

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.

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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish>

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

Second Sunday Of Lent

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17th March, 2019

St. Patrick's Day

This weekend we celebrate the feast of St Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland. Not alone is St. Patrick's Day celebrated here in Ireland, but in many countries throughout the world.

Little is known about the early life of St Patrick. He was born in the second half of the 4th Century, possibly about 373 or 390. His home place is uncertain. We know he was born in Roman Britain, his father Calpornius was a Roman British army officer; he was also a Deacon and his grandfather Potitus was a priest from a village called Banna Venta Berniae, but we do not know where it was, possibly somewhere in Cumbria. Patrick himself tells us that despite his family's involvement in the Church, he was not very religious.

At sixteen years of age pirates raided his village and took Patrick captive. He was taken to Ireland and for the next six years he worked as a herdsman looking after sheep and pigs on Slieve Mish in Co Antrim. During this time, alone in the quietness of the hills, Patrick reflected a lot. He came to believe that his kidnapping was as a result of his lack of faith and he came much closer to his God. After six years Patrick had the opportunity to escape and to make his way back home to Britain and eventually found his way to his own home.

Having being changed by his experiences Patrick began to study for the priesthood. He studied in Europe, principally at Auxerre under St Germain.

As a priest he had a vision of the Irish inviting him back to them to tell them about God. It was 12 years before he returned to Ireland with the Pope's blessing. In Ireland you had lots of Chieftains looking after their own places and constantly fighting with one another. You rarely had a high King who could unite all the Chieftains. The first time this happened was when Brian Ború was High King and defeated the Danes.

Patrick asked permission of the Chiefs to preach Christianity and often presented them with gifts. His mission was not always easy. He baptised thousands of people, ordained many

Priests and converted many wealthy women, some of whom became Nuns in the face of family opposition. He dealt with sons of Kings and converted them. He travelled extensively establishing Monasteries, Schools and Churches.

It is believed that Patrick died on 17th March in 461 or possibly 493 and is buried in Downpatrick, Co. Down. St Patrick is universally accepted as the one who established the faith in our land and so is the Patron Saint of Ireland.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Tom Sheehan, Brookville.
Frank McMahon, Loughville.
Brassil family, Ennis & Kilrush.
Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.
Mark O'Neill **1st Anniv** & Marian Ball O'Neill, Childers Rd.
Sun: 9.30am: James Vaughan, The Market.
12.30pm: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.
Pappy & Kathleen Gleeson, Dalcassian Pk.
Mon: 7.40am: No Mass
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Joe & Mary Kelly, Kilrush.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Don & Jenny Ryan, Summerhill.
7.30pm: Peter Fox, Clareabbey. **1st Anniv**
Wed: 7.40am: Michael & Esther O'Loughlin, Hermitage.
Eamon Cronin, Market St. & USA
10am: Billy & Teresa Fitzgerald, St. Joseph's, Clare Rd.
Gerard Tubridy, Cree, Kilrush.
7.30pm: Special Intention.
Thurs: 7.40am: Bernadette Keane, Summerhill.
10am: Maisie, John, Jim & Martin Bradley, Limerick Rd.
Jim Flanagan, late Roslevan.
7.30pm: Delia, John & Martin McMahon, Kilkree.
Fri: 7.40am Special Intention.
10am: Thomas & Olive Slattery nee Richie &
Mary Richie, College Pk.
Tommy & Jack Carroll, Ennis.
7.30pm: Pat Hanrahan, Clare Rd.
Sat: 10am: Special Intention
6.30pm: Special Intention
Sun: 9.30am: Mass for the People.
11.30am: Margaret & Thomas Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
Gary Kelly, Ivy Hill, Gort Rd.
Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Pk.
Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Road.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 24th March, 2019

Readers: Group 3
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:



Sun 8am: Leo Guy, Circular Rd.
11am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.
Mon 9.30am: Dan & Marian Mc Namara, College Green.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Decd residents of Brookville.
Thu 9.30am: Michael Joe Lynch, Mullagh.
Fri 9.30am: Sr. Senanus Murrhly.
Sun 11am: Austin Connole, Lahinch Road.
Ptk, Mary Ann & J.J. Fitzpatrick, Ennis & Ennistymon.

Hospital & Sick Calls

17th March, 2019

Priest on Duty:
Fr. Jerry Carey
Please call: 065 6869098

Bank Holiday

 Monday 
**No Morning Prayer
or 7.40am Mass
In Cathedral**

**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.

Appeal for Nurses

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to
Lourdes on June 25th—30th
next is seeking the assistance
of nurses who will help care
for the pilgrims who need
assistance due to illness or
infirmity. More details from
Michael 086-3813677.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Fr. Tom Ryan acknowledges
with thanks two
contributions of €300
and €626 for sick
pilgrims to travel to
Lourdes.



