



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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First Sunday of Lent

(Year C)

10th March, 2019

Prayer Fasting Almsgiving



During the week I came across an excellent piece by Dr Brant Pitre on Ash Wednesday and Lent. I would like to share some of his thoughts on today's Gospel.

Jesus goes out into the desert and the devil tempts him with these three temptations: 1; to turn stone into bread, 2; to possess all the kingdoms of the world, 3; to also publicly show that he's the Messiah by jumping off of the temple and the angels carrying him up.

In resisting the devil's temptations Jesus is undoing the three temptations of the fall.

In the book of Genesis it said that Adam and Eve took the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge because it was good for food (which St. John calls the lust of the flesh, it was pleasurable), it was a delight to the eyes (what St. John calls the lust of the eyes, the desire to possess it), and then finally it was desirable to make one wise (what St. John calls in his letter 1 John 2 "the pride of life").

Every one of us faces these three temptations: pleasure, possessions and pride. They lie at the root of all human sinfulness. During this time in the desert, Jesus does battle with these three temptations, the temptation to

pleasure, the temptation to possessions (think about his hunger, like with pleasure), to possess all the kingdoms of the world and the temptation to pride or vanity, to prove that he's the son of God.

Unlike Adam who falls to each one of the temptations, Jesus overcomes them and sets an example for us to follow every day. And so what he calls us to do, especially during Lent, is to fight and overcome those same three temptations.

So for 40 days, what is the Church doing?

She calls us to fast. Why? To overcome our disordered attachment to physical pleasure.

She calls us to intensify our giving of alms. Why? To overcome our disordered attachment to possessions, to money, to things.

She calls us to intensify our prayer. Why? To overcome our disordered self-love, our vanity, our pride, and to replace that pride with the growing gift of the virtue of humility. These spiritual disciplines are the essence of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This Lent, if we pray more, fast more, and give alms to the poor, then the Lenten season becomes so much more meaningful, so much more powerful, so much more filled with grace.

Read Brant's article and loads of other wonderful insights into many aspects of our Catholic faith on www.brantpitre.com or catholicproductions.com

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Moira Coffey, Claureen 1st Anniv
John O'Sullivan, Fountain. 1st Anniv
Jim O'Driscoll, Castleconnell & Elm Park.
Helena Biela, Poland.
Matt, Mary Hogan & Harry, Tobartaoscaín.

Sun: 9.30am: Mass for the People
11.30am: Margaret Hayes, Clonroad.
George Culliney, Cloughleigh. MM

Mon: 7.40am: Ann Cullinan Fitzgerald, Drumcliffe & Shannon.
10am: Special Intention.
11am: Funeral Patricia Garrihy, St. Ml's Villas & Florida.
7.30pm: Tony Coffey, Clancy Pk.
Seán Cullinan, Cloughleigh.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Nancy, Paddy & Anthony Guilfoyle, San Francisco..
7.30pm: Special Intention
Wed: 7.40am: Holy Souls.
10am: Patrick O'Donoghue, Ennis & Limerick.
7.30pm: John Fleming, Marian Ave.
Rosarie Gleeson, Ard na Greine

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention
10am: Josephine Craig, Meadow Court.
7.30pm: Sr. Marie, Bridie & Albert Stephens, Clonroad.
Richard Crotty, Willow Pk.
Patrick & Mgt Doohan, Summerhill.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
10am: Frances Cosgrove, Ard na Gréine.
Hal & Eva Frazer, Considine Tce.
7.30pm: Bernadette Keane, Summerhill. MM

Sat: 10am: Bridie & Tom Coghlan, Querin.
6.30pm: Tom Sheehan, Brookville.
Frank Mc Mahon, Loughville.
Brassil family, Ennis & Kilrush.
Mark O'Neill 1st Anniv & Marian O'Neill Ball, Childers Rd.

Sun: 9.30am: James Vaughan, The Market, Ennis.
11.30am: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
Pappy & Kath Gleeson, Dalcassian Pk.
Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 17th March, 2019

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 4



Cloughleigh



Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Anna Moroney, Cornmarket & USA.
Derek Purcell, Hermitage. 1st Anniv

Mon 9.30am: James Ward, Loughrea.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Thu 9.30am: Denis Griffey, Circular Rd., Inch & USA.

Sun 8am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.
11am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation courses for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church. Courses are given by fully trained and experienced facilitators. Book your preferred course online at www.accord.ie

Hospital & Sick Calls

10th March, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Ger Fitzgerald

Please call: 065 6869098

Cloughleigh Oratory

We will continue to pray the Novena Prayer to St. Anthony every Tuesday Morning at our 9:30am mass. All are welcome to come and seek the intercession of this powerful saint.

