

Ennis Parish Link

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Year of the Holy Name of Jesus 2014

Often, in his words of introduction to the "Our Father" prayer, Fr. Tom Hogan explains that each of us bears a family name, but in the time of Jesus, a person's name was perhaps even more important than it is today. This is because the meaning of your name was significant. Often, your name was tied to your mission in life, for example Noah's father Lamech "called his son Noah, saying, This shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed". Therefore in Jesus time names in general has a readily understandable meaning. Jesus was no exception to this rule. His name was given to him by the Angel Gabriel and means "God Saves", appropriate for the one through whom God will lead his people out of darkness into a wonderful light.

The name of Jesus takes on extra significance in the New Testament after the resurrection. It becomes an expression of the power and presence of the risen Jesus, especially in the book of Acts. Here we see people perform works in the name of Jesus that he himself would do. In his name they teach (Acts 4:17-18), cast out demons (Acts 5:41) and heal the sick (Acts 4:10). These narratives point us to the power and potency of the Holy Name of Jesus. The reader is invited to believe that there is no difference whatsoever between St. Peter saying "I heal you in the name of Jesus" and Jesus himself performing the miracle.

A small manuscript kept in the Poor Clare Monastery, Galway archives recorded the day and date a picture to the Holy Name of Jesus was displayed. A note had been attached behind the picture saying "it was in this convent of St. Clare the devotion was begun in Ireland in January 1914. With this reminder, the Poor Clares and Franciscans were prompted to ask our Holy Father, Pope Francis if the Franciscan Family could celebrate a special Year of the Holy Name of Jesus in 2014.

Pope Francis has granted the status of a Jubilee Year to Our Centenary celebrations, which commemorate a new wave of the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, which began in 1914. The aim of the Year is simple – to foster a renewed reverence and devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, and in so doing to deepen personal love for the Lord Jesus and faithfulness to His Gospel among all people. The Year commemorates the centenary of the renewal in Ireland of devotion to the Holy Name initiated by Fr Francis Donnelly, OFM, of the Galway Abbey community. Fr. Donnelly was responsible for the little tiles you may sometimes see over the doors of shop-fronts or of people's houses. These blue tiles, placed over the doorway of thousands of homes in Cork, Limerick, Clare and Galway have often been mistaken as indicating homes which originally belonged to Gardaí, because of the similarity to the Garda crest. Others believed that they were mementoes of the International Eucharistic Congress of 1932. In truth, the tiles, which depict an abbreviation of the name of Jesus in Greek, were placed above the doors of houses and shops in order to invoke God's blessings.

During a Mass celebrating the opening of the Year, Hugh McKenna, OFM, Provincial outlined in his homily that from the earliest days of Christianity people began to realise that the name of Jesus was not

merely a series of letters, but that it had an intrinsic divine power. Wherever the name of Jesus is spoken or displayed the power of Jesus can be called upon to obtain peace, holiness and as a protection from evil." He believes that the Year "is an opportunity for Christians to rekindle in their hearts love for the Holy Name of Jesus. "We invoke the name of Jesus so easily and very often so carelessly without realising the significance and power of this name that has been venerated down through the centuries." It is hoped that this Year may bring a fresh awareness and belief in the power of the Holy Name of Jesus. As the Lord Himself has told us: 'If you ask anything of the Father, He will give it to you in My Name'. (Jn 16:23)

Let us not misuse the name of Jesus but rather invoke his name, call upon his name (1 Cor. 1:2) and praise his name. Like St. Paul tells us let us not be afraid to do everything in his name (Col. 3:17) and may we always remember, when we see one of the little blue tiles, which are present here in Ennis too, above houses and shops, that the day will come "when at the name of Jesus every knee should bend...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Phil. 2:10-11)



PRAYER FOR YEAR OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

JESUS, yours is the name above all names;
We offer you our heartfelt praise and gratitude
Deepen in us an abiding reverence for your Holy Name.
Jesus, Saviour, heal the wounds within
That our sin and fear have inflicted;
Set us free us from all that hinders us
Rejoicing in your boundless love,
And sharing your goodness with others.
Jesus, Friend, draw us ever closer to you.
We entrust all we carry in our hearts
To your abundant mercy.
Jesus, Lord, pour out the Holy Spirit upon your people
That our lives may overflow with your grace,
Our days be filled with your love,
And all our actions shine with your light.
Amen



