



# 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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## Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year C) 31st March, 2019

### The Meanest Mother

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other children had sweets for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, eggs and toast. While other children had fizzy drinks and sweets for lunch, I had a sandwich. As you can guess my dinner was different from other children's dinners too.

My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You would think we were a street gang or something. She had to know who our friends were, where we were going, and she always told us when to be home.

I'm ashamed to admit it but she actually had the nerve to break the child labour laws. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, Hoover, clean our rooms and learn how to cook. That woman must have stayed awake nights thinking of things for us children to do.

She always insisted that we tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.



By the time we were teenagers our lives were even more unbearable.

Our mean mother limited our time on social media, monitored our phones, dropped and collected us wherever we needed to go, even if it was in the early hours of the morning. However to her credit it must be acknowledged that she never charged a fare as our personal taxi driver.

I forgot to mention that most of our friends were allowed out at the mature age of 12 and 13. Our old fashioned mother refused to let us out until we were 15. None of us children were ever arrested for shoplifting, drugs or anti social behaviour.

And who do we have to thank for this?

Yes, you're right—our mean mother.

I thank God for giving me the meanest mother in the world, the best mother ever

*Happy Mothers Day*

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Ennis National & Holy Family Schools.

#### Do this in Memory.

Sun 31st: 9.30am: Mai McEnery & family, Kilrush Rd.  
William Guilfoyle, Hermitage.

11.30am: Mary Hynes, Clare Rd.

Jim Kitson, Claireen Drive.

Una Lee, Tralee.

Ciara Fox, Hermitage.

Peter Wilkie, Hermitage.

Kearney family, O'Callaghans Mills.

Mon: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

10am: Nurse Kathleen Duggan, Francis St.

7.30pm: Norah & Daniel O'Neill, Connolly.

Tessie Mere, Cahercalla.

Liam Galvin, Luton & Barrack St.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

10am: Holy Souls.

7.30pm: Thomás Whelan, Dalcassian Pk.

Kevin, Margaret & Mary Anne Maughan, Childer's Rd.

Wed: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

10am: Josephine & Patrick Kelly, Ard na Greine.

7.30pm: Mary Keane, Clancy Pk.

Belle & Josie Broderick, Ardlea Road.

Thurs: 7.40am: Holy Souls.

10am: John & Mary O'Looney, Kilfenora.

7.30pm: Michael & Mary Kate Griffin, Parnell St.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.

10am: Pat & Nora Harnett, Limerick.

7.30pm: O'Brien family, Golf Links Rd.

Sat: 10am: Sean Cronin, Mountain View.

Monica Elligott, Steele's Tce. MM

11am: Holy Family School Confirmation.

6.30pm: Martin Bradley, Clonroadbeg.

Mgt (Peggy) Cullinan, Cloughleigh. 1st Anniv

Marian Sheill, Friars Close. MM

Patrick Hurson, Summerhill. MM

Michael & Kitty, Kenneally, Fergus Pk.

Sun 7th: 9.30am: Deceased Griffin family, Kilrush.

11.30am: Tommy Dormer, Ivy Hill.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 7th April, 2019

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 4

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



## Cloughleigh



### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 31st 11am: Do this in memory.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Fri 9.30am: Edward Baker, Hermitage.

Sun 7th 11am: Jim McNamara, Kilkishen & London.

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



### Hospital & Sick Calls

29th March, 2019

#### Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Malone

Please call: 065 6869098



### Friary Notes

Next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order; Wednesday 3rd April; 10am & 7.30pm

Our hour of Prayer for Peace promoted by the SFO at Poor Clare Chapel; Sat 6th April; 4.30pm

### Newly Baptised



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

Szejner; Olivia Szejner; Rian Neil MacNamara; Amber Carkill; Ollie Dylan Coote

### Cloughleigh Notes:

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 Taizé prayer lead by Fr. Jerry Carey. All are welcome to this beautiful moment of encounter with God from 8:00 - 8:45pm.

Cloughleigh outdoor Stations of the Cross take place this year on Friday, April 19th beginning at 10am from Fr. Gers house and proceeding through Cloughleigh via Shallee Drive, Davitt Tce., Childer's Road, Gordon Drive. Considine Road and concluding at the Garden of Remembrance. All are welcome to walk the way of the Cross with us.

