

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 11th August, 2019

Hidden voices holding us daily in Prayer



The Poor Clare story began in March of 1212, when the eighteen year old Clare slipped away to Assisi to join Francis and his little group of followers in the Chapel of the Portiuncula.

There Clare dedicated her life to God, in the hands of Francis of Assisi.

Within ten years at least eight other communities of Poor Clare nuns had been formed. Before Clare died in 1235 it is established that at least eighty new communities has grown from the original foundation in San Damiano.

In 1930 a young Clare priest Fr. Joe Rodgers celebrated Mass in the Poor Clare Monastery in Cork. After Mass he met one of the nuns and in

their conversation she predicted that he would be the man responsible for establishing a new Poor Clare community in the Diocese of Killaloe.

Twenty seven years later in 1957, the now Bishop Joe Rodgers laid the foundation stone for the new monastery in Francis St. here in Ennis. He described the presence of the Poor Clare nuns in the town and diocese as a "Powerhouse of Prayer".

Sixty one years later the nuns in the Poor Clare Monastery continue to be that Powerhouse of Prayer for so many people who call and write asking the nuns to intercede with Almighty God on their behalf.

On this Sunday, 11th August, the Feast of St Clare, we celebrate with all Poor Clare nuns and we give thanks to God for their witness among us.

We thank Mother Abbess, Sr. Bernadine and the community of Sr. Regina, Sr. Leo, Sr. Catherine, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Gertrude, Sr. Mary, Sr. Gabriel and Sr. Frances for their presence in our midst - hidden voices who hold us daily in Prayer.

Praise be Jesus Christ.

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mary Hennessy, Collee Green.
Tom Joe Coffey, Tobartaoscain.
Dympna & Eddie Cotter, Clare Rd.
Patrick Killeen, Gortmore, Inch, Kilmaley.

Sun: 9.30am: Patrick & Mary Frances Ayers, Kildysart.
11.30am: Frances Nagle, Cahercalla Est. MM
Trish Keane, Kilmaley.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Joe Mc Hugh, Kilrush.
7.30pm: John Madden, Corrovorrin Ave.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Holy Souls.

Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Dan Ryan, Kilrush.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs: 7.40am: Frank Cosgrove, Dalcassian Pk.
Coughlan family, Steele's Terrace.
10am: T. Kenny, Rathflynn, Corofin.
Eddie & Maura Cotter, Victoria Court.
1pm: Martin Mongans, Clancy Pk.
7.30pm: Bridie Linnane, Listowel, Co. Kerry.
Marie Mulqueen, Fountain.
Bernadette Ward, Park na Coille & St. Michael's Villas.
Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
10am: Joe Moroney, Shanaway Rd.
Seamus & Damien Higgins, Clancy Pk.
Teresa Purcell, Tobartaoscain.
7.30pm: Sean Mounsey, Marian Ave.
Deceased Woods family, Circular Rd.

Sat: 10am: Sean & Maura O' Murchadha, Cusack Rd.
6.30pm: Elizabeth Guthrie, Loughville.
Mike Gilligan, Boston, USA & Golf Links Rd. MM
Sun 18th: 9.30am: Paddy Forde, Ardlea Rd.
11.30am: Pat & Mary, P.J. & Mary Jnr Neylon,
Connolly Villas.
Johnny Joyce, St. Enda's, Beechpark.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 18th August, 2019

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11th 8am: Ronnie O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
11am: Fr. Paul Offu & Fr. Uguwu, both murdered in Nigeria recently.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Thurs 9.30am: Holy Souls.

Bingo

Great prizes;
Jackpot: €1,500;
In Community Centre
Sunday from 8pm.



Newly Baptised

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

Alannis Patricia Catherine Smeaton



Hospital & Sick Calls

11th August, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Please call: 065 6869098

Fr. Joy

Thrift Shop, Ennis. We urgently require donations of school uniforms (new or second-hand) and appreciate your continued support of our services. Clarecare's Thrift Shop in Harmony Row, Ennis is open daily from 10 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. on a Monday to Friday basis.
Tel: Sinead: 086 - 7808033

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 joewalstours.ie

Pilgrimage to Glendalough on Sunday the 25th, August. Day involves return bus trip from Ennis to Glendalough, Co. Wicklow, long guided walk with panoramic views and visiting the cell of St. Kevin, prayer, Mass and talks by Fr. Thady Doyle. Bus leaving from Banner Arms, Market Street at 7.30am. Return bus fare €23. Booking, payment and further details from Frank (087) 9652864

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will be held from 15th - 18th August, at Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. This Summer Festival is both Youth 2000's largest event and the largest Catholic youth event in Ireland with over 1,000 attending. Free Bus from Limerick. For more information and to book your place visit <http://youth2000.ie/>

Heritage Publication. At 11:30am on August 22nd in Ennis Library there will be a lecture and booklet launch by historian Steve Dolan titled 'Banner News' focusing on eighteenth century Co Clare newspaper articles. The entire proceeds will go to Cahercalla Hospice and this Heritage Week Steve is raising €10,000 for charities in the region.

