



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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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6840715; Friary: 6828751

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The Baptism of the Lord

(Year B)

7th January, 2018

“Baptism-A life Time Event”

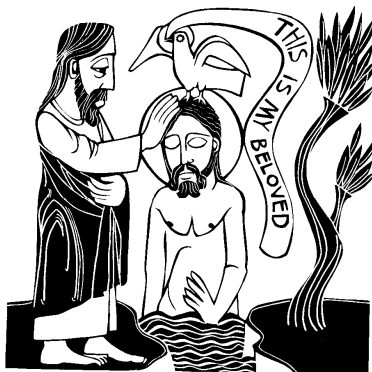
The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the public life of Jesus begins with his Baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches a Baptism of Repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Crowds of Sinners, Tax Collectors, Soldiers, Pharisees, Sadducees and Prostitutes came to be baptised. All were adults. Jesus appears, John the Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives Baptism. The Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove and a voice from Heaven proclaims

“This is my Beloved Son”.

This is a manifestation (Epiphany) of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God. Jesus promise was that he came to save and liberate us and he lived this throughout his life.

Jesus Baptism reminds us of our own Baptism, for the most part all of us are baptised as children. It has been a long tradition in Ireland that all babies be baptised and baptism allows us to receive all of the other Sacraments.



A Sacrament is not something that we receive and then it's over and done with. What's involved in a Sacrament is that we make a solemn promise to our God, to the Christian Community and to ourselves. This simple, yet solemn promise and the living out of the promise make a huge difference to our Church and to humanity.

Unfortunately many people come for Baptism and the other Sacraments and have no intention of living up to the promises that they make – the

day they receive the Sacrament becomes a day of celebration only. Many others are very sincere in living up to the promise they make and live the Sacraments every day.

It is important that we don't abuse the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Fáilte-Bienvenue-Willkommen-Benvenuto-Bienvenido-Witajcie-Bemvindo-
Welkom-Velkomin-Vitejte-Karibu-Croeso-Valkommen-Tervetuloa-Welcome*

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Vincent O'Connor, Circular Rd. MM
Sun: 9.30am: Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park
 Kitty Casey, Monument House, O'Connell Square.
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas
 Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas
 Vincent Neylon, Parnell Street
 Nora Malone, Parnell Street
 Peggy & JB Casey, Shanaway Rd.
11.30am: Peggy Malone, Dalcassian Drive. MM
Mon: 7.45am: Special Intention.
10am: Danny & Gina Higgins, Clancy Park.
7.30pm: Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroad.
Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.
10am: Martin, Michael, Catherine, Maura Hassett, Inch.
7.30pm: Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave.
Wed: 7.45am: Maura & James Doohan, Lissycasey.
10am: Kathleen Considine, Hermitage.
7.30pm: Sr. Maeve, P.J. & Lily Brooks, College Pk.
Thurs: 7.45am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.
10am: Stephen Cunningham, Labasheeda.
7.30pm: Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.
Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.
10am: Bartholomew Torpey, Moyasta & London.
7.30pm: Frances Arthur, Station Ct & Parnell St. 1st Anniv
Sat: 10am: Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
 John, Pat & Mary Finn, Golf Links Rd.
6.30pm: Mary English, Clonroad.
Do this in Memory.
Sun: 9.30am: Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas.
 Tom Kelly, College Rd.
 Sr. Maeve, P.J. & Lily Brooks, College Pk.
 Tony Shannon, Clancy Pk.
 Louis Galvin, Honeywell, Tobartaoscain.
 Delia Armstrong, Cahercalla.
 Haulie & Martin Reidy, Golf Links Rd.
 Marion Ball O'Neill, Hermitage.
11.30am: Nellie Wyld, Clonroad. MM
 Peter Keane, Kilrush Road. MM
Mass of Remembrance, Carmody Hotel Tragedy.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 14th January, 2018

Readers: Group 1
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Mai Molloy, Dublin & Ennis.
Mon 9.30am: Joseph Neylon, Childers Rd. MM
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill.
Fri 9.30am: John Lynch, Mullagh.
Sun 11am: Bridget Cross Kinnane, Ennistymon.
 Kathleen Kierce, Davitt Tce.

