



# **Ennis Parish Link**

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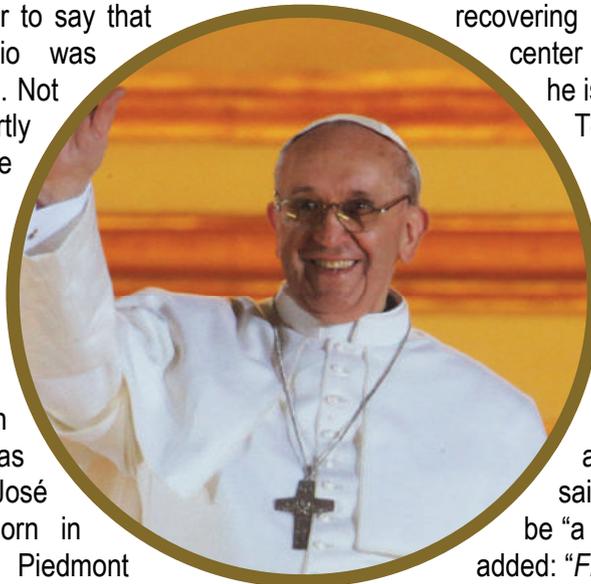
# Pope Francis

When Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio stepped out onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at approximately 7pm GMT on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013, the Church perceived an event never before witnessed in our history; a Pope from the Americas. Yet, in that moment there was even more history. The first Pope in living memory to refuse to wear the mozzetta or choir dress of any description appeared on that cold March evening not as a *pontifex maximus* but as a simple shepherd and a humble pastor. Thus, in the words of the Pope's first address, began the journey, *"This journey of the Church of Rome which presides in charity over all the Churches. A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust among us."*

But who is Pope Francis? He told us *"that it was the duty of the Conclave to give Rome a Bishop ... [yet] It seems [the] Cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one."* I think it is fair to say that

when the name of Bergoglio was announced, many were surprised. Not mentioned as *papabile* partly because of his age, the announcement of the Argentinian cardinal as Pope sent many scrambling for Google and sent the Italian Bishop's Conference scrambling for a retraction!!

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was one of the five children of Mario José Bergoglio, a railway worker born in Portacomaro (Asti) in Italy's Piedmont region, and his wife Regina María Sivori, a housewife born in Buenos Aires to a family of northern Italian (Piedmontese-Genovese) origin. As a 12-year-old he had a girlfriend, Amalia, who has said that Bergoglio asked for her hand in marriage. He graduated from the technical secondary school Escuelas Técnicas, Hipólito Yrigoyen, and earned a degree as a chemical technician. According to some sources, he earned a masters' degree in chemistry from the University of Buenos Aires, and all this despite having a lung removed as a teenager due to an infection. Initially trained as a chemist, at the age of 21, he decided to become a priest and began his religious studies with the Jesuit Order in 1958, eventually being ordained in 1969. Bergoglio was named Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992 and was ordained on 27th June 1992 as Titular Bishop of Auca. Bergoglio taught literature, psychology, philosophy and theology before taking over as Buenos Aires archbishop in 1998. At the consistory of 21st February 2001, Archbishop Bergoglio was created a



cardinal by Pope John Paul II with the title of cardinal-priest of San Roberto Bellarmino. He became known for personal humility, doctrinal conservatism and a commitment to social justice. A simple lifestyle contributed to his reputation for humility. He lived in a small apartment, rather than in the palatial bishop's residence. He gave up his chauffeured limousine in favour of public transportation and cooked his own meals.

Many stories are relayed of Cardinal Bergoglio's charity and outreach to the poor but perhaps the most revealing story which irradiates his warmth is told by the National Catholic Reporter which divulges the fact that he showed compassion for the victims of HIV-AIDS and in 2001, visited a hospice to kiss and wash the feet of 12 AIDS patients. Similarly in 2008, the Catholic News Agency reported that Bergoglio washed the feet of 12 recovering drug addicts at a rehabilitation center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he is from.

