



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: 7.40am; 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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The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 13th January, 2019

“The Blessed Sacraments”

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ by John in the River Jordan. At the Feast of the Epiphany which we celebrated last Sunday, at the Baptism of Our Lord, and at the Marriage Feast in Cana, we are told that Jesus let his glory be seen and that people believed in Him. Jesus is revealed to us not just as another human being but as the Son of God, The Light of the World who has come to save us and to show us the way.

As we celebrate Christ's baptism it affords us the opportunity to reflect on our own baptism and on the sacraments in our church. There are Seven Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, The Eucharist, Marriage, Ordination and the Sacrament of the Sick.

When we are Baptised we are given the right to receive all of the other Sacraments. There is a big tie-up between the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation. When a baby is baptised it has no idea what is being promised on its behalf. It is in being brought up in a Catholic family and learning about Jesus and His way at school that the child confirms the promises made for it at Baptism.

What is involved then in receiving any Sacrament is that we have a solemn promise to live in a Christian way and the Sacrament is the living out of that promise.

The living out of this promise will have a huge effect in our church and on humanity.

It is true to say in recent times many people have been abusing the Sacraments. In many instances they are used in order to have a family celebration or get-together and the promises made are largely forgotten.

There are many children who are Baptised and the next time they see the Church is when they are preparing for 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation. It is also true to say that many of our young people who make their Confirmation and commit themselves to the way of Christ are rarely to be seen in Church until they maybe getting married or are there for Christmas time.

It is the promise that we make and the living out of it that is important. We all have to ask ourselves of how true we are to our commitments and how much we really respect the Sacraments.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat:6.30pm: ENS & Holy Family - Do this in Memory
Tony Shannon, Clancy Park
John & Bridget McCormack, Kilfenora
Loretto Ryan, Shalee Drive MM
Dr. Donough Moylan, Bindon St. MM

Sun : 9.30am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida
Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.
Tom Kelly, College Rd.
Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
James F. Conroy, New York, Ennis &
Claremorris **1st Anniv**

11.30am: Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage **1st Anniv**
Teresa & Michael McMahon, Mullagh &
Christina & Jimmy Crowley, London
Gretta & Miko Kerin, Carron
Mary Brogan, College Green

Mon: 7.40am: Deceased Griffin family, Feakle

10am: Cleary family, Carnacalla, Ballynacally

7.30pm: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.

Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.

10am: Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.

7.30pm: PJ, Lily & Sr. Maeve Brooks, College Park
John Bradley, Clare Rd.

Wed:7.40am: Patrick & Catherine Meehan & family,
Carmody St.

10am: Pat Hassett & Deceased Hassett family, Inch

7.30pm: Special Intention

Thurs: 7.40am: Holy Souls

10am: Mary Bolger, Turnpike Rd.

7.30pm: Gillian Brennan, Ennis

Fri:7.40am Mass for the People.

10am: Mai, Martin & Sean Healy & Patricia
Yeoman, Summerhill

7.30pm Bodie Hanley, Park Row & Parnell St.
1st Anniv

Sat:10am: James Sheedy, Greendale, Clonroad
Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.

6.30pm: Thomas Talty, Kilnamona & Turnpike Rd.
Frances Ball, Connolly Villas
Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross

John O'Donoghue, Military Barracks & St. Michael's Vls

Sun: 9.30am: Tony & Nora Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate
Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Con & Nuala Ryan & Juan Kearney,
St. Michael's Villas

11.30am: Geraldine Kenny, Cragmoher, Corofin
Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla
John Neylon, Kilmorane
Patrick Lyons, Avondale
Des Saunderson, Australia MM
Fr. Johnny Meehan, Summerhill

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 20th January, 2019

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Medjugorje Prayer Meeting
Monday 14th January 8pm Clarecastle
Day Care Centre. All welcome.

Hospital & Sick Calls

13th January, 2019

Priest on Duty: Fr. Joy

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



The future of the SFO in Ennis—Fraternity Elections—
The Secular Franciscan Order (formerly the Third Order of St. Francis) has been in the town of Ennis for at least four generations. Some households have had family who were members of the Order all these long years. On this occasion, for a variety of reasons, almost the entire Council is stepping down. To continue to function as a validly constituted branch of the SFO, the Ennis Fraternity must have a properly elected Council in place before the end of February. A meeting to elect a new council will be held on Sunday 27th January at 3.30pm in St. Anthony's Hall. All members are urged to attend this meeting and are encouraged to consider allowing their own names to go forward for election. If you wish to nominate someone to stand for election, a full list of members is currently displayed at the back of the Friary. All nominations should be delivered to the Friary letterbox as soon as possible. Please note that it is essential that you consult any member you may wish to nominate.