Do this in Memory

Christmas Clergy Collection

The Priests of the Parish thank most sincerely all who contributed to their recent collection. If you were away or forgot, contributions may be left at The Parish Office.

Hospital & Sick Calls 7th January 2018

Priest on Duty:
 Fr. Ger Fitzgerald
Wednesday:
 Fr. Brendan Quinlivan
Duty Phone: 065 6869098



Friary News

Next meeting of Secular Franciscan Order: 10am & 7.30pm; Wednesday 10th January.
Hour of prayer for peace at Poor Clare Chapel, Saturday 6th Jan 4.30pm.

Irish Cancer Society

Mass Celebrated by
 Bishop Fintan Monahan
 Sunday 21st January
 Cathedral Ennis
 3pm
 Refreshment served afterwards.
 All Welcome

Newly Baptised



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

Cian Michael Moloney;
Andrea Suzanna Cahir;

Pilgrimages 2018

Killaloe Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the 62nd pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon **Tuesday 26th June** returning **Sunday 1st July.** €695 full board for online booking at www.jewelstours.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.

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

Autumn Lourdes Pilgrimage from Sunday 7th October, returning Friday 12th October €669 for online booking or €679 for paper booking.

Bereavement Visitation Team Meeting; Thursday 11th January; 3.30pm; 7, Woodlands.

St. Joseph's



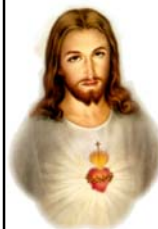
Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: PJ & Kathleen Foudy, Ivy Hill
Sun 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovorrin.
11.45am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Road.
Mon 11am: Marin Szostak, Poland.
Tues 11am: Joseph Nowak, Poland.
Wed 11am: Mary & Paddy Jo Moloney, Glenina.
Thu 11am: Tubridy family, Clohanbeg, Cree.
Fri 11am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.
Sat 11am: Denis Callinan, Shannon Park.
7pm: Vicki Keane, Corrovorrin Drive.
Sun 10am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanoir.
11.45am: Peg & Michael Roche, Kincora Pk.

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 also be a short *Lectio Divina* after the chaplet. All welcome.



Rest in Peace

Mary Walsh Cragroe, Tulla, mother of Brid O'Sullivan, Greendale; **John Joe McInerney**, England & Mullagh brother of Tom McInerney, Gort Rd; **Sr. Stephanie Conway**, St. Xavier's Convent & Nenagh, sister of Fr. Paddy, J.J. & Tom, Cloughleigh Rd; **Helen Kelly**, Durrow, sister in law of Kay Hennessy, Avondale;
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.



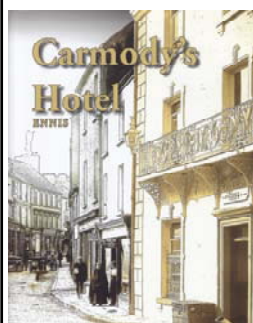
MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING: Monday 8th January; 8pm; District Daycare Centre, Clarecastle. All welcome.



60th Remembrance

Carmody Hotel Tragedy

Sunday next, 14th January as part of Carmody's Hotel Commemoration ceremony Clare Roots Society will be launching their first book of 2018. Mayor of Ennis, Paul Murphy, will formally launch the book at 12.30pm at the Parish Centre at the rear of the Cathedral. The launch will be preceded by a Mass of Remembrance for the eight people who lost their lives on the 15th January 1958. Researched and edited by John Bradley, the book recounts the owners, guests, and history of what was once an iconic landmark for a century and a half in the town of Ennis.



Céilí at Cois na hAbhna, Sunday, January 7th from 3pm - 6pm with The Dal gCais Céilí Band.