Newly Baptised



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

Willow Beth Shanahan;
Johnny Mark Fawl;

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: Pat O'Brien, Shannon Pk.
Sun 10am: Jennie & Michael Carmody, Kincora Pk.
11.45: Mary McDonagh, Miltown.
Tues 11am: Coughlan family, Marian Ave.
Wed 11am: Brid McMahon, Kevin Barry Ave.
Thu 11am: Frank & Ted Neary, Dunmore & London.
Fri 11am: Brigid, Marie & Mathew Clune, Ballymaclune.
Sat 11am: Nora Barrett, Childer's Rd. **1st Anniv**
7pm: Joe Skelly, New Rd.
Sun 10am: Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.
11.45: Marion **1st Anniv** & Pat Watson, Fergus Pk.

Tuesday 19th March Feast of St. Joseph.

Altar Servers for the Cathedral

We are currently recruiting young people to be altar
servers in the cathedral. We invite parents and
grandparents to talk to their children and
grandchildren about the ministry of serving at the
altar.

In the past week we have visited the primary schools
in the parish inviting children from 3rd class up to
consider becoming an altar server in the cathedral.
Training will be provided. Application forms are
available from the Parish Office or contact Frs. Tom,
Joy or Dariusz before March 25th.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

On the second week of our Lenten Journey
of helping the poor. Trócaire work on our
behalf in helping millions of people facing
humanitarian catastrophes because or
extreme weather or conflict. *Every cent and
euro do make a difference.*



Children from Holy Family School
preparing for Confirmation will begin
their Faith Friends' Journey on Tuesday
Evening from 7-8pm, Parish Centre.



Eucharistic Adoration

The chapel is located in the grounds of the cathedral, beside the Cathedral House.

For the past 25 years parishioners have sat and kept watch with Jesus for one hour, 24 hours a day. What a blessing on our parish and people. At all masses next weekend, a speaker from the Diocesan Adoration Committee will speak, inviting people to spend one hour with the Lord, choosing any of the 168 hours in the week given to all of us. *All that is required to answer this invitation is one hour at your disposal and a willing heart.*



LENT 2019



Our Parish Lenten Programme 2019

As we enter the second week of our Lenten journey, this journey which we began on Ash Wednesday, will lead us to the joyful celebration of God's unconditional love revealed in his Son as he gave himself up on the cross so that we might share in the paradise promise to the repentant thief on the cross.

This Week Embrace Lent

Daily Mass:

9 Masses to choose from each day.

Morning Prayer:

This week from Tuesday:

7.20 - Cathedral

9.30 - Friary

Late nights on Monday

This Bank Holiday Monday Evening the cathedral will remain 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.

Stations of the Cross

After 10am Mass: Wednesday & Friday - Friary.

Before 10am Mass: Friday - Cathedral.

6pm each Friday in Polish - Cathedral.

Rest in Peace

Gerry Canny, Shannon Banks, Corbally, brother of Marion Canny, Shanaway Rd.; Mary O'Brien, Spiddal, mother of Martin O'Brien, Ennis; Joan Crowe, Willow Pk.; Sheila Lynch, Kilmaley, mother of Dónal Ó Loinsigh, Gort Road; Henry Kerin, Sixmilebridge, brother of John Kerin, Tobartaoscaín;



*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.*

The monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre

Pio prayer group will be held in Ennis

Friary; Thursday 21st March; 7.30pm.

All are welcome.



A bus traveling to Knock Shrine; Sunday 28th April for Divine Mercy Devotions. Contact Stephen: 086 1943960.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for
Sunday 10th March, €6,568.00

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat on Sunday 24th March; 2.30pm; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Speakers: Rev. Fr. John Walsh, Limerick and Lay Speaker Jomon, Voice of Peace. All welcome.

HEARING HAPPENING HOPING 2019; A RESOURCE TO HELP US REFLECT ON THE SUNDAY GOSPELS DURING LENT; "Turn our hearts to you, O God."

These lovely words of a hymn sum up our prayer as Lent begins. Nothing can help us more to turn our hearts towards God than listening and reflecting on God's Word, especially on the Sunday Lenten Gospels. HEARING HAPPENING HOPING is a resource on the Killaloe Diocesan Webpage which helps us to take to heart God's Word during Lent. There is a page for each of the Sundays and a Guide to this approach to help us to get started. You can download the resource each week at www.killaloeocese.ie - click on Resources - Lent. The Word of God is best shared in groups. Why not gather with a few others around the kitchen table or in another quiet space of your choosing to spend some time with the Sunday Text, using this resource?

Youth Prayer Space - Killaloe Diocese Youth Ministry:

Young People from The Mid Clare Youth Council and local Secondary Schools have designed and created a series of interactive prayer stations which form a Youth Space in Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, Ennis. Located in the Mercy Chapel which is located to your right, when you enter the main door of the Cathedral. This space will be open for the Lenten period and young and old are invited to visit this fun, thought-provoking and reflective space.

Ennis Flower and Garden Club present Tom Giltenane, D.M. Garden Centre, Croagh, Co Limerick; Treacy's West County Hotel, Tuesday March 19th. Plants raffled on the night. Talk commences at 8.15pm Doors open 7.30pm. All are welcome. Admission: €10. Enquiries: ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com

Clare Roots Society next Meeting 8pm Thursday 21st March; Old Ground Hotel; Interpreting Names in the Limerick House of Industry in the 18th Century; by Dr. David Fleming.