**Ennis Parish Development Fund
for Sunday 4th August 2019** □
6784.50 Euro



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: Vinni Greene, Corrovorrin Ave. **1st Anniv**
Sun 11th 10am: Patrick Carmody, Kincora Pk.
11.45: Pdraig Barrett, Elm Pk.
Mon 11am: Paddy & Tony O'Hara, Oakleigh Wood.
Tues 11am: Patrick Healy, St. Senan's Rd.
Fri 11am: John & Mary Mc Mahon, Marian Ave.
Sat 11am: Katherine & Matthew Clune, Ballymachill.
Michael Mc Namara, Glensheen.
7pm: Donor 's Intentions.
Sun 18th 10am: Mary O'Shea, St. Senan's Rd. MM
11.45: Teresa Butler, Lifford.

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock



Begins in Knock Shrine with two sessions daily in the Basilica at 3pm & 8pm; Wednesday 14th August to Thursday 22nd August. Seminars at 12 noon each day. John Bruton, Most Rev Rino Fisichella (Rome), Olive Foley, Bishop Alan Mc Guckian, Dr. John Feehan, Bishop Kevin Doran, Msgr John Armitage, Carole Coleman, Rev Trevor Sargent, Nollaig O'Muraile, Tom Neary, Archbishop Michael Neary, Fr. Peter Mc Verry

Rest in Peace

John Brendan Coughlan, Manchester, Connolly Villas & Clancy Pk., Michael Cummins Australia & late of Athenry, brother of Sadie Lordan, St. Senan's Road and Declan Cummins, Corofin., Anna Dullaghan, Jonesboro, Liam A Slattery, NY, brother of Eithne Dardis, Ennis.



*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.*

Clare Archaeological and Historical Society Summer outing. Expert guide, Jane O'Brien, leads a walk through the atmospheric streets and 'bow-ways' of Ennis, revealing characters and stories that shaped the town. Meet in the courtyard of the Temple Gate Hotel/Clare Museum on Tuesday 13th August at 7.00 pm. This is a free event courtesy of Jane O'Brien at Ennis Walking Tours. Any queries please contact Frances at fogorman51@gmail.com or Mary at 0878362491

Lost: Set of keys in the Ennis area including a Mazda car key. Contact Parish Office. 065 6824043

Exciting news!



A new junior choir is starting in the Cathedral this September. This will be a formal, robed, choir involving musicianship training through the Voice for Life programme (RSCM). Practices will be held in the Ennis Cathedral Choir room on Mondays from 5.15 to 6.30pm. The choir will sing at 10 church engagements in the first academic year. Children from 3rd to 6th class are welcome to audition and places are strictly limited to 32 children. Please email enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com or ring 087 6886378.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge €2598 in denominations of €1000, €500, €350, €200, €108, €50. We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. *All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*



Blood Transfusion Service

Blood Donor Clinic in the West County Hotel, Ennis, on **Sun 11th Aug from 12noon – 3pm, Mon 12th 5pm-8pm.** The giving of blood is painless and harmless and your blood will save lives. A special appeal for first time donors.

Knock Shrine Society is seeking people to join Our Lady's Volunteers (formerly known as Handmaids and Stewards) to assist pilgrims who visit the Shrine. This opportunity is open to all men and women over the age of 18yrs who wish to share their time, be of service to the sick, infirm and to assist in the Eucharist and Liturgical service at Knock Shrine. Contact John Hynes 087 6891422, Mary Dolan 087 9215042 or email: knockshrinesociety@gmail.com

Saint Flannan's College A history of St. 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.

Family Carers' Mass on Wed 14th Aug 7.30pm at the Family Carers' Meeting Room, Tracklands, Tobertaoscain. All welcome

Trip to Knock Shrine on Sat, 31st of Aug for Charismatic Weekend Pilgrimage. Contact Stephen Leahy @ 0861943960.

