Mass Times



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 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. Phone Numbers: Cathedral: - 6824043; Email: info@ennisparish.com St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751 Ennis Parish Web Site: http://www.ennisparish.com http://www.facebook.com/ennis.parish Facebook:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 28th July, 2019

Our Father who Art in Heaven

Given the recent furore about Pope Francis' comments in relation to the Lord's prayer, and the endlessly entertaining hysteria about the possibility of changing some of the words in the prayer, I am happy to have this opportunity to make use of this newsletter cover to make you aware of some things you may have not known about the Our Father prayer

in the Gospel of Luke. It is the final prayer Jesus prays in the Gospel before he prays at the Mount of Olives and it is a prayer set firmly in the midst of his journey to Jerusalem, but it is also a deeply theological and spiritual prayer which like all things sacramental, cannot be separated from the reality of human existence. Indeed, it is only in that reality that the Our Father finds its most meaningful reading.

The first learning comes from the line, "Forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Just as there can be no life without food, so too, there can be no life without forgiveness. A world full of hatred, revenge and retaliation is a world full of dread, where people harbour hurt and resentment and the wish for destruction takes over the basic idea that we are all on the one road, all on the one journey and all orientated towards the same goal. On the other hand a world of forgiveness is a world where there is a renewal of life, peace and hope. When we forgive others who have wronged us, we also become more than just objects of God's mercy. We become conduits, or channels of God's mercy towards others. We give to others what we receive ourselves, and to forgive is to give a great gift.

Secondly, as I have already mentioned, there has been great racket made recently from certain circles about Pope Francis

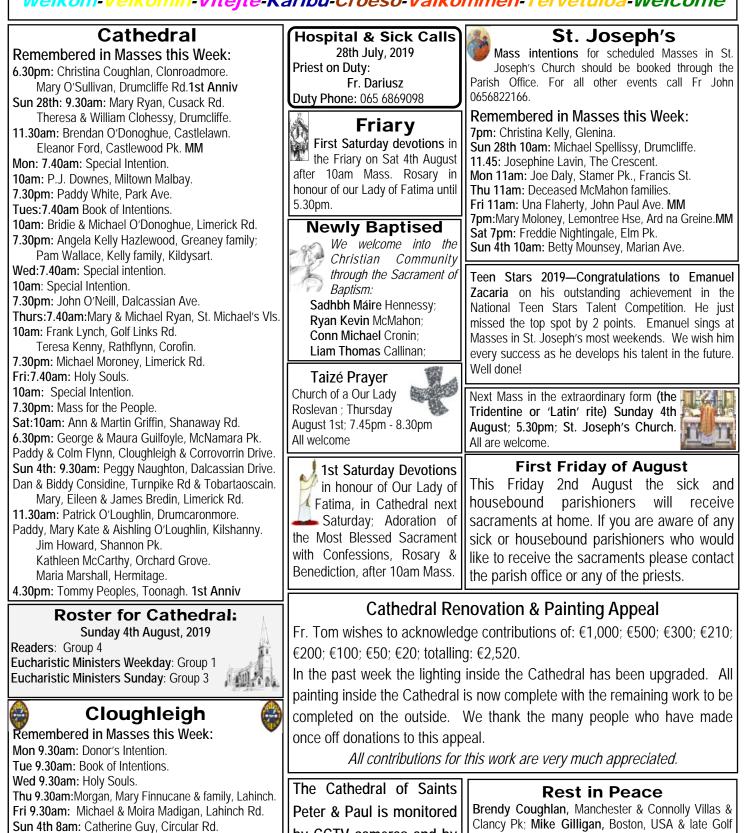
wish to change the line "Lead us not into temptation." Hopefully this will explain the Pope's intentions. For those of you who do not know, the Our Father would have been prayed by Jesus in a form of Syriac-Aramaic and was originally written in Greek. The word translated as temptation in Greek is *peirasmos*, a rarely used word which means "test" more than temptation. In the Bible, a test was

something that resembled a trial to reveal how faithful a person was. Many of you may remember the story of how God tested Abraham when he asked him to sacrifice Isaac, his only son. In this petition, we are asking God to direct our lives in such a manner that he will help us to not only avoid moments of sin, but that he will guide us to avoid those moments in our lives that put our faith in him to the test.