Killian Mullarney the internationally renowned bird and wildlife artist will give a talk at the Templegate Hotel on Friday 12th of January at 8pm. This should be of interest to artists, birders or outdoor enthusiasts. Hosted by the Clare Branch of Birdwatch Ireland. Everybody welcome.

Toonagh Charity Walk for Seeking Vision
Clare Sunset Foundation; Sunday 14th Jan 12.30pm; Register Toonagh Hall 11.30am; Entry fee €10; 3 Routes to suit all levels of fitness 2k, 5k & 10.5k; Start & Finish at Toonagh Hall; Refreshments served after walk. Children welcome. Info Breda **0851947763**. Please support, give a little & feel good

COME WEST ALONG THE ROAD: The Volunteers of Kilrush RNLI Lifeboat Station along with the people from Labasheeda invite you to a very special walk in the west on this coming Sunday 7th of January. The 5km walk, stroll, jog or run will give people a chance not alone to shake off the cobwebs after the festive season but will also help the RNLI Lifeboat fleet. The walk starts at the Community centre in Labasheeda with registration at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Geraldine Moloney Morrissey has all the information 0858427137.

Ennis StepMixx NEW YEAR cardio & tone 6 week exercise programme will commence in the Gaelscoil, Gort Road on Tuesday 9th January from 7-8pm; suits all ages and all levels of fitness: tone up, burn calories, reduce stress, improve your mental health and have fun all at the same time!!!! for more details and to book contact Clare 0876855569.

LighterStyle: NEW Weight Loss Group starting in Hotel Woodstock Tuesday 9th January at 7pm. No gimmicks just REAL support; Confidential weigh-in, cookery demos, twice weekly walking group + much more.

Group Leader: Catherine Ryan 086-2058463
Facebook @LighterStyleCathy

Avenue United Academy & 'Soccer Tots' now accepting children age 4 (born 2013) to age 10 (2008). Every Saturday morning @ Lees Rd 9:30 -10:30. Contact Academy Director Helene: 087-8134592 .

Mindful Movements with James Talty 0868036225: Tai Chi is low-impact, slow motion exercise with many health benefits, it increases your strength, flexibility, balance and well-being. It's movement, it's medicine, it's mindfulness all in one which allows you to overcome the stresses of daily living. Classes starting in Fame Fitness Studio Ennis; 9.30 to 11am Tuesday 16th January.

Designer Minds will be running a Primary Science, Design and Technology after-school club in Ennis. 1 hour of fun, hands-on, educational activities each week, for girls and boys who love to design, build and experiment. Starts week of 22nd January. Visit www.designerminds.ie or call 087 631 0411

Pilates Classes resume in Ennis National School 6:15pm Tuesday, January 9th. Classes suitable for all fitness levels and ability. Info contact Monica: 0877636744.

Sr. Stephanie Conway



1937 - 2017

Sr. Stephanie Conway died peacefully on Friday 29 Dec. 2017 at University Hospital Limerick.

A native of Kilfenora, Co. Clare, Stephanie was born on 9 Oct. 1937 to John and Anna Conway, the fourth of six children: Mary (Corbett) deceased, Chris Lalor, J.J., Tom and Fr. Paddy. She was educated at her local National School and Coláiste Muire, Ennis and joined the Sisters of Mercy at St. Xavier's Convent, on 24 Sept. 1955.

Having qualified at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Stephanie was appointed in 1962 to Holy Family Snr. School where she served until 1986, the final six years as Principal. She then transferred to St. Mary's Primary School, Nenagh as Principal, a post she filled with distinction until her retirement

Stephanie will be remembered as a gifted, caring and professional teacher and administrator, and an enthusiastic promoter of music. She believed passionately in education for all and encouraged each pupil to achieve her personal best. The Marching Band and Majorettes were initiatives of which she was particularly proud and which graced many cultural, social and civic events.