Anthony Moore



Tina Queally



Noel Fawl

People of the Year 2014

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 O'Loughlin



Joseph Boland



Geraldine Sharkey

ENNIS PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

Year ended 31st December 2013

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2013	2012
Fund Total	401,256	428,970
Shrines	61,799	62,640
P.E.A.	13,033	14,840
Other Masses	2,163	2,685
Others	7,702	7,552
Halls Income	5,540	5,730
SUB TOTAL	491,492	522,417
Income Tax Refunds	52,139	39,573
TOTAL INCOME	543,631	561,991
EXPENDITURE		
Wages & Salaries	147,644	144,644
Maintenance Parish Churches/Buildings	82,465	85,179
Contribution to Diocesan Collections	77,366	78,457
Office Supplies	36,587	32,300
Light & Heat	32,309	33,703
Shrine Candles	28,310	24,980
Special Projects	22,500	22,500
Contribution to Schools	21,018	49,327
Contribution to House Account	20,000	15,000
Insurance	19,374	17,265
Priests Collection Fund (Income Tax Refunds)	16,751	13,568
Church/Liturgical Requisites	12,649	8,517
IT/Office Equipment Costs	12,081	7,990
Friary Heating Fund	10,000	10,000
Meetings/Functions	9,341	5,646
Sundries	8,864	8,005
Donations/Gifts	8,520	13,166
Telephone	6,904	6,745
Pastoral Care	6,497	3,100
Choir	5,860	5,330
Bank Charges	2,534	1,501
Courses	1,970	0
Retreats/Missions	1,760	1,760
Florists	1,305	1,073
Home Radio Scheme	0	406
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	592,609	590,162
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	-48,977	-28,172

During 2013 income tax rebates, from the contribution of parishioners, were received. These rebates represent claims made by the Parish for parishioner's contributions during 2012. Corresponding rebates received in 2012 relate to contributions during 2011. 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 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 2013. 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. 29th March 2014: GERRY BRODERICK, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, 25 INISCARRAIGH, CLONROADMORE, ENNIS.

- We present an audited statement of account for Ennis Parish Development Fund for the year 2013. We thank parishioners for their loyal support and generosity during these very difficult economic times. This year showed a decline of 6.5% in contributions to the Development fund and a 14.8% 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 €1,873.00 from the multi intentioned Mass on Sundays were forwarded to Pieta House, Cuan an Chláir and Grandparents Association; €2793 from Triduum Masses at Christmas, Easter and Exam Time and €675 from the Book of Intentions Mass were forwarded to Cuan an Chláir.
 - The Trócaire Contributions in 2013 were: €26,238.00 Lenten Campaign; €23,820 Syrian & Philippines relief.
 - Parishioners contributed €181,991 towards the 4 Priests Collections in 2013. In 2013 €41,742.00 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
- Donal Griffin,
Chairperson Finance Committee.
- Tom Hogan,
Administrator Ennis Parish.

RCIA (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion for Adults)

The 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Christian Community.

Our parish and Abbey Cluster of Parishes (Doora/Barefield; Quin and Clarecastle), with the help of a team of parishioners, offers a Faith Education Programme and Process for adults who wish to be baptised or welcomed fully into the Catholic Church.

It is a programme of deepening of faith, of conversion and of an ongoing realization of what it means to be part of a living, praying and loving body of Christ. It is about how we live as Christians in a changing and challenging world.

Those welcome to enroll for this program include:

- Those who have been baptised already into a Christian Church other than the Catholic Church.
- Those who have not been baptised or those who have not yet received the Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Catholics who are baptised but who have not yet received the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation.
- Those who have been introduced to the Parish through the baptism, communion and confirmation preparation of their children but they themselves are not Catholic.

If you wish to explore and inquire about the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, then we invite you to please contact the Parish office on 065 6824043 or drop in and leave your name.

Perhaps you know someone who may be interested. If so please invite them to call or visit us in the Parish office. We will be delighted to welcome and meet with all of you.



*Keelie Stratton & Lillieth Ugwuere
with Bishop Kieran*



Keelie & Lillieth with Bishop Kieran, Andy Tierney Co-ordinator of programme, & Eilish Foudy Sponsor.

