

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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St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751
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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

Third Sunday of Lent

(Year C)

24th March, 2019

The Hidden Power of Parables

The parables of Jesus are like little short stories that he told with the intention of teaching the people to whom he was speaking. The parables, while being fictional stories, borrowed from reality in order to paint a picture for the listener, who was expected to find him/herself in the parable. However, the parables should be viewed and read in their entirety and not just as one line anecdotes which provide a lovely, convenient message.

The parables are intended to exercise the mind of the listener, to give a holistic view, through a story, of what God is like. When reading the parables, one should always try to remember the words of Jesus in Mark 4:11 when he tells the disciples that the mystery of the Kingdom of God is given to others in these parables.

Today's parable, the story of the fruitless tree should make for interesting reading. In a vineyard there are many trees and one can only assume that this fruitless tree has been planted in the same soil as the other trees and has received the same care as them. Yet, it has not borne fruit.

Therefore, the master of the vineyard wants to cut it down, wants to get rid of it, to make room for a tree that will bear fruit. Having already been granted a period of three years to bear fruit it would seem that the tree's time is now up.

Only the intercession of the man who looks after the vineyard saves the tree. The man who looks after the tree would appear to have no status but his request is key in this story.

However, let me ask you a question. What does the master say in response to the petition of the man who looks after the vineyard? Does he spare the tree? If we read the text, we discover that the parable is left open. We do not know what the answer is to the request, we do not know if the tree gets another chance and we do not know if the tree bore fruit the following year. All of this is intentional to get us thinking, and we must think and pray with these texts in order to enter fully into them and allow them into our hearts and to penetrate our very soul.

We are called by God to bear fruit. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us how we may bear that fruit. He says that "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing." Remaining in Jesus and discovering his truth and his life is an extraordinary journey. During the next week, let's pray and meditate this text, take it to our hearts, discover who Jesus is for us and where we are in the story so that we may come to know the wonders that God works for us.



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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Special Intention.
 Sun 24th: 9.30am: Mass for the People
 11.30am: Gary Kelly, Ivy Hill.
 John & Brid Walsh, Limerick Rd.
 Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Park.
 Nancy & Michael O'Sullivan, College Rd.
 Margaret & Thomas Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.
 Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.
 10am: Special Intention
 7.30pm: James Brohan, Cloughleigh Rd.
 Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
 10am: Michael & Maureen Rice & Thomas & Catherine Kearney, Summerhill.
 Kieran Cleary, Kilmihil.
 7.30pm: Special Intention.
 Wed: 7.40am: Bridget Raftery, Galway.
 Colin Paul, Maiville, Kilrush Rd.
 10am: Patrick Mc Inerney, Dalcassian Pk.
 7.30pm: Special Intention
 Thurs: 7.40am: Holy Souls.
 10am: Martin Hogan, St. Flannan's Tce
 7.30pm: William & Eileen Kerin, Hermitage.
 Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.
 10am: Mary & James Farrell, Co. Longford
 7.30pm: Des Cullinan, Dalcassian Park.
 Paddy Kennedy, Parnell St.
 Sat: 10am: William & Martha Costin & McAuliffe Family, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
 6.30pm: Ennis National & Holy Family Schools.
 Do this in Memory.
 Sun 31st: 9.30am: Mai Mc Enery & family, Kilrush Rd.
 William Guilfoyle, Hermitage.
 11.30am: Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.
 Jim Kitson, Laureen Drive.
 Una Lee, Tralee.
 Ciara Fox, Hermitage.
 Peter Wilkie, Hermitage & Kearney family, O'Callaghans Mills.

Roster for Cathedral: Sunday 31st March, 2019

Readers: Group 4
 Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3
 Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 24th 11am: Austin Connole, Lahinch Rd.
 Patrick, Mary Ann, & JJ Fitzpatrick, Ennis & Ennistymon.
 Mon 9.30am: Annie & Jack Moloney, Hermitage.
 Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
 Fri 9.30am: Pakie Murrhy, Mullagh.
 Sun 31st 11am: Do this in memory.

