



Ennis Parish News

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.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C) 6th January, 2019

Arise, shine; for your light has come



In his homily of the Feast of the Epiphany in 2016, Pope Francis reflected on the transforming power of the Light of Christ. The words of the Prophet Isaiah – addressed to the Holy City of Jerusalem – are also meant for us. They call us to rise and go forth, to leave behind all that keeps us inward-looking, to go out from ourselves and to recognize the splendour of the light which illumines our lives: *“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (60:1)*. That “light” is the glory of the Lord.

The Church cannot delude herself into thinking that she shines with her own light. Local churches or faith communities do not shine with their own light. Similarly individuals, no matter what their roles, or how talented they are, do not shine with their own light either. Thankfully we, church groups or ministers, don't have to exhaust our energy and efforts creating spectacular firework shows to light up the world. Indeed if we embark

on that path we may find ourselves in competition with the “true light”.

Our role is simply to be reflectors, seeking and recognising the light of Christ and radiating that light to the world, beginning in our own communities. Saint Ambrose expresses this nicely by presenting the moon as a metaphor for the Church: “The moon is in fact the Church... [she] shines not with her own light, but with the light of Christ. She draws her brightness from the Sun of Justice, and so she can say: ‘It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me’”.

Christ is the true light shining in the darkness. To the extent that the Church remains anchored in him, to the extent that she lets herself be illumined by him, she is able to bring light into the lives of individuals and peoples.

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly not just in the sky, but in their restless hearts. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, that star led them on a remarkable journey to a humble stable where they recognised, in that fragile child, the Christ whose light would overcome the darkness of fear and sin and death and offer to all the promise of salvation

In a very busy world, our task is to seek out the signs God offers, to follow his guiding light. It is here, in the simplicity of Bethlehem, that the life of the Church is summed up. For here is the wellspring of that light which draws to itself every individual in the world and guides the journey of all humanity along the path of peace.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- 6.30pm: Michael McMahon, Gallows Hill
 Sun : 9.30am: Deceased Kerin Family, Clonroadmore
 Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park
 Flan & Mary Hynes, St. Michael's Villas
 Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Villas
 Kitty Casey, O'Connell Square
 11.30am: P.J. Malone, Beechpark. **1st Anniv**
 Noel Garry, Sandfield Pk. **1st Anniv**
 Louis Galvin, Honeywell.
 Peggy & Jim Casey, Shanaway Rd.
 Liam & Eoin Madigan, St. Michael's Villas.
Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention
10am: Margaret Cullinan, Drumcliffe
7.30pm: Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore
Tues:7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Special Intention
7.30pm: Andrew Woods, McNamara Park
Wed:7.40am: Maura & James Doohan, Lissycasey
10am: Pat McLnerney, Cork & Phyllis Liptak, USA
 Kevin Keane, Connolly Villas
7.30pm: Frances Arthur, Station Court
Thurs:7.40am: Donor's Intention
10am: Catherine Considine, Hermitage
 Patrick McMahon, Carmody St.
 Albert Mounsey, Marian Ave
7.30pm:
Fri:7.40am Mass for the People.
10am: Stephen Cunningham, Labasheeda
 Mary English, Clonroad
7.30pm: Do this in Memory, Holy Family School
Sat:10am: Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds
 Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London
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

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 13th January, 2019

Readers: Group 5
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

- Sun 8am:** Special Intention
11am: Mai Molloy, Ennis & Dublin
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions
Sun 11am: Mary & John Hayes, Hermitage
 Do this in Memory

Hospital & Sick Calls

6th January, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord
 Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Duty Phone: 65 6869098

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 joewalshtours.ie



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

13th June 2019 Flight from Shannon to Split. Spiritual director Fr Paddy Conway Cost €125.
 Contact: Bernadette 0861634553

Newly Baptised



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

Erin Anna Lambie, Olive Loftus,
 Juno Loftus, Evie Kaithlyn
 Hennelly

Bingo Great prizes;

Jackpot: €1,500;

In Community Centre Sunday
 from 8pm.



Sale of Work 2nd Hand Goods

Community Centre, Chapel Lane
 Cuan shop opens each week on
 Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat. from 11am-
 3pm.

