communities are grateful for the support they receive to this annual appeal.

Mass times for Christmas: Please note that there will be three Masses in the Cathedral on Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am with Ennis National School and 12 noon.

Giving Tree: This is the final week of appeal for non perishable (indate) food which can be shared with those in need. Donations can be left at the giving tree in the Cathedral or the Parish Office.

Nationwide RTE 1: On Wednesday 19th December on RTE 1. At 7pm Nationwide will feature the work and ministry of Fr. Dariusz here in the Cathedral with both the Polish and Irish Communities.

Christmas by Candlelight: An evening prayer of carols and reflections will take place in Cloughleigh Church on Friday December 21st beginning at 8:00p.m. All welcome

Parish Christmas Collection: The Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish will take place at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As one of just four collections in the year we do appreciate the generosity of Parishioners and those who worship in our parish. Envelopes will be made available this week.

Planned Giving envelopes and Parish Calendar 2019: Currently new box of envelopes for 2019 are available for distribution to those who use them. We thank our parish representatives who distribute those boxes and our parish calendar. New boxes become effective on 6th January 2019.

Samaritans Ennis & Clare will mark the Longest Night of the year by reminding those struggling most that they are there for them during their darkest hours. Friday 21st December is the Winter Solstice, the shortest day - and the Longest Night - of the year. To mark the date Samaritans in Ennis & Clare will be holding a candlelight vigil at The Square Ennis Co. Clare at 6pm to 8pm

"Who Would Imagine a King? - A Christmas Nativity" - a beautiful festive evening of scripture, song and dance presented by the pupils and staff of Holy Family Senior School in the Cathedral on the 19th of December @8.15pm. All welcome. Admission free.

A new presidium of the Legion of Mary has been formed. Meetings are held in the Parish Centre every Wednesday evening at 7pm. New members or those wishing to return to the Legion will be most welcome. Call 086 8164408 or 087 7803459

All Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith & Life, 1st January 2019. Feast of the Mother of God @ 12 noon at Dáil Éireann, Merrion Square, Dublin Contact Ann 087 7803459

Clare Music Makers are hosting "A Christmas Celebration" concert Sunday 16th December in the Friary Church, Ennis at 3pm. An afternoon of Christmas music featuring Students, Ensembles, Intermediate and Senior Orchestras, and Friary Junior Choir. Proceeds at door to Clarecare.

Christmas Concert with Cantare and friends. Cantare Choir will hold a concert of seasonal and other favourites in Dánlann an Chlair on Thursday 20th Dec at 8.00. Cantare will be joined by special guests Helen Houlihan, soprano, and Clare Youth Musical Society. The accompanist for the evening is Irine Dernova. Tickets available at door. Proceeds to Pieta House

Ennis Brass Band concert at St. Columba's Church, Bindon St Saturday 15th December @ 8pm. Come and enjoy

Meditation group practice every Tuesday night in Roslevan Church and Ennis Parish office every Thursday night @ 8pm. All Welcome. Be still and know.....

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Domhnach na Lúcháire, Domhnach Gaudete. Tá an tríú Domhnach na hAidhinte buailte linn. Go traidisiúnta tugadh Domhnach na Lúcháire, Domhnach Gaudete, ar an tríú Domhnach den Aidhinte mar is briathra tosaigh na Loinneige don Iontróid iad: "Bigí lúcháireach i gcónaí sa Tiarna. Deirim arís é: bíodh lúcháir oraibh. Bíodh bhur gceansacht le feiceáil ag an saol mór, mar ní fada uainn an Tiarna". (Fil 4:4-5) Táimid breis agus leath shlí tríd an Aidhinte agus iarrtar orainn féachaint ar aghaidh le gairdeas d'Fhéile na Nollag. Lastar an choinneal rósath i bhFleasc na hAidhinte. Meabhraíonn an t-athrú datha dúinn misneach a bheith againn agus leanúint ar aghaidh lenár n-ullmhúcháin spioradálta go mór mór le paidreoireacht agus le troscadh. Ba é Naomh Eoin Baiste a d'ullmhaigh an bealach don Tiarna. Bíodh sé ina inspioráid againn go léir. Cuireann Eoin Baiste in iúl dúinn inniu go bhfuil an solas tagtha isteach sa saol. Is é Críost an solas mór. Glac an chomhairle seo a leanas: Lean an riail a lean gach naomh. Lean Críost go críoch, go caoin glan séimh. Is beannacht Dé dhil gheobhaidh tú go fíor ar feadh do shaoil is ar neamh de shíor. *A Dhia, go dtuga tú neart agus misneach dúinn tréithe fóna a chothú ionainn féin i gcónaí. Áiméan*

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. Traditionally it is called Gaudete or Rejoicing Sunday because of the first words of the Introit of the Mass. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. (Phil 4: 4-5) We are half way through the Season and we are invited to look forward to the Feast of Christmas. The rose-coloured candle is lighting on the Advent Wreath. The change of colour is a reminder to increase our courage and to continue with our spiritual preparation especially through prayer and fasting. St. John the Baptist prepared the way of The Lord. Let him be our inspiration. John the Baptist proclaims that light has come into the world. Christ is our light. Follow the rule adopted by the saints. Follow Jesus faithfully with gentleness and compassion, And you will truly receive God's blessing, throughout your life and forever in heaven. *Lord, may you give us the strength and courage to*

Rest in Peace

Maura Beakey, nee Woods, Cahercalla Est & formerly Willbrook, Corofin, Donal (Danny Boy) Higgins, Hermitage & Shannon, Michael Grinter, Australia & Ennis



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;*

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, 10th December : 6876 Euro

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

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.**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah Zp 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem;

Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you
As on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

*Response: Sing and shout for joy
For great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
He became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation. R

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!

Declare the greatness of His name. R

Sing a psalm to the Lord

For He has done glorious deeds,

Make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

For great in your midst

is the Holy One of Israel. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians Ph 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident
to everyone: the Lord is very near. There
is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to
me.*

*He has sent me to bring good news to
the poor.*

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone
has two tunics he must share with the
man who has none, and the one with
something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who came
for baptism, and these said to him,
'Master, what must we do?' He said to
them, 'Exact no more than your rate.'
Some soldiers asked him in their turn,
'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No
intimidation! No extortion! Be content with
your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown
among the people, who were beginning
to think that John might be the Christ, so
John declared before them all, 'I baptise
you with water, but someone is coming,
someone who is more powerful than I

am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of
his sandals; he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is
in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn;
but the chaff he will burn in a fire that
will never go out.' As well as this, there
were many other things he said to
exhort the people and to announce the
Good News to them.

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

Say to the faint of heart:

Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come,

And he will save us.