To those who expect broad sweeping changes in Church matters, perhaps this papacy will disappoint. However, as Gerard O'Connell, a Vatican insider tells us in the Independent, he was in no doubt that Pope Francis would shake up the Roman Curia, the Vatican's sclerotic administrative body. Mr O'Connell said under the new Pope there would be "a very new style of government." He added: *"Francis will lead by example. He will say to people, 'We're here to do the work of the gospel, not to promote ourselves'."* He also noted that some fresh faces and even some surprises might lie in store for the musty corridors of the Holy City.

Whatever happens over the coming months and years, let us support our Holy Father with our prayers, and let us leave the last words to him, words which perhaps map out the route this papacy will take, and words which, after our own Parish mission, may leave an indelible mark on our own journey of faith.

*"My wish is that all of us, after these days of grace, will have the courage, yes, the courage, to walk in the presence of the Lord, with the Lord's Cross; to build the Church on the Lord's blood which was poured out on the Cross; and to profess the one glory: Christ crucified. And in this way, the Church will go forward. My prayer for all of us is that the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, will grant us this grace: to walk, to build, to profess Jesus Christ crucified. Amen."*

# People of the Year 2013

## CONGRATULATIONS

to this years recipients of the People of the Year Awards. Celebrating what is best in our Parish and Community with the contribution that is made in so many quiet ways, by schools, community groups, families and neighbours, enriching all of us.

*"Called not to do great things but to make a difference."*



**Ann Collins**



**Bella Hehir**



**Sr. Ann Boland**



**Peter Lenihan**



**The Late Francie McMahon**

# ENNIS PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Year ended 31st December 2012

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2012	2011
Fund Total	428,970	429,297
Shrines	62,640	62,346
P.E.A.	14,840	17,400
Other Masses	2,685	6,885
Others	7,552	7,442
Halls Income	5,730	6,570
SUB TOTAL	<u>522,417</u>	<u>529,940</u>
Income Tax Refunds	<u>39,573</u>	<u>51,263</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>561,991</u>	<u>581,203</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Wages & Salaries	144,644	141,307
Maintenance Parish Churches/Buildings	85,179	87,639
Contribution to Diocesan Collections	78,457	73,543
Contribution to Schools	49,327	3,470
Light & Heat	33,703	32,806
Office Supplies	32,300	40,460
Shrine Candles	24,980	16,646
Special Projects	22,500	65,000
Insurance	17,265	15,709
Contribution to House Account	15,000	15,000
Priests Collection Fund (Income Tax Refunds)	13,568	12,816
Donations/Gifts	13,166	12,100
Friary Heating Fund	10,000	10,000
Church/Liturgical Requisites	8,517	13,543
Sundries	8,005	4,331
IT/Office Equipment Costs	7,990	13,873
Telephone	6,745	6,544
Meetings/Functions	5,646	11,306
Choir	5,330	5,733
Pastoral Care	3,100	5,384
Retreats/Missions	1,760	4,860
Bank Charges	1,501	1,164
Florists	1,073	988
Home Radio Scheme	406	2,807
Courses	0	1,991
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>590,162</u>	<u>599,018</u>
<b>INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE EXCESS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u>-28,172</u>	<u>-17,815</u>

During 2012 income tax rebates, from the contribution of parishioners, were received. These rebates represent claims made by the Parish for parishioner's contributions during 2011. Corresponding rebates received in 2011 relate to contributions during 2010. Monies received were allocated to the same source as the original contributions.

**INDEPENDENT REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR, ENNIS PARISH:** I have reviewed the income and expenditure statement overleaf. A review includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the statement.

**Respective Responsibilities:** The Administrator is responsible for preparing the income and expenditure statement in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland and for ensuring that adequate systems of internal control exist. My responsibility is to review the income and expenditure statement and to give an opinion on the truth and fairness of the information contained therein, together with my opinion on the correctness of the supporting books and records and that I have obtained all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. This report is made solely to the Administrator of Ennis Parish. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Administrator for my review work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed. In forming my opinion I have also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the statement.

