

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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Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com

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

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The Ascension of the Lord

(Year C) 2nd June, 2019

St. Anthony of Padua – Fearless Preacher and Defender of the Poor

Many years ago and quite by accident, I overheard a woman at St. Anthony's shrine in the Franciscan Church, Ennis say sternly, looking at the statue of the saint, "And that's the last penny you'll get from me..." I have no idea why she said this but her annoyance was clear and I presumed that her request to God via Anthony had not been granted - hence the threat! In these sceptical and cynical times in which we live this incident might easily be dismissed as pious nonsense or worse but that would be to miss the whole point. What I witnessed was the grittiness of a real and wholesome relationship based on faith between a woman who believed in prayer and a saint whom she and many others believe has God's ear.

Anthony of Padua (1195 – 1231) didn't come from Padua at all but from Lisbon in Portugal, which in the twelfth century was considered the city on the edge of the world. From a well-to-do family, Fernando as he was called at home, became an Augustinian monk and went on to become a priest. He was a good student and had a special love for sacred scripture. Impressed by a new movement founded by Francis of Assisi called the Friars Minor or Lesser Brothers, Anthony joined them in the hopes of going to Morocco as a missionary. His plans fell through and he ended up in Italy. St. Francis, whom Anthony met in Assisi, liked this humble scholar from Portugal and asked him to teach the Friars.

Anthony had many fine qualities but the two that stand out are his skill as a communicator, a preacher and his love for the poor. We often think of him as the finder of lost things and indeed we are right. However, his main concern was to

seek out and find the lost sheep, the wayward and the outsider, restoring them to God's love. He reminded civic leaders in his day of their responsibilities towards those on the peripheries of society and he often castigated them for their neglect of the poor. This made Anthony unpopular and even unwelcome in some cities and towns. Anthony had no notions about himself as a priest. He was as at home washing up and scrubbing floors as he was at the altar. In his prayer he was very close to Jesus whom he loved above all else. That is why we see him depicted always with the young Jesus in his arms – an image or icon of closeness and tenderness.



Anthony of Padua was only thirty-six when he died and to this day he holds the record for the fastest saint ever canonized, nine months. His statue stands in practically every Catholic church throughout the world; a testimony that St. Anthony is indeed "Beloved of God and a friend of the people." The woman I overheard at the shrine all those years ago was involved in a friendship with this powerful and popular saint, even

though the relationship seemed to be going through a rough patch just then, as friendships sometimes do. The point is that it is her faith that is the heart of the matter – faith in a good and loving God to whom saints like Anthony bear witness and who intercede for us in Jesus' name. Anthony continues to point us to Jesus who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" and he cheers us on from heaven as we walk our own journey of faith.

May the memory of St. Anthony of Padua always be held in blessing. Amen.

Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: David Slattery, John Paul Ave. MM
Shay Moloney, Hazlewood, Clonroadmore. **1st Anniv**
Sun 2nd: 9.30am: Brigid & Michael Keane, Kilrush Rd.
Michael McGrath, Corrovorrin Grove.
John & Michael Shannon, Loughville.
11.30am: Bernie Killeen, Clonroadbeg.
Sylvester Carrigg, Cahercalla Heights.
Richard Doyle, Gort Rd & Limerick. **1st Anniv**
Maureen Sheedy, Shanaway Rd.
Mon: 7.40am: Bank Holiday No Mass.
10am: Bernadette Loughnane, Feakle.
7.30pm: Johnny & Mary Hehir, Connolly Villas.
Patrick & Alice Dinan & Tamara Shannon, Hermitage.
Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Holy Souls.
Wed: 7.40am: John & Mary O'Rourke, Tulla.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Catherine Murphy, Carrig Dubh.
Thurs: 7.40am: Kathleen McCormack, Birr.
10am: Tom & Maureen Fitzgerald, Kilmihill.
7.30pm: Nicholas Moloney, Morrissey Ave.
Gerard Heeney, Dundalk.
Fri: 7.40am :Mass for the People.
10am: Tessie Sheedy; Bridget & Martin O'Neill;
Morgan family, Inagh.
7.30pm: Frank White, Clare Rd. **1st Anniv**
Sat: 10am: Elizabeth Considine, Parnell St.
Tommy & Alice Cunningham, St. Michael's Villas.
6.30pm: Mary McAllister, Turnpike Rd.
Sun 10th: 9.30am: Donor's Intention.
Catherine, Tom & John Quinn, Loughville.
Martin & Joseph Donnellan, Moyasta, Kilrush.
Katherine, Mary & Bridie Cullinan, Moyasta.
11.30am: John Mahoney, Water Park View.
Noel Davis, Ballyalla.
Michael & Rose Meehan, Fergus Park.
Rose O'Reilly, 8 Avondale.