Good quality second hand items
 are required for the Cuan Shop.



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:** Dan, Peggy, Margaret & Seán Mullins,
 Monreel, Ennistymon
Sun 10am: Eamon Sheehy, Pine Grove, Gort Rd.
11.45am: Toss O'Sullivan, New Road
Mon 11am: Martina O'Dea, John & Teresa Wilson
 & Patrick Linnane, Labasheeda
Wed 11am: Bridie Cuffe, Dublin **1st Anniv**
Thu 11am: Tubridy family, Clohanbeg, Cree
Fri 11am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.
Sat 11am: Imelda Micks, The Crescent **1st Anniv**
7pm: Vicky Keane, Corrovorrin Drive
Sun 11.45 Ann, Peter & Ann Barry & Deceased
 Barry family, Shanaway Rd.

Making your Will Please remember Ennis Parish among the benefactors in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.

Bereavement Team meeting will take place at 3pm at 7 Woodlands on Thursday 10th January

Priests' Christmas Collection: Our thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Collection for the priests of the parish. If you were away or forgot, your contribution can be left at any of the churches or at the Parish Office.

Diocese of Limerick Youth Ministry Vacancy (12 month fixed-term fulltime contract) The successful candidate will work as part of a two-person team to deliver on the objectives and actions of the Young People theme in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Completed application form to be returned via post or electronic mail to: Recruitment, Diocese of Limerick, Diocesan Centre, St. Munchin's, Corbally, Limerick or email: recruitment@limerickdiocese.org by the deadline of 12.00 noon on Friday, January 25th 2019. A panel may be formed from the recruitment process that will expire after 1 year. Garda Vetting will apply in respect of this position.

A date for the Diary... Sunday January 13th 2019...Annual Toonagh Walk in aid of The Huntington's Disease Association. Registration in Toonagh Hall @ 11am, €10 per adult, children free, Three routes to suit all fitness levels. Hot & cold refreshments, treats, home baking and a monster raffle. All are welcome. Contact Denise on 087 6731966 for more details. Burn those Christmas calories and support a great cause!



St. Anthony's Novena We will continue to pray St. Anthony's Novena every Tuesday Morning in Cloughleigh Church at 9.30am.

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

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 Rome and San Giovanni Easter 2019. (last remaining seats) with Papal Ceremonies in Saint Peter's Square in Rome for the 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps. Payments can be made in instalment; contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216

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

Fatima and Lisbon Pilgrimage ex Dublin (last remaining seats) for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th June 2019. Full Board €675 pps Single supplement €32

Weekly Dance class & social dance every Friday at the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis. 8pm-11pm. Learn to jive, waltz, foxtrot & quickstep. Great for fun & fitness. Partners not required. Only €10 per night. Further info at www.jiveireland.com or call Pdraig on 087 181 2248.

Robert Mizzell is coming back to Knockerra Hall on 21st February 2019 with his band The Country Kings. To Book Call 089 241 2943. All details on Killimer Parish FACEBOOK PAGE

Yoga classes with Anto resume Mon 7th Jan. Full schedule, Morn. & Eve. Classes, Beginners & Continuation, Pregnancy Classes & Men's classes available. Contact Anto 086 3100827

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

Unwanted Christmas Gifts are welcomed by the Activities Team, St. Joseph's Hospital and can be left at reception in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Farmers' Meeting: New farmers' group meeting being held in the Auburn Lodge, Gort Road, Ennis. [On the 8th of January at 8pm](#). The meeting will be open to all farmers to listen and ask questions about Ireland 's Beef Plan. Clare rep is Joseph Wolfe . Membership is €10. www.beefplan.ie

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

A Prayer for the New Year

May you awake each morning
with 'thank you' on your lips
and in your heart,
recognizing that all is gift,
that all is blessing.
May your friendship with God
be strong and healthy.
May that love be both a comfort and a
challenge
as you struggle to find your way in the
New Year
May you be the one with welcome in
your smile

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

Des Saunderson, Australia
brother of Billy Saunderson,
Rockmount Cross.
Jack Sheridan Bone, Corrovorrin Grove.