**Opinion:** In my opinion the statement gives a true and fair view of the income and expenditure activities of the Parish Development Fund for the year ended 31st December 2012. I have obtained all the information and explanations I consider necessary for the purposes of my review. In my opinion proper books of account have been kept to support the income and expenditure statement. The statement is in agreement with the books of account.  
11th February 2013: GERRY BRODERICK, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, 25 INISCARRAIGH, CLONROADMORE, ENNIS, CO. CLARE.

- ◆ We present an audited statement of account for Ennis Parish Development Fund for the year 2012. We thank parishioners for their loyal support and generosity during these very difficult economic times. This year contributions showed a decline of 0.1% in contributions to the Development fund and a 6.8% decline in the Priests Collection contributions.
- ◆ The envelopes have served the Parish well and are vital in our eligibility to receive tax rebates from the Revenue Commissioners. We keep records of all identifiable contributions i.e. those who use weekly envelopes, standing orders or cheques. While we very much appreciate the generosity of parishioners who contribute to the baskets without using envelopes we are unable to receive tax rebates from these contributions.
- ◆ Stipends of €1,730.00 from the multi intentioned Mass on Sundays and €4,455.00 from Triduum Masses at Christmas, Easter and Exam Time were forwarded to Fr. John Molloy's Mission in Ecuador.
- ◆ The Trócaire Contributions in 2012 were: €27,952.00 for the Lenten Campaign;
- ◆ Parishioners contributed €191,341.00 towards the 4 Priests Collections in 2012. In 2012 €25,256.00 was forwarded to Diocesan Priests Central Fund. A similar contribution will be made for 2013, ensuring all Priests of the Diocese receive an equivalent annual remuneration.
- ◆ Many people pay their parish contribution by standing order, it makes life easier for parishioners, and it enables the accurate recording of monies received. You can pay both your weekly contribution and priests collection by standing order. You can do this Monthly, Quarterly, Half yearly or Yearly - whatever suits yourself. One standing order can cover both your weekly contribution for the upkeep of the Parish, and your contribution to the Quarterly Priests' collections. You specify how much of your contribution you wish to go towards the priests' collection and the balance will go towards Parish maintenance. Paying by standing order has a double benefit: it enables more accurate record keeping and helps the Parish Finance Committee with budgets. If you wish to convert to standing order or if you would like more information, please contact Margaret at Parish Office Tel. 6869090 or email: [margaret@ennisparish.com](mailto:margaret@ennisparish.com)

*Donal Griffin,  
Chairperson Finance Committee.*

*Tom Hogan,  
Administrator Ennis Parish.*

## **St. Joseph's Church Celebrates 40 years - A Little History.**

St Joseph's Church, built in 1972, is in the townland of Lifford, in the Parish of Drumcliff in the Barony of Islands. It gets its name from St Joseph's Well (Tobar Inion Baoith, well of Baoith's daughter, the Patroness). It was re-named and is recorded as St Joseph's Well in 1894.

The earliest ecclesiastic site for this area is Corrovorrin Graveyard, with the earliest grave slab of 1633. This graveyard was in use due to the fact that the townland of Lifford is totally surrounded by the floodwaters of the River Fergus and access to Drumcliff was not always possible.

The earliest recorded church is the Ursuline Sisters opening "spacious apartments set aside for chapel" in Lifford House adjacent to the present Hospital in 1828/29 which they occupied until 1839. During this time the Ursulines ran a boarding school, a primary school and an orphanage at Lifford House. The Convent was then taken over by The Presentation Sisters and finally closed in 1841 with the building of the Union Workhouse up against its walls.

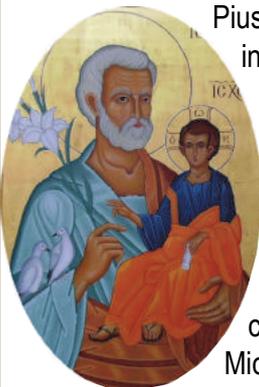
The present Church now occupies part of the site of The Union Workhouse, Lifford Road, which was built in 1841 to house 800 persons to a standard design somewhere between a military barracks and a jail - uninviting. The church attached to the workhouse was for the use of inmates and staff only, be they Catholic or Protestant.