Hospital & Sick Calls

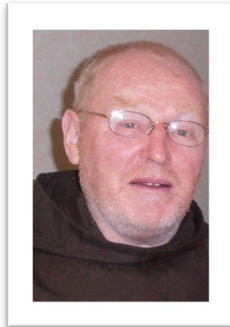
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Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Malone

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

**St Anthony's
Novena**



We welcome Fr. Eamonn O'Driscoll OFM to Ennis. Fr. Eamonn will direct this year's St. Anthony's Novena which begins in the Friary this Tuesday 4th June. Two sessions daily at 10am & 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to the Novena. An opportunity to pray for yourself, others and especially our students who begin exams on Wednesday

Novena Prayer

O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for your neighbour, made you worthy while on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were read to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought I implore of you to obtain for me my request.....(Pause)
The answer to my prayer may require a miracle, even so you are the saint of miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, intercede for me and whisper my prayer into the ear of the sweet infant Jesus who loved to linger in your arms and the gratitude of my heart will be yours. Amen.

Newly Baptised



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

Alice Martina Queally;
Hunter Scott McCarthy;

Painting of The Cathedral

On Tuesday, work will begin on the painting of the Cathedral. This will necessitate the closing of the Cathedral during the week.

7.40am Mass & 10am Mass will be celebrated in the Scout Hall on the grounds of the Cathedral.

7.30pm Evening Mass will be celebrated in Cloughleigh Oratory.

Funerals during the closure will take place in St. Joseph's Church.

The Cathedral will re-open at the weekend for Baptisms, The Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses.

We apologise for this inconvenience.

We encourage parishioners to avail of the St. Anthony Novena and the 1.05pm Mass in the Friary during the closure.

*We thank the Scouts
for the use of the Scout Hall.*



Rest in Peace

Eleanor O'Connor, Greenlawn, Clarecastle. **Anne Mc Ennis Kelly**, Lifford Rd, **Peter Considine**, Dromadrehid, **Eleanor O'Connor**, Greenlawn, Clarecastle; **Anna White**, College 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.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 2nd 11am: John Garrahy, Dun na hInse.
Mon 9.30am: Bank Holiday No Mass
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Exam Mass.
Sun 11am: John, Mary & Phil Flanagan;
Frank Corey, Loughville.

St. Joseph's

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat 7pm: John, Bridie & Mulcaire family, St. Senan's Rd.
Mick McDonald, College Green.
Sun 2nd 10am: Seamus O'Sullivan, Rosanore.
11.45: John Roughan, Shannon Pk. **1st Anniv**
Tues 11am: Mary Sweeney, Kevin Barry Ave.
Wed 11am: Donor's Intention.
Thu 11am: Tom & Bridget McMahon & decd Mc Mahon family, Lifford Rd.
Fri 11am: Cissie Ballinger, Gort Rd.
7pm: Karen Cuddihy, Ivy Hill.
Sat 11am: John McDonagh, Kevin Barry Ave. **1st Anniv**
7pm: James Griffin, Lee's Rd.
Sun 10am: Teresa Fitzgibbon, Tulla Rd.
11.45: Tommy Guilfoyle, St. Clare's Close, Gallows Hill. MM

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 9th June, 2019

Readers: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 4



Priests' Summer Collection

The Summer Collection for the Priests of the parish takes place at all Masses this weekend. As one of only four collections in the year, we thank you for your great generosity and support to us your priests. Envelopes are available.

First Friday of June

This Friday 7th June sick and housebound parishioners will receive sacraments at home. If you are aware of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive the sacraments please contact the parish office or any of the priests.

The Ascension of the Lord



This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ's Ascension. It is an important feast in the Church's year because it marks the end of Christ's post-Resurrection appearances to his disciples. This return to the father is an essential element of his Resurrection.

When did it happen? Some of the sacred writers place it on the evening of Easter Sunday—others depict it as happening forty days later. Its timing is not of importance—what matters is that Christ rose from the dead, appeared to his disciples and then returned to the father.

Today's Feast then marks the transition from Christ's visible presence on the earth to his invisible dwelling among us until the end of time.

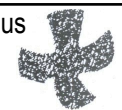
"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time".

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) Sunday 2nd June; 5.30pm; St. Joseph's Church.



All are welcome.

Taizé Prayer: An invite to join us for Taizé Prayer Thursday 6th June at the Church Of our Lady, Roslevan; 7.45pm - 8.30pm.



All welcome.

Clare Older Peoples' Council in association with the Irish Hospice Foundation and Cahir & Co Solicitors are organizing a FREE seminar on "end of life planning" entitled "Putting The House In Order". The seminar will take place in the Civic Room, Buttermarket Building, Drumbiggle Rd, Ennis on Wednesday 12th June 11am to 1.30pm with a light lunch provided. Booking is essential - please contact: Helen Moloney - 065 6846240 or email: hmoloney@clarecoco.ie Registration from 10.30 on the day. Dietary requirements to be advised when booking.

"Launch Out Into The Deep" Luke 5:1-11. National Charismatic Renewal Conference 2019. Speakers: Jean-Luc Moens and Rev. Ruth Patterson Saturday 22nd June; 10am to 8pm. The Concert Hall RDS Dublin. Tickets €20 available on the door. Info: Sr Bridget Dunne ☎ 021 425 1100.