Cloughleigh Oratory

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

Friday 5th of April we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Taize prayer led by Fr. Jerry Carey. All are welcome to this beautiful moment of encounter with God from 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

Hospital & Sick Calls 24th March, 2019

Priest on Duty:
Fr. Tom O'Gorman
 Please call: 065 6869098



Newly Baptised

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

Kennedy Junior Boachie-Ansah,
 Fionn John O'Rourke,
 John Keith McDonagh,
 Nina Orzech

Maurice Griffin

Maurice retired on Wednesday last as the co-ordinator of the Eucharistic Adoration. For 25 years from its establishment Maurice has ensured that the Lord was never left alone. We thank him this weekend for all he did in supporting the work of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and wish him good health to enjoy his retirement.

Ladies' purse found on O'Connell St. on Monday 11th February containing a sum of money.
 Please contact 087 2567722

Wanted for family, Tumble Dryer. Contact 085 8634906.

Table Quiz - all proceeds in aid of Liam Ashe's Calculta School Fund (Balo Children Ireland) at Grove Bar, Roslevan Thursday 28th 9pm.

Irish Cancer Society desperately needs donations of clothes, bric a brac & furniture. Also volunteers for our Charity Shop. Thank you for all support of the county. 065 6848826

Parkison's Association Clare Branch. This month's Meeting on Fri 29th March at Carrigoran Health & Wellness Centre, Newmarket-on-Fergus from 10am - 1pm. If you have, or know anybody who has Parkinson's, you are invited to come along together with family member/carer.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 17th March, 7539.93



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: Joe Skelly, New Rd.
 Sun 24th 10am: Paul Glynn, Corrovorrin.
 11.45am: Marion 1st Anniv & Pat Watson, Fergus Park.
 Mon 11am: Deceased McMahon families.
 Tues 11am: Patrick Duggan, Connolly Villas.
 Wed 11am: Patrick & Michael Cleary, Clancy Park.
 Thu 11am: Edwin Twomey, Mellor, Blackburn.
 Fri 11am: Michael Devitt, St. Senan's Rd.
 Sat 7pm: Shirley McNevin, Corrovorrin Green.
 Sun 31st 10am: Michael Duggan, Laureen. MM
 11.45: John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.
 Martin Frawley, Westfields.

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.

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 catastrophies because of extreme weather or conflict. *Every cent and euro do make a difference.*



Children from Holy Family School preparing for Confirmation will continue their Faith Friends' Journey on Tuesday 26th March & 2nd April; Evening from 7-8pm, Parish Centre.



LENT 2019



Our Parish Lenten Programme 2019

As we enter the third 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 Monday to Friday:

7.20am - Cathedral

9.30am - Friary

Late nights on Monday

This 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.

Feast of the Annunciation,
Monday 25th March

Sr. Maureen Brennan R.I.P.



Sr. Maureen Brennan died peacefully at St. Xavier's Convent of Mercy, Bóthar na Trócaire, Ennis, on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 2019, in the loving care of the community and care staff.

Maureen (Mary Elizabeth), the eldest of six children, was born on 30 June 1929 to Gerald Brennan and Margaret Murray. Her brother Fintan has pre-deceased her and she is survived by her sister Patricia (New Zealand), brothers Cyril (Ennis), John (Dublin) and Jim (USA). Maureen attended the Mercy Primary Schools and Coláiste Muire, Ennis. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Ennis in September 1947 and took Ambrose as her religious name; Maureen made profession of perpetual vows in August 1953.

Having taken an Arts Degree and H.Dip. at UCC, Maureen's ministry in education took her to St. Joseph's Spanish Point, St. Anne's Killaloe, Coláiste Muire, Ennis, and Kilrush Community School; for ten years she also had responsibility for training Mercy novices in Ennis and in Limerick..

It was Maureen's wish that there would be 'no orations' about her, so suffice it to say that she was a very dedicated, spiritual, sociable Mercy Woman who was interested and alert to the very end. She will be sadly missed by her family and Mercy community.

Sr. Eileen's Cuinne

An Tríú Domhnach den Charghas./

Teachtaireacht an Aingil chun na Maighdine 25 Márta.