*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.*

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna.

Cuirimis fáilte mhór roimh an bhliain úr nua , 2019, agus iarraidimid ar Dhia a bheith linn l rith na bliana lena ghrásta agus beannachtaí. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: Go leana an t-aos óg, go háirithe aos óg Mheiriceá Theas, eiseamláir Mhuire agus freagra á thabhairt acu ar ghairm an Tiarna sonas an tsoiscéil a roinnt leis an domhan. D'iarr an Pápa orainn freisin guí ar son na síochána domhanda agus ar son dídeanaithe ina theachtaireacht Nollag Urbi et Orbi.

Ar an 6 Eanáir ceiliúrtar Sollúntacht Eipeafáine an Tiarna. Tugtar Lá Nollag Beag nó Nollaig na mBan ar an bhféile seo chomh maith. Ciallaíonn an focal 'Eipeafáine' foilsíú nó fógairt . Inniu fógraítear gurb é Iosa Críost slánaitheoir an domhain. Tháinig na Saoithe ón Oirthear chun ómós a thabhairt do Mhac Dé. Foilsíodh an Slánaitheoir do na Gintlí i bpearsana na Saoithe a fuair treoir ó réalta go Beithil. Bhí a fhios acu gur rugadh Rí a raibh urraim ar leith ag dul dó. Shléacht siad go talamh roimhe agus bhronn siad tabhartais an-luachmhar ,ór, tuis agus miorr, air. Ghabh an Triúr Saoithe bóthar eile abhaile ag tabhairt neamhaird ar achainí Héaród. Má leanaimid Iosa Críost tiocfaimid chuig an bhFlaitheas. *Go dtuga Dia treorú dúinn bóthar ár leasa a leanúint. Áiméan .*

Let us welcome the New Year 2019 and we ask God to bless us with His graces during the year. The Pope's intention for the month of January is: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world. The Pope also requested prayers for world peace and for refugees, in his Christmas Message Urbi et Orbi.

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on 6 January. This feast is also called Little Christmas and Women's Christmas. The Three Kings have arrived from the East to honour the Infant Jesus. They represented the Gentiles and were directed by a star to Bethlehem. They knew that a King was born who deserved homage and respect. They knelt to worship Him and offered Him precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They returned home a different way disregarding Herod's request .If we follow Jesus Christ we will reach Heaven.

May God guide us and set us on the right course. Amen

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 23rd December €5,053

LIVE THE WORD



*Approach the New Year
with resolve
To find the opportunities
hidden in each new day*



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;

And kingship is in his grasp,
And power and dominion.

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 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has
come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away

and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,
To a king's son your justice.

That he may judge your people in justice
And your poor in right judgement. R.

In his days justice shall flourish

And peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea.

From the Great River to earth's bound. R.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
And the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

And save the lives of the poor. R.

A reading from a letter to the Ephesians

Eph 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been
entrusted by God with the grace he meant
for you, and that it was by a revelation that I
was given the knowledge of the mystery.
This mystery that has now been revealed
through the Spirit to his holy apostles and
prophets was unknown to any men in past
generations; it means that pagans now share
the same inheritance, that they are parts of
the same body, and that the same promise
has been made to them, in Christ Jesus,
through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

We saw his star as it rose

And have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

Mt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in
Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some
wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.
'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they
asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do him homage.' When King Herod
heard this he was perturbed, and so was the
whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the
chief priests and the scribes of the people,
and enquired of them where the Christ was to
be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told
him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:
And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

you are by no means least among the
leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a
leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see
him privately. He asked them the exact date
on which the star had appeared, and sent
them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all
about the child,' he said 'and when you have
found him, let me know, so that I too may go
and do him homage.' Having listened to
what the king had to say, they set out. And
there in front of them was the star they had
seen rising; it went forward and halted over
the place where the child was. The sight of
the star filled them with delight, and going
into the house they saw the child with his
mother Mary, and falling to their knees they
did him homage. Then, opening their
treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and
frankincense and myrrh. But they were
warned in a dream not to go back to Herod,
and returned to their own country by a
different way.

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

We have seen his star in the East, and
have come with gifts to adore the Lord.