Bank Holiday Monday

Please note that there will be no:

7.40am Mass in the Cathedral.

9.30am Mass in Cloughleigh

1.05pm Mass in the Friary

On this Bank Holiday Monday morning Mass in the Poor Clare Monastery will be at 8.30am

Praying for those doing exams

With state exams beginning this week we pray for our students in these anxious days of waiting until the first exam starts on Wednesday.

Exam Prayer

Lord God, we pray to you at a time when some of us are anxious, worried or tense about exams; we ask for your gifts of peace and calm during this time so that each of us can do our best. We ask you for help during these days so that we can reap the rewards of our efforts and study during the years. Help us to be true friends and real support to others in the weeks ahead. We give you the gift of our work so that we can use our talents now and in the future in the service of each other. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annual Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 23rd June 2019.

Led by Bishop Fintan Monahan.

2:30pm: - Anointing of the Sick.

3:00pm: - Concelebrated Mass.

Glynn's Coaches: 065 6828234

Knock is Celebrating

140 years this year 1879-2019

CLARECARE OVER 65'S CLUB

Situated in Cuan an Chláir, Cahercalla: Hairdressing; Chiropody; Bingo; Exercise; Meditation; Music & Singing; Arts & Crafts; Gardening, A hot homecooked meal; Fun, Laughter & Friendships and much more Open Monday to Friday Call: 0864183535.

Limited places available call to register and check criteria.

Sum of money lost on the Clare Road on Sunday Morning (26th May) If found please contact 085-8705513. Thank you.

Camp Creideamh Faith Camps for teenagers will take place again in Knockadoon (East Cork) over the dates 2nd - 8th June (Boys' Camp) and 9th - 15th June (Girls' Camp). For those who are Post-Primary school age. Activities will include catechesis, prayer, sports, hillwalking, kayaking, swimming, music, arts and crafts and other activities. Booking www.campcreideamh.ie ☎ Fr Eamon Roche: 086 9972539.

Driver/General Worker C.E. Scheme, Ennis: This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. The role involves all areas of van driving and procedures for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ennis Shops and services. Full Clean Driving Licence required for this position.

Sr. Eileen's Céinne

Mí an Mheithimh

I Mí an Mheithimh bí linn, a Thiarna. Is í seo mí mheáin an tSamhraidh, mí na scrúduithe, mí na mbláthanna. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí seo ná: *Go raibh sagairt trí gheanúlacht agus umhaíolacht a mbeatha tiomanta go gníomhach dóibh siúd atá fíorbhocht.*

Inniu táimid ag comóradh Dheascabháil Ár dTiarna Íosa Críost agus tugaimid chun cuimhne Íosa ag filleadh ar a Athair. Tá a mhísean teagaisc, a pháis agus an t-aiséirí curtha i gcrích agus lá na cinniúna buailte le hÍosa. Bhí breis is trí bliana caite ag na deisceabail i bhfochair Íosa agus grá mór acu dó. Ní haon ionadh gur bhraitheadar uaigneach agus imníoch nuair a bhí Sé ag imeacht uathu chun na bhFlaitheas. Bhí fíis ag Íosa dá dheisceabail go leanfaí lena shaothair ag craobhscaoileadh an dea-scéil. "Imí gí faoin domhan uile agus fógraí gí an dea-scéal". (Marcas 16:15). Gheall Íosa go seolfadh sé an Spiorad Naomh chucu chun treoir agus misneach a thabhairt dóibh.

Tá tráth na scrúduithe buailte linn agus beidh daltaí na tíre ag tabhairt

faoi scrúduithe an Teastais Shóisearaigh agus Teastas na hArd Teistiméireachta. Guímid gach rath ar dhaltaí an pharóiste agus iarraidimid ar an Spiorad Naomh teacht i gcabhair orthu agus iad a choimeád saor ó stró agus strus. Bain triail as an bpaidir seo. **Tar anuas a Spiorad Naomh agus cabhraigh liom mo dhícheall a dhéanamh ionas go bhfaighe mé toradh maith ar mo chuid saothair. Áiméan.**

Lord, be with us during the month of June. It is the mid-Summer month, month of examinations, the month of the flowers. The Pope's intention for June is: *That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.*

Today we are celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ and we recall Jesus returning to His Father. His mission of teaching, his passion and resurrection have been completed and the day of victory has arrived. The disciples had spent over three years with Jesus and loved him greatly. It is not surprising that they felt lonely and anxious when He was leaving them to go to Heaven. Jesus had a vision for his disciples which was to spread the kingdom of his love, the Good News. "Go into the whole world and spread the Good News". (Mark 16 :15) Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide and give them courage.

It is examination time once again and soon students will be sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. We wish the students of the parish good luck as we ask the Holy Spirit to come to their aid and keep them free from stress. Say this prayer: **Come Holy Spirit and help me to do my best and so reap the fruit of my work. Amen.**

Bingo

Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500;

Community Centre; BINGO
Sundays from 8pm.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is', he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit

comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill,
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;

I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.