Hopefully these two points will deepen your understanding of the most beautiful prayer that we have.



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11am:Fr. Frank Cassidy & family, Los Angeles & Cusack Rd.

We will continue to pray the St Anthony Novena prayer in Cloughleigh Oratory every Tuesday Morning at the 9:30am mass. All welcome to seek the



Bingo Great prizes; Jackpot: €1,500; In Community Centre Sunday from 8pm. The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul is monitored by CCTV cameras and by a live streaming camera. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.ennisparish.com live stream on the parish website or from Ennis Parish App.

Brendy Coughlan, Manchester & Connolly Villas & Clancy Pk; Mike Gilligan, Boston, USA & late Golf Links Rd., son of the late Freddie & Mary Gilligan; Tom Comyns, Dooradoyle, Limerick and late Kilkee, brother of Mary O'Connor, Collins Park; Ryan Mahoney, Tyrone; Patrick Mahoney, Kilkee; Sr. Anne Boland, Woodlands, Kilrush Road; Lucy O'Driscoll, Summerhill;

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.



75 Years a Christian Brother

This weekend we Congratulate Bro. Seán MacNamara, who celebrated the 75th year of his Religious Profession as a Christian Brother. Bro. Sean is a native of Kilmurry McMahon and a member of the Ennis Community. We wish him many more Blessings in the years ahead.

Rev. Kevin O'Brien

Last weekend the Church of Ireland Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe Bishop Kenneth Kearnon announced the appointment of Rev. Kevin O'Brien as the new Rector of

the Drumcliffe Union of Parishes.

Rev. Kevin is currently the Vicar at St. John's Church, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Susan when they take up residence in The Rectory in Bindon Street.

The Induction Ceremony will take place in October.

Necklace found in O'Connell St.; Friday 19th July. Please contact 086 8639537

Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Awards 2019; The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For an application form please contact Helen on hmoloney@clarecoco.ie or 065 6846240. applications must be submitted by ~Thursday 12th Sept.

Flannan's College by historian Dr Ciarán Ó Murchadha is now in course of production. Anyone who may have material useful to the publication such as old diaries, letters written from the College, older school publications etc. is invited to contact Ciarán Ó Murchadha, c/o St. Flannan's College or at 086 8963387. All material received will be respectfully treated and returned after copying or, if agreed, deposited in the College Archive. All material used will be acknowledged in the book, which it is hoped to complete by the end of 2020.

Colaiste Muire 40th Anniversary Reunion

The students from First year '74 to Leaving Cert '79; 19th Oct '19 Please contact colaistemuire7479@gmail.com for more details.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 21st July, €7,132.00



Just one week to go!

Time for Body & Soul

Bookings now being taken for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Led by: Bishop Fintan Monahan Leaving Monday August 6th; 6.45am Returning Wednesday 8th for 4pm. All inclusive cost: €115 Bookings & info:

Parish Office: 065 6824043.

Cohercalla Swindon Male Voice Choir 100th Anniversary Tour; Concert in support of Cahercalla Hospice Ennis; Wednesday July 31st 2019, 7.30pm; St Columba's Church, Bindon Street. Donation at the Door. A lovely night's entertainment promised.

Summer camp at the Ennis National School for children aged 3 to 7 years, August 5th to the 9th, 10am to 1pm. Contact Kathryn 0879232833 or Martina 0867363286 for information.