We are recruiting Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested, please give your number to Fr. Ger via the Parish office on (065) 6824043.

Bereavement Team Meeting, 7 Woodlands Thursday 14th March 3.30pm.

The Legion of Mary meetings continue every Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. New members always welcome. Enquiries to 086 8164408 or 0877803459.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting 11th March, Clarecastle Day Care Centre @ 8pm.

Family Carers' Meeting on 13th March at 7.30pm at our new meeting rooms. No 8 Tracklands, Tobartaoscaín. Guest speaker Tess Purcell.

Ennis Players present the John B. Keane classic play 'Sive', in its 60th anniversary year. In Glór from Wed March 20th to Sat 23rd, inclusive, at 8pm. Tickets available from Glór.

The Annual ACIES Ceremony for active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary, presided over by Canon Pat Taaffe, will be held in Ennis Cathedral on Thursday, 21st March after the 7.30pm Mass. All are welcome and are invited to a cuppa and chat in Maria Assumpta Hall afterwards.

Ennis Zero Waste Challenge - Ennis & Environs Zero Waste are exploring ways to cut back on plastic, other waste and the reasons to do so. We would like to welcome the local community to our quick survey on the "Ennis & Environs Zero Waste" Facebook page.



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:

7pm: Paddy Greene, Corrovorrin Ave. 1st Anniv
Sun 11.45: Mary & Patrick O'Brien;
& Tina Connole, Carron.
Mon 11am: John Burke, Carlow.
Tues 11am: Martin Duffy, England. MM
Wed 11am: James & Marion O'Keeffe, Lifford Rd.
Sat 11am: Pat Quinn, Nora Armstrong, Sligo.
7pm: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Pk.
Sun 10am: Jennie & Michael Carmody, Kincora Pk.
11.45: Mary Mc Donagh, Miltown.

Holy Family begins Faith Friends on Tuesday 19th March 7-8pm, Parish Centre.



St. Patrick's Day

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of our National Apostle. Mass times are as usual with the exception that the 11.30am Mass in the Cathedral is transferred to 12.30pm to facilitate the parade which begins at 11am.



Adoration Chapel

The Chapel is located on the grounds of the Cathedral and is open 24hours a day for people to pray. This Lent the Chapel is celebrating 25years. On the weekend of March 23rd/24th there will be an opportunity to find out more about this great blessing to our Parish.

Charity Ride In aid of Clare Suicide Bereavement Support.

Enjoy a Hack and Cross Country Ride around Quin/Doora and surrounding areas. Starting at Malachy's in Quin, on Sat, March 16th at 12.30p.m. Registration at Malachy's, refreshments stop at Shibeen, Doora, and finishing for food and refreshments back at Malachy's. A great day out is guaranteed with jumping optional. It is suitable for all levels of Horse/Pony and Riders. Entries taken on the day.

Trócaire Boxes

are now available in all Churches. Please take one home for your family.

"You cannot get to Heaven without a letter of reference from the poor".



LENT 2019



Our Parish Lenten Theme this year is 'PURPOSE DRIVEN LENT'. Lent is a time when we can stop and look at our lives and our relationship with Jesus. It is a time when we are called to make sacrifices—to deny ourselves so that we can realise that we need God in every part of our lives. We would love if you joined us in the pilgrimage through Lent.

Our PRAYER / FASTING / ALMSGIVING (PFA) programme continues this Lent. If you want a real purpose Driven Lent, the Prayer / Fasting / Almsgiving Programme is made for you.

- Prayer—commit to a daily prayer.
- Fast—commit to eating three meals per day.
- Almsgiving—commit to donating to Trócaire.

Every day you will help yourself, help others and help your relationship with God. This programme involves making sacrifices but there is no doubt that the benefits we will receive at Easter will be immense.

Be brave, embrace Lent.

Morning Prayer:

7.20am—Cathedral
9.30am—Friary

Stations of the Cross

After 10am Mass, Wed & Fri in the Friary.
Before 10am Mass in the Cathedral each Friday.
6pm each Friday in Polish, Cathedral.

Lenten Talks on this Sunday at 11am in Cloughleigh with: **Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh.**

Late nights on Monday night: For the six Mondays of Lent beginning this Monday Night 11th March the Cathedral will be open until 10pm. From 8pm-10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Cathedral concluding with night prayer at 9.50pm. During these two hours a Priest will be available for Confessions, a chat and blessing.

Rest in Peace

Mary Browne Coakley,
Dromeliha Hill, Cooraclare & New York (cousin
of Bernard McGrath, Oak Wood Drive.



