



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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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>

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 28th January, 2018

Spring-Time - Lá Fhéile Bríde

*“We sing a song to Bridget
Bridget brings the Spring
Awakens all the fields and flowers
And calls the birds to sing”.*

The young people in primary school will have learned this song for St. Bridget's Day, next Thursday, February 1st, the first day of Spring-time.

We have noticed the increase in the light in the evenings and in recent mornings. The old people used to say you can see “coiscéim choiligh” - the “cock step”, in the increase of daylight after January 6th.

So praise God for this beautiful time of year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around.

The birds are busy building new nests

and the snowdrops have peeped out their white heads.

It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life.



Praise God too for this great woman Bridget - one of our heroines in the faith story - her life and care enabled people to blossom and develop.

“All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away.

She loved the poor, the sick, the sore and helped them on their way. She laid her cloak out on the Ground and watched it grow and grow in wells and streams and fields of green St. Bridget's Blessings flow”

“We sing a song to Brigid”
by Clare Maloney

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Tina Doyle, Cloverhill.
Sun: 9.30am: George & Mgt McMahon, St. Ml's Villas.
 Lily Cusack, Parnell St.
 Mary Cleere, Tubber.
 Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
 Donor's Intention.
 Tom McGrath, Francis St.
 Kevin & Nora Ryan, Greendale & Manchester.
 Nuala & Con Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.
 Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.
 Anna & Liam Cunningham, Ardlea Rd.
11.30am: John Fogarty, Fernhill. **1st Anniv**
Mon: 7.45am: Donor's Intention.
10am: Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Pk.
7.30pm: Patrick Cosgrove, Clare Rd.
 Joseph & Mary Ward, St. Michael's Villas.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Pk.
7.30pm: James, Agnes & Seamus Blake &
 Fitzpatrick family, Limerick Rd.
Wed: 7.45am: Tom & Sheila Coote, St. Michael's Villas.
10am: Alfie McDonagh, Station View.
7.30pm: Agnes Fox, Cornmarket St.
 Edward Manning, Aughanteeroe.
Thurs: 7.45am: Eileen Power, Cahercalla Rd.
10am: Vera Dunleavy, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Francie O'Halloran, Collins Pk.
Fri: 7.45am Holy Souls.
10am: Paddy & Mary Hogan, Tobartaoscain.
7.30pm: Mass for the People.
Sat: 10am: Denis Moloney, McNamara Pk.
11am: P.J. Quinn, England & Hermitage -
 Funeral with burial of Ashes.
6.30pm: Sr. Stephanie Conway, Convent of Mercy,
 Ennis & Nenagh. MM
Sun: 9.30am: Helen Griffin, Woodlawn, Loughville.
 James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
 Virginia Donnellan, St. Joseph's, Hermitage.
 Baby O'Neill- Forde, Drumquin, Barefield.
 Christina Kelly, Elm Park, Gort Rd.
 May & Michael Glynn, Knockaderra.
 Elizabeth & George Bradley, Carmody St.
 Teresa Ryan, Gallows Hill.
11am: Alexsey Cecotka, Hill View, Clarecastle.
 Please note change of Mass time to facilitate RTE radio
 broadcast of Mass for Catholic Schools Week.
4pm: Joseph McDonagh, Ballygriffey, Larchhill.

With the reduction in the number of weekend
 Masses in Ennis it may be now necessary to have
 multi intentions at all Masses in the Cathedral.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 4th February, 2018

Readers: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce. **1st Anniv**
Mon 9.30am: Delia, Mary, Peter Hegarty, Hermitage.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Sun 11am: Elizabeth & deceased Hanrahan family,
 Circular Rd.

Hospital & Sick Calls

28th January, 2018

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom Hogan

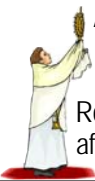
Wednesday:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

1st Saturday devotions

in honour of Our Lady of
 Fatima, in Cathedral next Sat.
 Adoration of the Most
 Blessed Sacrament
 with Confessions,
 Rosary & Benediction,
 after 10am Mass.



Candlemas Day

Friday

February 2nd



*Candles are blessed on this
 day to remind us that Jesus
 is the light of the world.*

Candles (for church and home
 use) will be blessed at all the
 Masses. It has been a
 tradition of people donating
 candles for church use.
 Suitable candles Boramix
 Beeswax size 7" x 1½ &
 Boramix ordinary candles size
 9". Candles can be left at the
 Parish Office or Sacristy to be
 blessed on Sunday.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

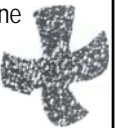
Sat 7pm: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
Sun 10am: Eamon Duffy, Kincora Pk.
11.45am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Pk.
Mon 11am: John Mc Dermott, Doonbeg.
Tues 11am: Joseph Mc Carthy, Ballyvaughan.
Wed 11am: Bridget & Dan Greene,
 Corrovorrin & Mayo.
Thu 11am: Decd memb Clune family, Feakle.
Fri 11am: Eileen Griffin, Kilmaley.
7.30pm: Bernadette & Alo Wrafter, Ennis & Tullamore.
Sat 11am: Patrick Barrett, Lifford.
7pm: Kevin & Mary O'Donohue, Kincora Pk.
Sun 10am: Teresa Howard, Kilrush Rd.
11.45am: Annie, Peter, Anne & deceased Barry
 family, Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.