Since their arrival in Ennis in 1854 the Sisters of Mercy undertook visitation of the workhouse. Sr Pius O'Brien, in her 1992 book "The Sisters of Mercy in Ennis" notes that "Every Saturday and Sunday they did the rounds, consoling the sick and dying, instructing them in their religion and preparing the children for the sacraments."

Later in 1884 the Sisters were invited by the Board of Guardians to run the facility. The nuns took up residence in their new convent in the workhouse in 1885 and their love, care and dedication have been at the heart of St Joseph's since then. Sr Pius also quotes a note in the Annals from that time which mentions the presence of a Chapel where the inmates could visit the Blessed Sacrament. The same extract notes the inmates' bemusement at the nuns' incomprehensible prattling in the Chapel as they, of course, prayed the Office in Latin.

While we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of this particular building, we do so conscious of a much longer tradition of faith and worship on this sacred space. Faith and worship expressed in the formal liturgy and the sacraments but also powerfully expressed in loving care for the most vulnerable in our society.

The workhouse and church were demolished in the late 1960s and early 1970s and the current church and hospital were built. The church was blessed and dedicated on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1972 by Bishop Michael Harty.



# Ennis Parish Mission 2013 'Come as You Are' and they did!

It all began back in November 2012. An opening meeting was held in the Temple Gate Hotel inviting anyone who may be interested to come along and help plan our upcoming Parish Mission. From that night, there was great energy from the group that assembled to begin the process of what would be a very successful and energising mission.



The Theme chosen for this year's Mission was 'Come as you are'. And people did.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March, our Mission opened honouring all that is our Parish, and it involved a large number of the various groups of our parish coming in procession to be honoured for the work they do. Monday looked at the person of Jesus Christ, and Tuesday the focus was on the Sacraments and how they relate to our Christian lives. Wednesday night saw the Celebration of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick was celebrated in the Friary earlier in the afternoon. On Thursday, we honoured and prayed for family life and the home, and a barren tree left in both churches took life and bore fruit as people were invited to place the names of families to be prayed for on the tree. Friday night the last night of our Mission, was a celebration of Thanksgiving, linking Eucharist and Life. Bishop Kieran O' Reilly celebrated this Eucharist, and it brought an end to a marvellous week of prayer, peace and hope.

A new venture for both parish and the Redemptorist team was the creation of a 'Prayer Wall'. This was placed in the 'market place' where people were invited to write a prayer on the wall during the day and these prayers would be remembered during the Mission. Many of our young people helped with our prayer service during our Lunchtime at the Height, where we had 'prayer at the square'. It was very encouraging to see so many attend and fill the Cathedral both at our 7am mass and again in the Evening at 8pm. There was also large attendance in St. Joseph's and Cloughleigh. As we as a Church celebrate The Year of Faith, faith was certainly evident in our Parish, as we gathered in Faith, renewing our hearts, in preparation for Easter.

It was truly a wonderful time and many, many thanks to all who helped in so many ways making this year's Parish Mission a huge success. May we now go forward with renewed hearts, giving thanks for what we have received.



# Bulletin Board

## Happy Easter



### Lough Derg Time For Body & Soul



3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on **Monday 5th August to Wednesday 7th August**.  
Booking & details from Parish Office 6824043.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2013



**Summer:**  
June 26th to July 1st.  
**Autumn:** 27th Sep to 2nd Oct.  
**Contact:**  
Fr. Tom Ryan at 061-364133

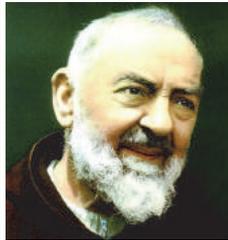
### Summer Blessing for Pre-Schools



Share God's Word

Special Summer Blessing will take place here in the Cathedral on **Saturday 8th June 2013 at 12noon**. All children, families and extended families from the entire parish and surrounds are invited.