Irish wheelchair Association are holding a Fundraising coffee morning Saturday August 3rd; 10.30am till 1pm in their Resource and Outreach Centre on Francis Street in Ennis. There will be a raffle on the day with lots of sponsored prizes from local businesses. Flash Sale in our Charity shop; everything €1 for the duration of the Coffee Morning. All Welcome.

Down Syndrome Clare's annual, four-day, cycle fundraiser – The Tour De Munster takes place between August 8th - 11^{th.} Its members will be bucket shaking in Killaloe, Ennis, Ennistymon, Miltown Malbay and Kilrush on Thurs, 8th & Fri 9th of August and thank you sincerely in advance for your commitment to helping with their fundraising.

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will be held from 15th - 18th August, at the Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare.

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is both Youth 2000's largest event and *the* largest Catholic youth event in Ireland with over 1,000 attending. There are free buses going from all around Ireland. For more information and to book your place visit http://youth2000.ie/

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Cruach Phádraig.

Ar an Domhnach seo beidh na sluaite ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Chruach Phádraig i gCo Mhaigh Eo ar oilithreacht. Tagann grúpaí ó gach aird na hÉireann ann ar an Domhnach ar leith seo. De réir an tseanchais, bhí daoine ag dreapadh an tsléibhe seo ón gCloch Aois go dtí an lá atá inniu ann gan idirbhriseadh. Chuaigh na réamh -Chríostaithe go dtí a bharr chun tús an Fhómhair a cheiliúradh. Chaith Naomh Pádraig daichead lá ag troscadh agus ag guí ann sa bhliain 441AD. Go raibh lá tairbheach, slán ag gach duine atá ag dul ann inniu ag guí chun Dé.

Paidir ar son na hEaglaise in Éirinn *A Dhia ár nAthair,*

Déan athnuachan ar an gcreideamh a thugann beatha agus slánú chugainn, an dóchas a gheallann maithiúnas agus athbheochan phearsanta dúinn, agus an charthanacht a dhéanann sinne a íonghlanadh agus ár gcroí a oscailt, ionas go mbeidh grá againn duitse, agus uaidh sin do gach aon duine dár ndeartháireacha agus dár ndeirfiúracha. Áiméan.

Today hundreds will arrive at Croagh Patrick on pilgrimage. Groups come from all over Ireland on this special Sunday. According to tradition people have been climbing this mountain continuously from the Stone Age to the present day. Pre-Christians went there to celebrate the beginning of Autumn. Saint Patrick spent forty days there fasting and praying in 441AD. May all have a beneficial, safe and prayerful day there on Sunday.

Prayer for the Church in Ireland God our Father,

Renew the faith that gives us life and salvation,

the hope that promises forgiveness and personal rejuvenation,

and the charity that purifies and opens out hearts so that we may love Thee, and so all people our brothers and sisters. Amen.

On the Killaloe Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage leaves from Shannon Airport on Sunday 29th **September to Friday 4th October**. £699 with £20 discount for online booking to joewalshtours.ie

Blood Donor Clinic in the West County Hotel, Ennis, on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th & Monday 12th August from 5pm – 8pm; and also a blood donor clinic on Sunday 11th August from 12noon – 3pm.

Prayer for those awaiting examination results:

Lord, I give you the anxiety I feel. I surrender all my worries to you. Clear my mind. Calm my heart. Stilly my spirit. Relax my being. May I be satisfied that I did my best May the path I choose in life bring me satisfaction and closer to you Amen.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house:

he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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 book of Genesis.

Gen 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know'.

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there'. Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there'. 'I will not do it', he replied, 'for the sake of the forty'. Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there'. 'I will not do it', he replied, 'if I find thirty there'. He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there'. 'I will not destroy it,' he replied, 'for the sake of the twenty'. He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *R*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R*

You stretch out your hand and save me, Your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, Discard not the work of your hands.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians. Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word was made flesh and lived among us; To all who did accept him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 11:1-13 Once lesus was in a certain place praving and

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,

your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.