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.

Taizé Prayer: An open welcome to everyone
 songs of Taizé, some quiet time. Church
 of Our Lady, Roslevan. Thursday
 February 1st; 7.45pm – 8.30pm



St. Blaise

Feast day 3rd February



Patron for sore throats & sick cattle. He was a
 physician before becoming a Bishop. The
 blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in
 God's protection & love for us & for the sick.
 Using two crossed & unlighted candles, blessed
 on the memorial of St. Blaise or on the feast of
 the Presentation of the Lord, the minister
 touches the throat of each person, saying:
*Through the intercession of St. Blaise,
 Bishop & martyr, may God deliver you from
 all ailments of the throat & from every other
 evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son
 and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Rest in Peace

Reece Watt, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, grandson of Maura O'Halloran, formerly of Market
 Street.; **Mary (Bodie) Hanley nee Colgan**, Park Row & formerly Parnell St.; **Esther**
Hackett, Kilkenny, mother of Ruth O'Shea, Barefield and Cathedral Choir; **Ena Whelan**,
 Fountain Cross; **Austin Burke**, Miltown Malbay, father of Aine Burke, staff Colaiste Muire;
Elizabeth (Betty) Lyons nee Slattery, Crowley, Sussex & Old Turnpike, sister of Ethna
 Dardis; **Eddie Mahony** Kilrush, brother of the late Tommy, Tobartaoscain; **Tony Hegarty**,
 Cathedral Court, Boston U.S.A. brother of Mary Hegarty, Highfield Pk.; **Sr. Eileen Cahill**,
 Corofin & Mercy Community; **Eileen Dinan nee Morgan**, Cahercalla Heights & formerly
 St. Flannan's Tce.; **Teresa Healy**, Miltown Malbay, sister of Sr. Gregory, St. Xavier's; **Flan**
O'Reilly, Clare Rd;



*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.*



Buiochas to the group who made tea bag decorations as a fundraiser for the Organ restoration fund; €5,022 was raised; sincere thanks to all who supported the project.

Cloughleigh Community Centre has meeting rooms available daily and evening times. Also Main Hall available on Thursday's from 12:30pm. Reasonable rates. Contact Noel Fawl 0860610211 or Fr. Tom O'Gorman 087 2285355.

Raising Hearts & Giving Hope ~ Festival of Faith Conference, Galway City, Saturday 10th February, at the Ardilaun Hotel. Opening Address at 10am, by Papal Nuncio – Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo. Speakers: Breda O'Brien, Fr. William Dailey CSC, Dr. John Monaghan, Maria Keogh and other contributors. Conference concludes with concelebrated Mass, at Galway Cathedral (6pm), graciously led by the Papal Nuncio. Save the date!! Tickets €25, to include light lunch + morning & afternoon tea/coffee. Tickets available only in advance, from The Abbey Church shop, Galway – 091 562518 - or by post, from Thomas Kearney (087 6209090); facebook.com/raisingandgiving.

A full time administration post is now available in the Killaloe Diocesan Office. Please see Diocesan Website for details.

Maidin na mBan: Caint agus Comhrá is inviting all women interested in speaking Irish to take part in Maidin na mBan on Saturday, February 3rd in Bia agus Caife at 11:00 (nr Friary). Informal conversation. Bigí páirteach sa chomhrá linn. Enquiries: caintaguscomhra@eircom.net

"Seisiún Cois Tine" at Cois na hAbhna, Galway Road; Sunday January 28th - 6pm to 8.30pm.

Be part of LighterStyle; the new NEW Weight Loss Support Group taking Ennis by storm; Hotel Woodstock Tuesday's at 6.30 (walk at 8.15); The Rowan Tree Thursday's at 5.30 (walk at 7pm); No gimmicks just REAL support-. Confidential weigh-in, cookery demo's, styling + much more Group Leader: Catherine Ryan 086-2058463; Facebook @LighterStyleCathy.

St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults will resume on January 31. Classes include: Make-up, Sign Language, Mindfulness, Smartphone Photography, Homoeopathy, Flower Arranging, Acrylics Painting, Crochet, Spanish, Yoga, CPR/AED, Interior Design, Creative Writing, Skincare, Sense of Style. We will also offer once-off Saturday Workshops in Creative Writing, Stained Glass and Mosaic. Text/phone: 085 1670326 for further details and bookings.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite); Sunday 4th February; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Invitation for Youth Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion For Transition Year students and upwards: Parents, if your son or daughter would like to be involved in this ministry encourage them to come along to the Cathedral on **Thursday 1st February 3.20pm to 4.30pm** so that they can discover how they can participate. Contact the parish office on 065 6824043.

Ennis & Clare Samaritans are currently recruiting Volunteers. They are holding two information sessions next Tuesday 30th Jan and Weds 31st at 7.30pm in Ennis. If you would like to attend an information session please contact our Volunteer Recruitment team 085 176 3491.