Is é seo an tríú Domhnach den Charghas. Inniu táimid leath bealaigh tríd an gCarghas agus is féidir linn ár rúin a athnuachan. Ceiliúrfar Teachtaireacht an Aingil chun na Maighdine Muire, amárach 25 Márta. I Soiscéal Naomh Lúcas (Lúcas 1:11-38) feicimid gur tháinig an tArdaingéal Gabriel chuig Zecharias agus Muire ag tairngreacht breithe Eoin Baiste agus Íosa. Ceiliúraimid an ról atá ag Muire mar an té a roghnaíodh le bheith ina máthair ag Íosa. Is í Muire an té is gaire do Chríost agus dúinne chomh maith. Tá an scéal faoin bhféile seo le fáil i bhFáilte an Aingil, paidir a deirimid faoi dhó in aghaidh an lae. Fáilte an Aingil

Tháinig aingéal an Tiarna le scéala chun Muire.

Agus ghabh sí ón Spiorad Naomh. 'Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire, srl.

Féach mise banóglach an Tiarna. Déantar liom de réir d'fhocail.

'Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire, srl.

Agus ghlac an Briathar coláinn dhaonna.

Agus chónaigh sé inár measc.

'Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire, srl.

Guigh orainn, a Naomh-Mháthair Dé.

Ionas go m'fhiú sinn gealltanais Chríost. Guímís

Doirt anuas, impimid, a Thiarna, do ghrásta inár gcroíthe, ionas,

Sinne a fuair fios, trí scéala an aingil, Ar theacht Íosa Chríost do Mhac i gcoláinn dhaonna, go dtiocfaimís,

Trí luaíocht a pháise agus a chroise, chun glóir a aiséirí.

Tríd an gCríost céanna ár dTiarna. Áiméan.

This is the third Sunday of Lent. Today we are halfway through the season of Lent and we can renew our resolutions. The feast of the Annunciation is celebrated tomorrow 25 March. In the Gospel of St. Luke (Luke 1: 11-38) we see that Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zecharias and Mary to announce the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus. We celebrate Mary's role as the chosen mother to Jesus. Mary is the closest to Christ and to us too. The story of this feast is to be found in the Angelus, a prayer we say twice daily.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, etc

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

And the Word was made Flesh.

And dwell among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Adoration in Our Parish



This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Jimmy & Kathleen Morris and Una Doyle who are members of our Diocesan Adoration Committee. Members visit parishes inviting people to commit to one hour of silent prayer in the Adoration Chapel located in the grounds of the Cathedral. For the past 25 years our Adoration Chapel has welcomed over 600 people per week, 24 hours a day who simply come,

sit and watch one hour. We invite you to consider or at least try out this method of relaxation and prayer for yourself. You are guaranteed many blessings. The invitation card to commit to the hour of your choice is available at all masses this weekend in all our churches. Our thanks to the Diocesan Adoration Committee who support parishes in having Eucharistic Adoration.

Rest in Peace

James Quinlivan, Lissycasey, brother of Maureen O'Hanlon, Greendale, Kieran Normoyle, Chicago, brother of Geraldine Cummins, College Green, Sr. Maureen (Ambrose) Brennan, St. Xavier's, Pat Howard, St. Michael's Villas, Laura Brennan, Woodhaven Drive & Clarecastle, Brian Killoran, Ennis, Sligo and Florida.



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 in the Mercy Chapel which is located to your right, when you enter the main door. This space will be open for the Lenten period and young and old are invited to visit this fun, thought-provoking and reflective space.

Ceol an Chláir Concert will be held at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis on Saturday, March 30th at 8.00pm. This is a major fundraising concert for the Munster Fleadh with a great line up of artists. Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan returns to Ennis in July.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
For he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
For I am alone and poor.

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 Exodus

Ex 3:1-8.13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. "I must go and look at this strange sight", Moses said, "and see why the bush is not burnt".

Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses, Moses"! he said. "Here I am" he answered. "Come no nearer" he said. "Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father", he said the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, "I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow".

Then Moses said to God, "I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?" And God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am. This" he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come'.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. R

The Lord is compassion and love,
Show to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
So strong is his love for those who fear him. R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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

Repent, says the Lord,

for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk.13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices.

At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were

greater sinners than any other Galileans?

They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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

The sparrow finds a home,
And the swallow a nest for her young:
By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.