Pray and Play resumes in Cloughleigh Church on Sunday April 7th at the 11am mass. Suitable for children up to First Communion Classes, this setting provides a safe and supervised environment for young people to learn about their faith.

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Development Fund for

Sunday,

24th March: €5,804.00



## 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: Shirley McNevin, Corrovorrin Green.

Sun 31st 10am: Michael Duggan, Claireen. MM

11.45: John McCabe, Newpark, Roslevan.

Martin Frawley, Westfields.

Mon 11am: Irene Keating Martin, Chicago & Cross.

Tues 11am: Donors Intention.

Wed 11am: Donors Intention.

Thur 11am: Donors Intention.

Fri 11am: Harry Ballinger, late Gort Rd.

7pm: Martin & Kathleen Kelly, Old Gort Rd.

& Baby Emma, Toonagh.

Sat 11am: Frank Markham, New Rd.

7pm: Mary, James & John Sexton,

Ballard, Miltown Malbay.

Sun 7th 10am: Bridie & Denis Greer, Shannon Pk.

11.45: Neil & Mary Ryan, Stonepark, Barefield.

### Rest in Peace

Jean Kehoe, Fernhill & O'Connell St; Renee Kelly, Kilkenny, sister of Mary O'Sullivan, Abbey Court.

Thomas Rynne, Kilmaley & Inagh, uncle of Helen O'Neill, Rockmount; Angela Loonam (nee

Morrissey), College Green; Paddy Gormley, St.

Flannan's Tce & Milton Keanes, England, brother of Frances, Michael, Sis & Christy; Teresa McLoughlin,

Caherdavin, Limerick, sister of Michael McMahon,

Gallows Hill & Maureen Derrane, The Crescent.



*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.*



### Eucharistic Adoration

Our thanks to the Diocesan Adoration Committee especially: Jimmy, Kathleen, Una & Mary who spoke at all our Masses last weekend. Special thanks to the 87 people who accepted the invitation to spend one hour with Jesus. In the coming days contact will be made with you to confirm your hour.

The Adoration Chapel is located in the ground of the Cathedral and is open 24 hours a day for people to visit and pray.

### Trócaire Lenten Campaign

On the fourth 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.*



# LENT 2019



## Our Parish Lenten Programme 2019

It is week four 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.

Next Mass Latin Mass will take place on Sunday 7th April; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



**Taizé Prayer:** Thursday 4th April; Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. 7.45pm - 8.30pm. All welcome

Meeting of St Josephs Young Priests Society in St. Joseph's Church after 7pm mass on April 5th. All Welcome

Scoil Chríost Rí Cloughleigh would like to thank most sincerely everyone who donated old clothes for our recent clothing collection fundraiser. We got a fantastic response and the money raised will go towards finishing off our new school. Thank you Gearoid Roughan Principal.

**Pro Life Clare talk** - A Conversation with NUIG Academic Lawyer, Conor Hanly and talk by Emma O'Connell of Gianna Care; Monday April 8th; 7.30pm; Old Ground Hotel, Ennis.

**Ennis Mental Health Association** welcomes Dr. Harry Barry, GP, Mental Health Expert and author. Talk on Emotional Resilience. How to safeguard your mental health. Temple Gate Hotel, Wednesday 10th April; 8pm; Places limited to 190, no advanced booking; first come first served: doors will open at 7pm.

**Ennis Golf Club** Table quiz Fri 5th April 8pm. All welcome.

Clocks go forward one hour this weekend

### The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once  
And no person has the power  
To tell us where the hands will stop,  
At a late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more.  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
As no person can restore.

The present only is our own.  
Live, love, toil with a will.  
Place no faith in tomorrow  
For the clock may then be still.

**Abbey Pastoral Area**  
**Lenten Reconciliation Service**  
**Monday April 15th 7.30pm, Ennis Cathedral.**

### Confirmation

Children from Holy Family School will conclude their Faith Friends Programme on Tuesday Evening with the Ceremony of Light in the Cathedral at 8pm.

Bishop Fintan will confer the sacrament on these Children at 11am in the Cathedral next Saturday.