Her colourful approach to life won Stephanie many friends. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, she was very faithful to the Mercy way of life knowing that an intimate relationship with God was central to all her work. She dealt bravely and patiently with ill-health for many years, trusting in that same God.

Stephanie will be very much missed by her siblings, extended family, her sisters in Mercy especially in the Nenagh and Ennis Convents, her former colleagues, students and her large circle of friends.

May she rest in peace.

Yoga Classes resume 8th January: Monday & Tuesday beginners; morning & continuation classes available. Antoinette: 086-3100827.

Banner Ladies' Gaelic Football—Indoor Training has resumed Wednesday evenings, St. Flannan's Hall U8/U10s 6pm-7pm & Under 12s 7pm to 8pm. Come along for fun and enjoyment while learning to play Ladies' Gaelic Football. Starting back Wednesday 10th.

Parish Bingo

Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500;
In Community Centre Sunday from 8pm.
Community Centre, Chapel Lane

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Eanáir.

Cuirimid fáilte chroíúil roimh bhliain úr nua atá isteach an doras chugainn agus slán fágtha againn le 2017. Is dúil dúinn Rúin na Bliana nua dhéanamh. Cuirimis an bhliain nua faoi choimirce Dé. Ní fios dúinn cad atá i ndán dúinn i rith na bliana ach rud amháin atá cinnte, beidh Dia linn gach uile lá. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go mbeadh Críostaithe agus mionlaigh creidimh eile i dtíortha na hÁise, in ann a gcreideamh a chleachtadh le saoirse gan srian.

Tá Baisteadh ár dTiarna sa Jordán á chomórath againn inniu. Tar éis d'fosa a theacht aníos as an uisce, d'oscail na flaitheas, agus tháinig spiorad Dé anuas air i riocht choilm. Ansin labhair glór ó na flaitheas: "Is tú mo Mhac muirneach; is duit a thug mé gnaoi." (Marcas 1:11) Ina dhiaidh seo thréig fosa a shaol príobháideach. Ghlac Sé le mian a Athar agus thug Sé aghaidh ar shaol poiblí a chríochnódh ar Chnoc Chalvaire. Tá dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaisteadh féin agus baisteadh fosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá chuig an Tríonóid Naofa: **A Thríonóid Naofa mheinghlan scéimheach fhialmhar, chiallmhar, phearlach, réaltach, A Choimthe charthanach cheannasach shéadach, tabhair dom cabhair le mo ghlasa réiteach. Áiméan.**

Let us welcome the New Year as 2017 ends. It is customary to make New Year resolutions. We place the year under the protection of God. We do not know what is in store for us during this year but we can be certain God will be with us. The Pope's intentions for January are: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan. When Jesus emerged from the water the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and alighted on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.' (Mark 1:11). Jesus accepted His Father's will and began His public life which would end on Calvary. There is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. We can recite this prayer: **Dear Three, dear One, so pure, immaculate, generous, ever-wise and radiant, protector, friend, all-powerful, provident, give me your help, unlock my prison gate. Amen.**

Sunday next January 14th we celebrate WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This year's theme: "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees".

We pray and remember our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters who are living in our parish and our diocese and especially those in direct provision centres across the country. Pope Francis has called on all of us to be generous and welcoming to all who find themselves displaced from family and homeland.



Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 31st December, €6,062.00

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 prophet Isaiah

Is 55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the
peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to
him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him, to our god who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways

not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to
provide seed for the sower and bread for the
eating, so the word that goes from my mouth
does not return to me empty, without carrying
out my will and succeeding in what it was sent
to do.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.*

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 first letter of St. John

1 Jn 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments; and his
commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by
God has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world— our faith.
Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth -

so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,

given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*John saw Jesus coming towards him, and
said:*

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world. Alleluia!*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist
said, 'Someone is following me, someone who
is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals.
I have baptised you with water, but he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came
from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in
the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come
up out of the water than he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove,
descending on him. And a voice came from
heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you.'

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

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.