Fr. Jackie Sharpe - 50 Golden Years of Service

Kunkujang is a remote village in the semi barren region of The Gambia. It is home to the Manjago Tribe who came as refugees from the civil war in the neighbouring country of Guinea Bissau. The name Kunkujang translates as the "Field out there". For the past 40 years Fr. Jackie Sharpe has lived and worked with these people. He is affectionately known as the Manjago Priest. He has mastered their language, immersed himself in their culture and always shows the greatest respect and love for these migrant people.

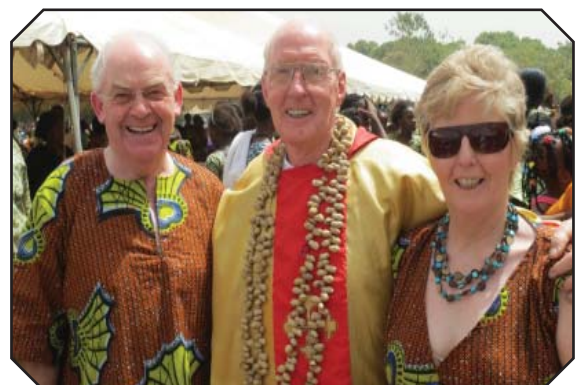
Fr. Jackie was given permission by his Holy Ghost Superior to create a Catholic Mission among these migrants. Like St. Patrick he used their religion and culture to connect with Jesus and his Gospel. The first task Jackie set himself was the establishment of a school. There was much resistance from parents about the usefulness of school for their children, but they gradually began to see the value. Fr. Jackie's motto in life is "be kind and gentle under provocation." He refused to be frustrated and overcame all the opposition. A clinic was later established where primary health was provided finally a Church was erected for worship.

He had won their confidence and respect. Fr. Jackie has had tremendous support over the years from his family and friends. The generosity of Magrita Edennis a Swedish retired teacher and her efforts has enabled Fr. Jackie to expand the Primary School and eventually build a Secondary School.

The people of Ennis Parish through their generosity made it possible for Fr. Jackie to buy a school bus to transport the teaching staff from the larger urban centres to "the Bush" to staff the schools.

On March 1st Fr. Jackie was joined by his sister Tess Ryan and her husband Sean from Ennis, his brother Morgan and his wife Carmel from Dublin and his two nieces Catherin and Marie from Tipperary family of his deceased brother Billy, to celebrate his Golden Jubilee. We salute Fr. Jackie on his fifty years of missionary work in The Gambia. His evangelisation of animist people to Christianity. Through the schools he setup and education he has enabled migrants on the periphery of Gambian society to move towards the centre. From this Bush Parish Fr. Jackie has enabled two Priests and two Religious Sisters five Medical Doctors and scores of University Graduates to play a part in Gambian life as Teachers, Accountants, Civil Servants. He has put in place scholarships for several more young people to attend university. He has built a National Shrine to Our Lady Queen of Peace which hosts the largest gathering of Christians in The Gambia each year. Fr. Jackie Sharpe epitomises the contribution of generations of Irish Missionary Priests and Religious to the care and wellbeing of the least and the poorest on the planet.

Christopher Wren the famous architect of St. Paul's Cathedral in London inscribes on his own grave "if you seek his monument look around you". This is true for the Manjago People, their homes, small farms, cashew plantations, wells, schools, health centre, churches, education and sense of pride which have all been enhanced because a young Tipperary Man followed his dream and love of his God to make the difference.



Bulletin Board



Happy Easter

Lough Derg Time For Body & Soul



3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg on **Monday 11th August to Wednesday 13th August**. Booking & details from Parish Office 6824043.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014



Summer:
June 26th to July 1st.
Autumn: **October 7th to 12th.**
Contact:
Fr. Tom Ryan 061-364133

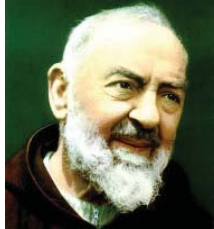
Summer Blessing for Pre-Schools



Share God's Word

Special Summer Blessing will take place here in the Cathedral on **Saturday 21st June 2014 at 12noon**. All children, families and extended families from the entire parish and surrounds are invited.

Ennis Padre Pio Pilgrimage



to Montecassino, Frascati and San Giovanni, Papal Audience with Pope Francis. October 1st - 8th, 2014 €959pps taxes incl, led by Mary O'Sullivan. Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hogan. Contact 087 1247669.