### Thank you

Fr. Tom acknowledges a donation of €700 to assist a pilgrim in need on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

### Altar Servers

We thank the boys and girls, their teachers, parents and grandparents who encouraged them to respond to our call for Altar Servers in the Cathedral. In the coming days we will be in contact with you individually with the programme of preparation.

### First Friday of April

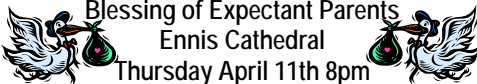
Friday next is the first Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will receive sacraments at home. If you are aware of any housebound parishioners who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

### Celebration of New Life & Blessing of Expectant Parents

Ennis Cathedral

Thursday April 11th 8pm

Everyone Welcome



**Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will hold a blood donor clinic in the West County Hotel; Wed 3rd April; 2pm-5pm, Thurs 4th, Mon 8th, Tues 9th & Wed 10th from 5pm-8pm

**The District Daycare Centre Clarecastle** has vacancies for new clients any day from Monday to Friday; 8.30am to 5pm. The Daycare Centre is Nurse led and you will be welcomed by our staff so come and visit and make and meet friends. The Daycare Centre provides Health Based Services, Recreational Activities and Daily Meals. Leaflets available at the Centre.

**Marian AC** will host the annual Matt O'Connor Open Sports Day at Lee's Road, Sunday 7th April starting at 11am. Details of events on Marian AC Facebook page.

**Bus going to Knock** on 28th April; Please contact Stephen on (086) 1943960.

# Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Mí Aibreáin

I mí Aibreáin, mí na bhfáinleog, mí an fhásra, mí an fheir ghlais, bí linn a Thiarna. Is é intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná : Go ndeirtear paidreacha ar son dochtúirí agus a gcomhoibríthe daonnúla, a chuireann a mbeatha i mbaol ag teacht i gcabhair ar dhaoine eile.

Inniu an Ceathrú Domhnach den Charghas. Tugtar *Laetare* ar an Domhnach seo mar de réir an traidisiúin ba lá ceiliúradh é san Eaglais i lár an Charghais. Is éard is brí le *Laetara* ná Gairdigi. Meabhraíonn an Scriptor dúinn go bhfuil cúis gairdis sa Tiarna againn. Caitheann an sagart éide rósach agus an tAifreann á léamh aige inniu. De ghnáth ní bhíonn aon bhláthanna ar an altóir le linn an Charghais ach is féidir iad a bheith ann inniu. Fadó ní bhíodh an t- orgán le clos sa Charghas ach amháin ar Dhomhnach *Laetara*.

Ceiliúrtar Lá na Máthar ar an gceathrú Domhnach den Charghas gach bliain. Go raibh lá sona, saor ó bhuairt ag gach máthair inniu:

*A Dhia grámhar, guimíd ar son ár máithreacha beo nó marbh a tháinig i gcabhair orainn nuair a bhíomar gan neart, a thug sólas dúinn nuair a bhíomar gortaithe agus uaireanta nár thugamar dóthain aitheanta di. Áiméan*

April the month of the swallows, of vegetation, of green grass, be with us Lord during the month of April. The Pope's intention for April is: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare* Sunday, has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration midway through the season of Lent. *Laetare* means Rejoice. The Scriptures tell us that we have good reason to rejoice in the Lord. The priest wears rose coloured vestments today. There are usually no flowers on the altar during Lent but today is an exception. Long ago the organ was silent during Lent but played on *Laetare* Sunday.

Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent each year. May every mother have a happy and joy filled day. We can say the following prayer:

*Today, loving God, we pray for mothers, those who are with us and those who have died. They cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt. May we never take their love and care for granted. Amen.*

**Barefield Prayer meeting** every Tuesday night in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 in Barefield Church. Stations of the Cross beforehand. Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, Scripture reflection and adoration. Prayer meeting on 1st Tuesday of month 2nd April for Bishops, Priests and seminarians. New members welcome.

## Aid to the Church in Need

Next weekend we welcome members of AID to the Church in Need who will speak at all Masses about their work in bringing a light of hope to some of the darkest parts of the world.

If you can, we ask you to give what you can to this worthy cause.



# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who are in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.

### 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 Joshua

Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R*

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. *R*

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. *R*

### A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ;

it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!  
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 15:1-3.11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly.' Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and

on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

### 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

You must rejoice, my son  
for your brother was dead and has come  
to life; he was lost and is found.