

# 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.

### Phone Numbers:

Cathedral:- 6824043; Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)  
St. Joseph's:- 6822166; Cloughleigh: 6797489; Friary: 6828751

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year C) 15th September, 2019

## The Guy in the Glass

*When you get what you want in your struggle  
for self, and the world makes you King for a  
day.*

*Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what that guy has to say.*

*For it isn't your Father, or Mother,  
or Wife,  
whose judgement upon you must  
pass.*

*The fella whose verdict counts  
most in your life,  
Is the guy staring back from the  
glass.*

*You can fool the whole world  
down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you  
pass,*

*But your final reward will be heart aches and  
tears*

*If you cheated the guy in the glass.*

What he speaks about is doing your best and being able to be at peace with yourself. It is no secret that many people, including highly successful people from all walks of life will on occasion gladly and wilfully, "dance with the devil".

The many distractions nowadays are beguiling and its associate dangers too numerous to mention.

Check today's headlines in the papers.  
Will they be forgiven??

Like the prodigal son will they be able to

return to normality and treasure what is truly important in life??

Like the prodigal son what should we do as a matter of urgency??



May I suggest there is something funny about mirrors. We look into them almost every day, usually in the mornings as we prepare for the day with our ablutions and getting dressed and then at night when we get ready for bed. Tonight when you look at the mirror one last time before going to sleep linger awhile and look, not just at your reflection but also into your

own soul.

Were you happy with yourself today??

Did you behave well??

Did you help someone??

Like the father in the gospel

Did you forgive someone?

Like the elder son - were you jealous of someone??

If the guy, or girl in the glass says to you that you have tried your very best, then smile at him, be proud of him and thank God for all his blessings bestowed on you -

***"Success is not final, Failure is not fatal  
It is the courage to continue that counts"***

(Winston Churchill).

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

## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**6.30pm:** Dan & Mary O'Keeffe, Ardlea Rd.  
Aodhán Kelly, Ballybeg.

**Sun 15th: 9.30am:** Rita Keane, Loughville.  
Seán McDonnell, Gallows Hill, Collins Pk.

**11.30am:** Finbarr O'Toole, Friars Close.  
John, Kathleen & Seán Cullinan &  
Maura Murray, Cornmarket St.  
Eileen Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.  
Tony Mulrennan, Westfields.

**Mon: 7.40am:** Special Intention.

**10am:** Flanagan family, Cornmarket St.

**7.30pm:** John McGann, Ard na Greíne.

**Tues: 7.40am** Book of Intentions.

**10am:** Special Intention.

**7.30pm:** Brian Conlan, Dublin.

**Wed: 7.40am:** Holy Souls.

**10am:** Mass for the People.

**7.30pm:** Aidan Frost, Castlewood Pk.

**Thurs: 7.40am:** Donor Intentions.

**10am:** Donor Intentions.

**7.30pm:** Nancy Shannon, Hermitage.

**Fri: 7.40am:** Paddy Reidy, Golf Links Rd.

**10am:** Donor Intentions.  
Joan Dargan, Limerick Rd.  
Marissa Mc Donnell, Cathedral Ct & Philippines.

**7.30pm:** Special Intention.

**Sat: 10am:** John Finn, Golf Links Rd.

**6.30pm:** Pat Hynes, Clare Rd. **1st Anniv**  
Bill McCannon, Market St.  
David King, Doora.  
John O'Brien, Turnpike Rd. **MM**  
Martin Crowe & Conroy family, St. Michael's Vls.

**Sun 22nd: 9.30am:** Mass for the People.

**11.30am:** Jason Wood, Connolly Villas.  
Kathleen McGovern, College View, Clare Rd.  
Charlie, Bridie & Seán McEnery, Circular Rd.  
John McInerney, Limerick & Nenagh.  
Mary & John Griffin, Beechpark.  
Michael & Molly Meehan, Summerhill.

**Deceased members of the 22nd Infantry Battalion &  
Defence Force members from Clare.**

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 22nd September, 2019

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 3

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

**Sun 15th 11am:** Patrick O'Brien, Willow Pk &  
Cloughleigh Rd.

**Mon 9.30am:** Donor's Intention.

**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.

**Thu 9.30am:** Mgt & Joseph Clohessy, Cree.  
Flanagan & Clohessy Families.

**Sun 22nd 11am:** Batty Fitzpatrick, Cragleigh.

We will continue to pray St. Anthony's novena prayer in Cloughleigh every Tuesday Morning at the 9:30 mass. All welcome.