Newly Baptised

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



**Shay Daithi Danagher
Meaney**

Diocesan Priests' Retreat for priests from the Diocese takes place in Knock Shrine from this Sunday to Thursday. Please pray for your priests.

Clare Roots' Society Meeting, Maguire Suite, Old Ground Hotel 8pm Thurs 17th Jan by Lorna Moloney, Surnames and Sources - Variants and evolutions. This talk examines the origins and sources for Surname usage. The talk will discuss how surnames evolve and how variants of surnames materialise through emigration, and vernacular practice.



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: Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive

Sun 11.45am: Ann, Peter & Ann Barry &
Deceased Barry family, Shanaway Rd.

Mon 11am: Bridget Greene, Corrovorrin & Mayo

Tues 11am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore

Wed 11am Cyril Courtney, Ennis, Ruan & Clooney

Thu 11am: John Downes, Marian Avenue

Fri 11am: Margaret Holmes, Oak Park

Sat 11am: Michael & Delia Kenny, Gort Rd.

7pm: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill

Ann O'Connor, Corrovorrin Grove

Marie Webb O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Sun: 11.45 Barry & Frankie O'Connor, Pearse Ave
Margaret Waters, Tullycrine

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.**

Solas – An overnight of Faith, Fun and Workshops in St. Flannan's College Ennis. **Friday 18th Jan 6:30p.m -Saturday 19th Jan at 2pm.** All T.Y to 6th Year students are welcome. For info/bookings contact Joanne (085) 874 9207 or Cora (087) 240 0135

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Retreat at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick at 2.30pm next Sunday, 20th January, 2019 through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. Bernardino, Monks of Moyross. Tea after. All welcome.



The monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group will be held in the Franciscan Friary, Ennis on Thursday 17th January at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Franciscan Lourdes Invalid Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to their Church Gate Collection on Sunday 6th January.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Mary & John Hayes, Hermitage
Do this in Memory

Mon 9.30am: Brigid Crosse Kinnane, Ennistymon

Tue 9.30am: John Lynch, Mullagh

Wed 9.30am: Micko Murrhly, Mullagh

Thurs 9.30am: Mary Foley, Cloughleigh Rd.

Sun 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.

Elizabeth Hanrahan & Deceased Hanrahan Family



We will continue to pray the **Novena prayer to St. Anthony** in Cloughleigh Church every Tuesday at 9:30. All are welcome to seek the powerful intercession of this saint.

Meditation Group Practice every Tues night in Roslevan Church and every Thurs night in Ennis Parish Centre, both at 8pm. Be still & know....

Bingo Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500; in Community Centre Sunday from 8pm.

A pair of expensive Ladie's Varifocal Glasses [Purple] were lost in the area of the Tesco/Dunnes last Friday week, either in the shop or out in the Car Park. If found, would you please contact Betty @0872373769 asap?

Youth 2000 prayer meeting continues every Friday at 7pm in the Poor Clare's Oratory, Ennis. Join other young adults for prayer and reflection followed by tea and chats. All are welcome.

Ranganna Gaeilge sa Tulach: - Irish language classes resume in Cnoc na Gaoithe, Tulla; Monday 14th January; 4.30pm for 4th, 5th, and 6th class primary school students. Irish classes for junior and senior cycle secondary school students at 7.30, 14th January. Ciorcal Comhrá 8pm-9pm on Thursdays. Enquiries 087/8350996. An Ghaeilge Abú.

Set Dancing Classes at Woodstock Golf Club, Mondays 8.30pm. All welcome.

Free & Confidential Support Service on all aspects of Deafness and Hearing Loss in Adults and Children: Our next clinic will be Wednesday 16th January 2019, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. in the Parish Centre in the Cathedral Grounds, on Station Road, Ennis. If you require more information please contact the resource office: Chime, Pery Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 467 494 Fax: 061 467 497 Text: 087 6839754 Email alona.troy@chime.ie Web: www.chime.ie

Samaritans Ennis & Clare: Volunteer Recruitment Evenings will be held on **Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th January 2019** at 7pm in Clare Education Centre Government Buildings, Kilrush Road, Ennis.