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

Saturday, March 16th St. Patrick's Eve Céilí at Cois na hAbhna; Music by Duggans Lane Céilí Band; Dancing from 9.30pm to 12.30am.

Coláiste Muire Parents' Association would like to invite you to Come hear John Doran speak on well-being and resilience. 20th March; 7pm; The Danlann, Coláiste Muire. This very topical talk is ideal for parents/guardians and secondary school students. All are welcome to attend this free event.

ACCORD: Marriage Preparation Courses ACCORD 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

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Lá Fhéile Pádraig

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig Éarlaimh na hÉireann ar an Domhnach seo, ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain mhóir. Tógadh mar sclábháí é go hAontroim áit ar chaith sé, sé bliana ag aoireacht muc. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa ló agus céad uair san oíche. D'éalaigh sé go dtí an Fhrainc agus oirníodh ina shagart é agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an fhéile deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn. Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Bhí Pádraig umhal de shíor i láthair Dé. Sa *Confessio* cuireann sé é féin in aithne dúinn mar seo 'Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na firéin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímheas ag a lán.' Tugaimis ómós dó mar ba chóir.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar chlann mhór dhomhanda na nGael, sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne, ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin.

Guímis Lúireach Pádraig go minic:

Lúireach Pádraig

Críost liom,

Críost romham,

Críost i mo dhiaidh,

Críost istigh ionam,

Críost fúm,

Críost os mo chionn,

Críost ar mo lámh dheas,

Críost ar mo lámh chlé,

Críost i mo lui dom,

Críost i mo sheasamh dom,

Críost i gcroí gach duine atá ag cuimhneamh orm,

Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,

Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,

Críost i ngach cluas a éisteann liom.

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ within me,

Christ below me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right hand,

Christ on my left hand,

Christ in my sleeping,

Christ in my waking,

Christ in the heart of all who think of me,

Christ in the mouth of all who speak of me,

Christ in every eye that looks at me,

Christ in every ear that listens to me.

Today we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Ireland. He will be honoured not only here but throughout the world. Saint Patrick was brought as a slave to Antrim where he spent six years tending pigs. He tells us he prayed to God a hundred times a day and the same at night. He escaped to France and was ordained a priest and later a bishop. He returned to Ireland and preached Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. We remember to thank God for this precious gift on St. Patrick's feast day. We also thank God for all those who brought and still bring the Christian message to people throughout the world. Patrick was humble in the presence of God. In the *Confessio* he introduces himself "I Patrick, wretched sinner, least among men, despised by many". Let us honour him appropriately.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to Irish people everywhere in the world, on this our national feast day.



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house to the land that I
will show you.

I will make of you a great nation, and I will
bless you, and make your name great, so
that you will be a blessing.

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 Amos

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos,
'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah;
earn your bread there, do your prophesying
there. We want no more prophesying in
Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the
national temple'. 'I was no prophet, neither
did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of
prophets'. Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a
shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it
was the Lord who took me from herding the
flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy
to my people Israel."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *If I dwell at the sea's furthest
end even there you watch over me.*

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,

you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

R.

O where can I go from your spirit,
or where can I flee from your face?
If I climb the heavens, you are there.
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

R.

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonders of my being,
for the wonders of all your creations.

R.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thess 2:2-8

It was our God who gave us the courage to
proclaim his Good News to you in the face of
great opposition. We have not taken to
preaching because we are deluded, or
immoral, or trying to deceive anyone; it was
God who decided that we were fit to be
entrusted with the Good News, and when we
are speaking, we are not trying to please
men but God, who can read our inmost
thoughts. You know very well, and we can
swear it before God, that never at any time
have our speeches been simply flattery, or a
cover for trying to get money; nor have we
ever looked for any special honour from
men, either from you or from anyone else,
when we could have imposed ourselves on
you with full weight, as apostles of Christ.

Instead, we were unassuming. Like a mother
feeding and looking after her own children,
we felt so devoted and protective towards
you, and had come to love you so much, that
we were eager to hand over to you not only
the Good News but our whole lives as well.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of
God!

The Lord has sent me to bring good news to
the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of
God!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of
Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round
him listening to the word of God, when he
caught sight of two boats close to the bank.

The fishermen had gone out of them and
were washing their nets. He got into one of
the boats—it was Simon's—and asked him
to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat
down and taught the crowd from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to
Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out

your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon
replied, 'we worked hard all night long and
caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay
out the nets.' And when they had done this
they netted such a huge number of fish that
their nets began to tear, so they signaled to
their companions in the other boat to come
and help them; when these came, they filled
the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the
knees of Jesus, saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I
am a sinful man.' For he and all his
companions were completely overcome by
the catch they had made; so also were
James and John, sons of Zebedee, who
were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to
Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is
men you will catch.' then, bringing their
boats back to land, they left everything and
followed him

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

Many will come from east and west
and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and
Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of
heaven, says the Lord