### Hospital & Sick Calls

15th September, 2019

#### Priest on Duty:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

### Newly Baptised



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

Nela Fogel;  
Hollie Mae Keane;



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

### Parish After School Sacramental Preparation

There is an excellent after school programme available for the preparation of children who are not attending a Catholic School in Ennis Parish, whose parents wish them to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. These classes full of lively and interesting material will begin soon. So please drop in to the parish office and pick up a registration form. **Registration will close on Friday September 27th.** Thank you to our many volunteers who organize and teach these programmes every week.



John Cleary, College Rd; **1st Anniv;** Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>; St. Breacan's Church Doora; 10am.

### Rest in Peace

Maureen O'Brien, Hermitage;  
Brid Scanlan, Carrigaholt &  
Ennis General Hospital;



## 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:** Martin & Maureen Mullins, late Marian Ave.  
Michael McInerney, London & Tulla.  
Astrid Flynn, Ennis.

**Sun 15th 10am:** Noel Carmody, Kincora Pk.

**11.45:** Seán & Brendan Mullarkey, College Green.

**Tues 11am:** Tom & Christina Hogan, Shannon Pk.

**Fri 11am:** Alice & Gerard Hartnett, Tulla Road.

**Sat 11am:** Bernard & Mary Woods, Summerhill.

**7pm:** Maria Fox, Golf Links Rd.

**Sun 22nd 10am:** Anne Fox & Pat McInerney,  
Corrovarrin Green.

## Calling Middle Aged Ireland



### Were you there?

John Paul II Ballybrit, Galway, Sunday 30th September 1979

Commemorative Mass in Galway Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 29th September 2019 to mark the 40th Anniversary of Pope Saint John Paul II's visit to Galway and the historic Youth Mass at Ballybrit Racecourse.

*"Young people of Ireland, I love you"*

*Pope Saint John Paul II*

All are welcome.

## Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €1,000; €300; €200; €100; €50; We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. The estimated costs of this work to date is €180,000.

*All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.*

This weekend after all Masses in the Cathedral there will be a bun and cake sale with all proceeds going to the appeal.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for  
Sunday 8th September, €6,616

## Welcoming New Catholics

Perhaps you have considered becoming a Catholic or you know someone who may be considering this but just don't know how.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the RCIA – is for people who want to become a Catholic.

We invite you to explore this opportunity by coming to our RCIA sessions in our Parish. So please contact Ennis Parish on 065 6824043 or [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com) and we will return to you with more information. After the preparation candidates will formally receive the sacraments at Easter 2020.

**Climate change affects all. Pope Francis calls for action to protect our environment** and our children call to you. Meet at O'Connell monument on Friday 20th & 27th September at 1.30pm.

**St. Michael's Holy Well Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Jerry Carey on Monday the 30th September; 6.30pm. Pilgrims gather at 6pm at the top of the farmers' access road next to N18 By-Pass Bridge, Quin Road, Ennis, for onward pilgrim walk to St. Michael's Holy Well, Kilbreckan. Please join us in the footsteps of our ancestors on this ancient pilgrim path. All welcome.

**Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat** today Sunday, 15th September; 2.30pm; St Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick; Fr. Noel Kirwan, Limerick and Eilish Carter, Nenagh; Mass 5pm; Tea after. All welcome.

**Réalta Draíochta preschool** at the Ennis National School enrolling for ECCE September 2019 and 2020, part time care available. Contact Kathryn on 0879232833 or Martina on 0867363286 for information.

**The Ennis Senior Citizens' Club** will begin their fortnightly meetings on Wednesday, September 18th; 8pm; Chapel Lane Community Centre.

**Beginner's guitar class in Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosóg**, Gort Rd, Ennis. Every Wednesday; 7pm, Adults only, €12 per class. Info contact Chris: 086 3626002 or [info@christopher.ie](mailto:info@christopher.ie)

**Clare Roots Society** will resume its monthly Lectures; 19th September; 8pm; Old Ground Hotel, Ennis. The Barrett Family (1888- 1971) By Dr Paul O'Brien. Dr Paul O'Brien received his doctorate from the Department of History at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick, where he now lectures.

**Holy Family School Fundraiser** "Cash for Clobber"; Please drop to school reception until 18th October during school hours. We would be delighted to take donations of all types of clothing, including: bags, shoes, hats, belts, bedlinens & towels ..in bags.