A new praesidium 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

Weight Watchers is now rebranded to WW (Wellness that Works). Everyone is welcome to join Kathleen Shannon Monday 5.15pm and Men Only 6.45pm; Wed 12pm; Joanne Woods Monday 9.30am; Wed 5.30pm

Rest in Peace



Sylvester McNamara, Dublin & formerly of O'Connell Street, Ennis. **Pauline Gibbons**, Kincora Park, **Paddy Kerin**, Kincora Park

*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.*

Killaloe Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019
The 63rd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from the Diocese of Killaloe under the leadership of Bishop Fintan Monahan will leave Shannon Airport on Tuesday 25th June returning Sunday 30th June. €725pps full board with €20 discount for online booking. Special section for assisted pilgrims with details from Fr Tom Ryan, Cathedral Ennis 087-2349816. All other bookings to joewalshstours.ie

Pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Fintan Monahan for all those who pass on the Faith to our Youth. €599 April 23rd -26th, 2019. For further information contact Joanne O' Brien (085) 874 9207

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7 Nights Departing from Shannon—4th September €675 Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom O'Gorman; 11th September: €675 Spiritual Directors Fr. Martin Shanahan & Fr. Martin Blake (€50 discount if paid before 1st Feb).

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: 15th - 27th May ex SHANNON. Cost is €645 which includes €50 discount if deposit paid by Feb 1st, thereafter cost is €695. Contact Kathleen Lee 086 1031508.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage for the Youth Festival August Bank Holiday Weekend 2019. ex Dublin costs €725 pps for 7 nights. Payment can also be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 13th June 2019 Flight from Shannon to Split. Spiritual director Fr Paddy Conway Cost €725. Contact Bernadette 0861634553

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Friday 18th—25th January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. With a population of 265 million, about 10% of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. There is a great diversity of ethnicity, language and religion. There are also tensions affecting politics, business, justice, wealth and poverty. Christian communities in such an environment become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus' prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims. Moved by these concerns, the Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue' (see Deut 16:18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs. As individual Christians and communities, we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Baisteadh ár dTiarna Íosa Críost.

Tá Baisteadh ár dTiarna sa Iordán á chomóradh againn inniu. Tar éis d'Íosa a theacht aníos as an uisce, d'oscail na flathis, agus tháinig spiorad Dé anuas air i riocht coilim. Ansin labhair glór ó na flathis: "Is tú mo Mhac muirneach; is duit a thug mé gnaoi." (Marcas 1:11) Ina dhiaidh seo thréig Íosa 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 Íosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Tá gairm ag gach Críostaí. Ba chóir go mbeadh Spiorad Dé le feiceáil inár ndearcadh, agus inár n-iompar, agus sinn ag freastal ar phobal Dé. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a rá chuig an Tríonóid Naofa: *Athair, Mac is Spiorad Naomh, bíodh an Triúr -in-Aon linn lá is oíche, ar chúil na dtonn nó ar thaobh na mbeann. Áiméan*

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan. When Jesus came out of 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. Every Christian has a special call in life. The spirit of God ought to be visible in our outlook and behaviour as we serve God's people. We can recite this prayer: *May Father, Son and Holy Spirit enfold us day and night, on the seashore, or on mountain high. Amen*

Back to Education Initiative is currently recruiting for a QQI Level 4 Short Order Cooking course in the Further Education & Training Centre, Clonroad Campus, Ennis. This part-time course will take place over two days (Tuesday and Thursday) and will run until May 2019. The programme aims to teach the learner how to prepare, cook and serve a range of dishes and how to maintain a clean and safe working environment. This programme is for adults who wish to develop their skills to work in the hospitality industry, for details email: elish.liddy@lcebt.ie or martina.crowleyhayes@lcebt.ie or phone 065 6824819.

Ennis Cathedral Choir Open Nights, Monday 14th, Monday 21st : Inviting people to join our choral singing for our Easter Programme. Practice on Mondays 7 - 8.30pm, the choir loft (behind the presbytery) We would love to see you. Contact Fiona 087 6886378

*Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 7th January, €7,467*

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, 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 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:
Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R.

Above the rains you build your dwellings. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. R.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you, to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: You open your hand, they have their fill. R.

You take back your spirit, they die, Returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; And you renew the face of the earth. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus. Tt 2:11-14;3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 3:15-16.21-22

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. 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.