Local Lady: Available Mon & Wed seeking work, ie., Light gardening, housework, caring and keeping company of elderly persons that require help. References available. Contact Jo: 086 2432327.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thursday next is a Holyday of Obligation.

Mass times in Ennis Parish for the Feast will be as follows.



Wednesday August 14th

Vigil Masses:

7.30pm Cathedral
7.30pm The Friary

Thursday August 15th

7.40am Cathedral
7.45am Poor Clare Monastery
8am St. Joseph's
9am Ennis Hospital
9.30am Cloughleigh
10am Cathedral
10am The Friary
10.30am Cahercalla
11am St. Joseph's
12noon The Friary
1.05pm The Friary
7pm St. Joseph's
7.30pm Cathedral

Exam results Day. On this Tuesday, anxious Leaving Cert students will receive their results.



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. Still 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.

Maranatha Healing Retreat on Sunday 18th August, 2019 through the Ministry of Rev. Fr. John Walsh, Limerick and Lay speaker Heidi Gilroy, Kildare at St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick at 2.30pm. All welcome.

On Your Bike: Selfie Treasure Hunt - August 17th 11:00am - 12:30pm. A 14km looped selfie treasure hunt cycle following a set of fun & cryptic clues in an area rich in History & Heritage, taking in some of the Dysert O'Dea Archaeological Trail. Teams of 4. Booking Essential. Tickets available on www.clarewalks.ie Cyclists under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No helmet – no cycle! All monies raised on the day will go towards the future maintenance of the East Clare Way and the Mid Clare Way walking and cycle routes.

Annual Mass at St Joseph's Well Gort Rd. Thursday 15th August 8pm
All welcome.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Deastógáil na Maighdine Muire/Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar

Ar an Déardaoin seo chugainn 15 Lúnasa comófar Féile Dheastógáil na Maighdine Muire. In Éirinn tugtar Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar air freisin. Ba mhór ag muintir na hÉireann an fhéile seo. Lá mór ceiliúrtha dóibh ab ea é mar go raibh cara acu anois i gcúirt neimhe. Bíodh an mhúinín chéanna againne as cabhair agus cumhdach na Maighdine. Tógadh an Mhaighdean gan Smál, Muire Máthair Dé chun glóire na bhflaitheas idir chorp agus anam. Is é seo an cur síos atá uirthi sa Bhíobla Naofa: "Ansin thaibhsigh an comhartha mór sa spéir, bean a raibh an ghrian mar bhrat uimpi agus an ghealach faoina cosa agus coróin de dhá réalta dhéag ar a ceann." (Apacailipsis Eoin 12:1) Chaith Muire a saol faoi inspioráid an Spioraid Naoimh. Lean sí a Mac sa saol seo agus isteach sna flaithis. Cuimhnimis ar Mhuire i gcónaí mar mháthair dhílis, a dhéanann idirghuí de shíor ar ár son agus atá mar eiseamláir agus mar thearmainn dúinn i ngleann seo na ndeor. Is ceann de laethanta saoire na hEaglaise é agus tá sé de dhuilgias orainn freastal ar an Aifreann agus staonadh ó obair shaothrach gan ghá.

Déan machnamh ar an phaidir seo:
A Mhaighdean, ghlórmhar, mhómhar mhaiseach,

Is tú mo lón, mo stór, mo thaisce,

Is tú mo réalta eolais ag dul romham i ngach bealach,

Is ar ghleann na ndeor, go mba tú mo chara. Áiméan

Next Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. In Ireland it is also known as *Lá Fhéile Muire san Fhómhar*. The Irish people loved this feast. It was great day of celebration as they were aware that they now had an advocate in heaven. Let us have the same confidence in the power of Our Lady. Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven.

This is how she is described in Scripture; "a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars". (Apocalypse 12 :1). Mary spent her life inspired by the Holy Spirit. She listened to her son and 'pondered in her heart' what he said. Let us always remember her as our Mother in heaven who intercedes for us and is our model and refuge in this valley of tears. This feast is a holy day of obligation. We have a duty to attend Mass and abstain from unnecessary servile work. Let us reflect on this prayer:

O Glorious, gracious, beautiful Virgin

You are my sustenance, my store, my treasure,

You are my star of knowledge, leading me on my way.

And in this valley of tears, may you be my friend. Amen

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God and defend your cause,
And forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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 Wisdom

Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 11:1-2.8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds

them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of 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

O Jerusalem, glorify the lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.