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 Monaghan, Childers Road.

Mary Cosgrove, Dalcassian Park.

Sean & Mary McDermott, Shanaway.

Bro Seán MacNamara, New Road.

**Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 21st January, €7,236**

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

Ceiliúrfar Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha i mbliana ón 28 Eanáir go dtí 4 Feabhra. I bpáirt le Cruinniú Domhanda na dTeaghlach 2018, d'ullmhaigh Coiste Stiúrtha Sheachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha clár bliana caiticeasmach do bhun-scoileanna agus d'iar-bhunscoileanna. Is é téama an chláir seo, *Scoileanna Caitliceacha: Glaoite le bheith ina dTeaghlach de Theaghlach*. Sa chláir tugtar cuireadh do lucht scoileanna Caitliceacha machnamh agus ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an ngaol atá idir an baile, an scoil agus an paróiste trí pháirt a ghlacadh i gceithre nóiméad fo-théamach caiticeasmach. Is iad seo a leanas na téamaí:

Nóiméad a hAon – Teaghlach Dóchais – Mí na Samhna 2017

Nóiméad a Dó – Teaghlach Creidimh – Eanáir 2018

Nóiméad a Trí – Teaghlach Grá – Carghas 2018

Nóiméad a Ceathair – Teaghlach Lúcháire – Aibreán/Bealtaine 2018. Is féidir leis na scoileanna tabhairt faoi na téamaí seo i rith na seachtaine agus amach anseo agus tá acmhainn dóibh ar fáil ar an suíomh, catholicschools.ie a chabhróidh go mór le múinteoirí. Is paidir í seo gur féidir le daltaí scoile a rá i rith na seachtaine: *A Thiarna Iosa, Mac Dé, gabhaimid buiochas leat as ucht scolaíocht Chaitliceach a bhronnadh orainn, lá i ndiaidh lae, seachtain i ndiaidh seachtaine. Cuireann tú deiseanna fairs agus foghlama ar fáil dúinn. Cabhraigh linn freagra cuí a thabhairt don chreideamh a tugadh dúinn, ionas go n-aithneofar sinn mar do dheisceabail. Áiméan.*

Ná déanaimis dearmad ar Lá Fhéile Bríde, Muire na nGael a chomóradh ar an Déardaoin 1 Feabhra. A Bhrid, a Mhuire na nGael guí orainn.



Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated from January 28 to 4 February. In partnership with World Meeting of Families 2018, the Catholic Schools' Week Steering Committee developed a one-year catechetical programme for Catholic primary and post-primary schools. The theme for this programme is 'Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families.' The programme invites Catholic schools to reflect on and celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish through participation in four sub-themed catechetical moments.

Moment 1 - Families of Hope; November 2017

Moment 2 - Families of Faith; January 2018

Moment 3 - Families of Love; Lent 2018

Moment 4 - Families of Joy; April/May 2018.

Schools can reflect on these themes next week and during the school year. Resources are available on the website catholicschools.ie. Students can recite the following prayer daily. *Lord Jesus, Son of God, we thank you for our Catholic schooling day after day, week after week. You provide growing and learning opportunities for us. Help us respond appropriately to the faith given to us, so that we will be known as your disciples. Amen.*

Let us not forget to honour Saint Brigid on Thursday next 1 February. St. Brigid, Mary of the Gael, pray for us.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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 Deuteronomy Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will
raise up for you a prophet like myself, from
among yourselves, from your own brothers;
to him you must listen. This is what you
yourselves asked of the Lord your God at
Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not
let me hear again" you said "the voice of the
Lord my God, nor look any longer on this
great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to
me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will
raise up a prophet like yourself for them from
their own brothers; I will put my words into his
mouth and he shall tell them all I command
him. The man who does not listen to my
words that he speaks in my name, shall be
held answerable to me for it. But the prophet
who presumes to say in my name a thing I
have not commanded him to say, or who
speaks in the name of other gods, that
prophet shall die".

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*O that today you would listen to his
voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work'. **R.**

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

1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to the
Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is
pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to
bother about the world's affairs and devote
himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two
ways. In the same way an unmarried
woman, like a young girl, can devote herself
to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry
about is being holy in body and spirit. The
married woman, on the other hand, has to
worry about the world's affairs and devote
herself to pleasing her husband. I say this
only to help you, not to put a halter round
your necks, but simply to make sure that
everything is as it should be, and that you
give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people that lived in darkness

Has seen a great light;

*On those who dwell in the land & shadow
of death a light has dawned.*

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as
Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath
came Jesus went to the synagogue and
began to teach. And his teaching made a

deep impression on them because, unlike
the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there
was a man possessed by an unclean spirit,
and it shouted, 'What do you want with us,
Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy
One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be
quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean
spirit threw the man into convulsions and
with a loud cry went out of him. The people
were so astonished that they started asking
each other what it all meant. 'Here is a
teaching that is new' they said 'and with
authority behind it: he gives orders even to
unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his
reputation rapidly spread everywhere,
through all the surrounding Galilean
countryside.

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

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

**O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.**