*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.*

Gaeilge—During the month of March, we are embracing the Irish Language in our liturgies. This week, we publish the Our Father in Irish and the greeting.

"The Lord be with you"
"Go raibh an Tiarna libh"
"And with your spirit"
"Agus le do spiorad féin"

An Phaidir (Our Father)

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh,
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh
mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha
mar amhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin
agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach sar sinn ó olc.
Amen.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Monday 11th February was the 161st Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage will leave Shannon Airport on Tuesday 25th June returning on Sunday 30th June. Cost €725pps with €20 discount for online booking at joewalstours.ie. Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 2410810 A limited number of sick or assisted pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €626. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, Cathedral House Station Road Ennis, Co. Clare. Tel: (065) 6824043. Families or individuals often sponsor a family member, parents, or a friend on the occasion of an anniversary or Jubilee with a visit to Lourdes. Sponsorship for sick people is always welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th -30th June: The pilgrimage would welcome the assistance of nurses who would like to volunteer and care for assisted pilgrims on this year's Diocesan pilgrimage for five days in June. If any nurse is interested please contact Michael on 086-3813677

Pilgrimage to Fatima, led by Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. Departing from Dublin Sept 19th—26th. €829 per person sharing, coach transfer Ennis to Dublin & return included. For further details & booking form contact Fr. Ger fitz.ger@gmail.com or Paul Fitzhenry 085 7688696.

Medugorje Pilgrimage ex Shannon 15th to 22nd May with Group Leader Kathleen Lee. Cost is €695 p.p.s. Ring Kathleen at 086 1031508 or Mary at 086 3629808

Fun Table Quiz supporting Cahercalla Hospice, Sat March 16th at 8.30pm at The Grove Roslevan. Teams of 4. €10 per Participant. €40 per team. Finger Food and prizes. Please support this very worthy cause.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Boscaí Thrócaire 2019

Tá na boscaí Thrócaire sna séipéil ar fud na tíre ó thús an Charghais. Iarrtar orainn i mbliana teacht i gcabhair ar mhuintir Uganda, Guatamala, an Liobáin agus tíortha uile an tríú domhain. Cuireadh an eagraíocht Trócaire ar bun sa bhliain 1973. Tacaíonn sé le pobail ina n-iarrachtaí chun feabhas a chur ar a saol, freastal ar a riachtanais bhunúsacha agus dínit an duine a chinntiú.

Bhí muintir na hÉireann i gcónaí fial le tíortha an tríú domhain. Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir guí ar son na síochána sna tíortha seo atá á réabadh ag cogaí agus teacht i gcabhair orthu trí mhaoiniú a sholáthair do Thrócaire agus na cumainn charthanachta éagsúla. **Go gcaithimid go fial le Trócaire an Carghas seo.**

Tá tús curtha le Seachtain na Gaeilge a bheidh ar siúl go dtí lá 'le Pádraig.

Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í, ag ceiliúradh ár n-oidhreacht ársa idir teanga, dúchais, ceol, damhsa, amhránaíocht agus litríocht gach bliain i rith na seachtaine seo. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán.

Seo a leanas paidir do Ghaeilgeoirí: **A Thiarna, soilsigh ár n-aigne chun urraim a thabhairt don oidhreacht uasal a tháinig chugainn tríd ár dteanga, agus neartaigh ár dtoil chun í a shlánú agus a láidriú chun do ghlóire féin agus onóir na hÉireann trí Chríost ár dTiarna Aiméan.**

The Trócaire boxes are available in all churches throughout the country since the beginning of Lent. We are invited to be generous towards the people of Uganda, Guatamala, Lebanon and other third world countries. The Trócaire Organisation was established in 1973. It supports communities in their efforts to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and ensure human dignity. The Irish people have always been generous to third world countries. We have an obligation to pray for peace in these countries which are being devastated by wars and come to their aid by providing funding for various charities.

Seachtain na Gaeilge will continue until Saint Patrick's Day. This week is marked in Ireland and throughout the world and celebrates our ancient culture, language, music, songs and literature. Long live the Irish language

Prayer for Irish speakers: **Lord, you spoke to the nations in their own languages on Pentecost Sunday. Enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through our language, and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it for your glory and the honour of Ireland through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Last Sunday's Offerings

Education fund Appeal €3,902.00.
Ennis Parish Development fund €6,655.00

Many thanks for your generosity.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:'

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers.

The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders.

He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."

You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

Upon you no evil shall fall,

no plague approach where you dwell.

For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.

On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

R

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you'.

I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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

**One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**