Cycle Against Suicide

The Cycle will take place from Monday, April 28th to Sunday, May 11th. The main objective of the Cycle is to raise awareness of the considerable help and supports that are available for anyone battling depression, self harm, at risk of suicide or those bereaved by suicide.



Cycle arrives in Ennis on Saturday May 3rd, ending the stage that begins that morning in Newcastlewest Co Limerick. **Arrival Point:** Colaiste Muire Ennis. **Time:** 5.30pm; **What we need:** Homestay for 300 Cyclists, shower, evening meal. Transport to Event in the West County to highlight purpose of the Cycle, kept overnight, Breakfast and be returned to Colaiste Muire Sunday morning for next leg of the Cycle. **If you can help????** Text: Jerry Carey 086 2508444 Email: jerrycarey@eircom.net

Blessing of Babies

All babies baptised in Ennis during 2013, and their families, are invited to a Special Blessing for their first year of life, in the Cathedral on **Sunday, 11th May, 2014 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, write to Pat or Mary, Samaritans, Sunville, Kilrush Road, Ennis.

Taizé Pilgrimage 2014

Sun 6th July to Tues 15th 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 2014



26th April	Educate Together
10th May	Gaelscoil
10th May	Ennis National
17th May	CBS
17th May	Scoil Christ Rí
17th May	Holy Family

Blessing of Expectant Parents



Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul.
8pm on Thursday
1st May 2014
All Welcome!!!!

Easter Ceremonies

Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul

Spy Wednesday 16th April: Chrism Mass 7.30pm.
Holy Thursday 17th April: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm.
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at altar of repose.
Holy hour 8.30pm – 9.30pm.
Good Friday, 18th April: Stations of the Cross 11am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm.
"The cross". Prayer and reflection around the cross 9pm.
Holy Saturday, 19th April: Morning prayer 11am.
Blessing of polish breakfast food: 3.30pm.
Easter vigil 9pm and prayer of waiting. (**Note: No 6.30pm. Mass**)
Easter Sunday, 20th April:
Masses at 9am; 10.30am and 12noon.
Polish Easter Sunday Mass 1.15pm

The Friary

Thursday, Friday & Saturday - Morning Prayer 10am.
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm.
Procession to altar of repose in Poor Clare Monastery Chapel.
Adoration until 10pm with night prayer 9.45pm in Poor Clare's Chapel.
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion 5pm.
Reflection on the Passion 8pm.
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 9pm. (**Note: No 7.30pm Mass**)
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 7pm - Adoration until 9pm.
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 11am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm.
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass 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 7.45am.

Cloughleigh Church

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm.
Adoration until 10pm
Good Friday Outdoor Stations 10.30am - Garden of Remembrance.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm.
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass 9pm.
Easter Sunday: Masses 9.30am & 11am.

Cahercalla

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm.
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 2pm.

Penitential Service

Monday 14th 7.30pm: Ennis Cathedral (Liturgy by Abbey Cluster).
Tuesday 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 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.

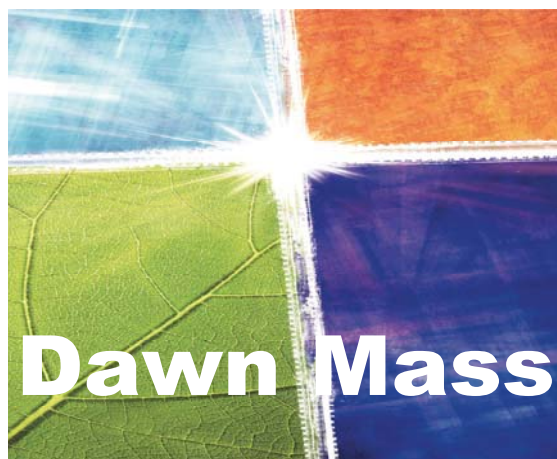
Confessions at Cloughleigh Church

Holy Thursday & Good Friday after Solemn Ceremonies.



Masses during Easter Week: 21st April to 25th 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.



Dawn Mass
Old Graveyard
Drumcliffe
Easter Sunday
5.30am

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Trócaire Collection
taken up at
Good Friday Solemn Liturgies