### Ennis Padre Pio Pilgrimage



Trip to Rome, San Giovanni EX Dublin; Papal audience with his holiness Pope Frances. **6th - 12th October**; €885pp All dinners and taxes included. Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Hogan. Led by: Mary O'Sullivan 087 1247669.



### Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2012, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in the Cathedral on **Sunday, 14th April, 2013 at 2pm**. As these little babies begin to crawl, walk and teethe, we want to ask God's Blessing on their infant years. *Baptismal Team members are most welcome.*



**There is a welcome to all babies & young children.**

## SAMARITANS

People can contact the Samaritans by phoning 1850 60 90 90, email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org), write to Pat or Mary, Samaritans, Sunville, Kilrush Road, Ennis.

### Taizé Pilgrimage 2013

Sun 7th July to Tues 16th July  
€460 all inclusive.  
Fr. Jerry Carey @ 086 2508444.



### Taizé Prayer

1st Thursday of each month  
7.45pm in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan (Fahy Hall).

### First Holy Communion 2013



20th April	Ennis National
27th April	CBS
18th May	Scoil Christí Rí
18th May	Gaelscoil
25th May	Holy Family

### Blessing of Expectant Parents



Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul.  
8pm on Thursday  
25th April 2013  
All Welcome!!!!

## Easter Ceremonies

### Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul

**Holy Thursday, 28th March:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm.  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Altar of Repose.  
Holy Hour 8.30pm – 9.30pm.

**Good Friday, 29th March:** Stations of the Cross at 10am.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.  
"The Cross". Prayer and reflection around the cross at 9pm.

**Holy Saturday, 30th March:** Morning Prayer at 11am.

**Blessing of Polish Breakfast Food:** 3.30pm.

**Easter Vigil at 9pm** and Prayer of Waiting  
(Note: No 6.30pm. Mass this Evening.)

**Easter Sunday, 31st March:**  
Masses at 9am.; 10.30am and 12noon.

### 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 in Poor Clare Monastery Chapel.  
Adoration until 10pm with Night Prayer at 9.45pm in Poor Clare's Chapel.

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Passion at 5pm.

Reflection on the Passion at 8pm.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil at 9pm. (Note: No 7.30pm. Mass this Evening.)

**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 7pm. - Adoration until 9pm.

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 11am.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses at 8am.; 10am. and 11.30am.

### Poor Clare Monastery

All ceremonies take place in the Franciscan Friary Church, see  
above for details.

**Easter Sunday:** Mass at 7.45am.

### Cloughleigh Church

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm. Adoration until 10pm

**Good Friday** Outdoor Stations at 10.30am - Garden of Remembrance.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses 9.30am & 11am.

### Cahercalla

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6pm.

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 2pm.

## Penitential Service

**Monday 25th at 7.30pm:** Ennis Cathedral. (Liturgy by Abbey Cluster).

**Tuesday at 10.30am:** Friary.

**Wednesday at 1.05pm:** Friary. (no 1.05pm Mass)

### Confessions at the Cathedral

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

**Holy Saturday:** 11am – 1pm.; 2pm – 6pm.; 7pm – 8.30pm.

### Confessions at the Friary

**Tuesday to Holy Saturday:** 11am – 1pm & 2pm – 6pm (except during  
ceremonies.)

### Confessions at St. Joseph's Church

**Holy Thursday** after Solemn Ceremonies.

**Good Friday** 10am—11am.

### Confessions at Cloughleigh Church

**Holy Thursday & Good Friday** after Solemn Ceremonies.



### Masses during Easter Week - 1st April to 5th April.

**Cathedral:** 10am & 7.30pm Monday–Friday - no 7.45am.  
10am on Saturday.

**St. Joseph's:** 11am Monday – Saturday .

**Cloughleigh:** 9.30am Monday – Friday.

**Friary:** 10am Monday - Saturday.

**Poor Clares:** 8.30am Monday - Saturday.



**Trócaire Collection**  
taken up at  
**Good Friday Solemn Liturgies**



**Dawn Mass**  
**Old Graveyard**  
**Drumcliffe**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**5.30am**