**The annual Triduum of prayer to St. Padre Pio** takes place in Ennis Friary, September 21st -23rd. Mass every evening at 7:30pm.

## Defence Forces Mass

Clare 22nd Battalion Association Annual Commemorative Mass for deceased members of the Defence Forces of County Clare will take place in the Cathedral at 11.30am Mass on Sunday next 22nd September. After Mass there will be a wreath laying/flag raising ceremony at the 22nd Battalion monument in Ennis Peace Park.

**Ennis Flower and Garden Club** present Helen Lucas, AOIFA, at Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis, on Tuesday, September 17th. Demonstrator's Arrangements raffled on the night. Demonstration commences at 8.15pm Doors open 7.30pm. All are welcome. Admission: €10 (non members). Enquiries: [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

**Bridge Lessons for beginners** commence Clare Community Bridge Centre; Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm; Contact: Fr. Enda @ 0872674288

You're welcome to sing with **Cór Cois Fhorghais, Ennis's Irish Language Choir**. No experience with Irish is necessary (though hopefully you have an interest in it!) Open to adults and mature secondary school students. Opportunity to engage with the Irish language in a social setting. Every Sunday 5pm to 6pm starting 21st September. Irish Class for every level 4.30pm to 5pm (optional for those interested) at Clare Language Building €5 class plus €50 yearly registration (€3 Irish Class). Contact: 089 974 9413 <http://midwestvocalacademy.com>

**Volunteering Opportunity for Third Level Students** - Will you be a college student in January 2020? Would you like the opportunity to be a leader in the Meitheal Leadership programme for Transition Year students? Killaloe Diocese Youth Ministry are recruiting up to 20 third level students to work on a week-long residential programme which will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you are interested in working with young people and developing communication, leadership, and teamwork skills while having fun, then this could be the perfect opportunity for you. There will be an information evening for third level students on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**; 8pm in St. Flannan's College, Ennis. To register for this information evening, please contact: Joanne O'Brien 085 874 9207 [jobrien@killaloeodiocese.ie](mailto:jobrien@killaloeodiocese.ie) or Fr Donagh O'Meara 087 232 2140 [donaghomeara@gmail.com](mailto:donaghomeara@gmail.com)

**Free & Confidential Support Service on all aspects of Deafness and Hearing Loss in Adults and Children:** Our next clinic will be **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**, from 10am to 1pm in the Parish Centre in the Cathedral Grounds, on Station Road, Ennis. This is a free service. If you require more information please contact the resource office: **Chime**, Pery Street, Limerick. Tel: 061 467 494. Fax: 061 467 497 Text: 087 6839754 Email: [alona.troy@chime.ie](mailto:alona.troy@chime.ie) Web: [www.chime.ie](http://www.chime.ie)

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Naomh Maitiú

Is é 21 Meán Fómhair, an Satharn seo chugainn Lá Fhéile Naomh Maitiú. Bailitheoir cánach ab ea Maitiú go dtí an lá úd ar sheas Íosa ag oifig na cánach agus dúirt sé leis "Lean mise". Bhí drochmheas ag na Giúdaigh ar an aicme seo dá muintir a bhailíodh cánacha do na Rómhánaigh nó do Héaród. Roghnaigh Íosa fear den aicme sin le bheith ina Aspal, ina dhuine den dáréag. Dheimhnigh Íosa leis an rogha sin an fhírinne a d'fhógair sé nach iad na fréin ach na peacaigh a tháinig sé chun iad a shábháil. Ba é cara "bailitheoirí na cánach agus na bpeacach é". (Mait 11:19). Lean Maitiú Íosa an lá sin agus d'fhulaing go háthasach spídiúlacht agus anbhás ar son Íosa.

Scríobh Naomh Maitiú a shoiscéal in Aramaic dá mhuintir féin, na Giúdaigh, chun a chruthú dóibh gurbh é Íosa ó Nasaireit an Meisias ar labhair na fáithe faoi sa Sean-Tiomna. Luann sé dá réir sin a lán de thairngreachtaí úd i dtaobh an Meisias agus léiríonn sé, cé mar do chomhlíonadh ina n-íomlán iad in Íosa. Is é naomh Maitiú patrún bailitheoirí cánach agus cuntasóirí.

Next Saturday 21 September in the Feast of St. Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector until that day when Jesus stood in the tax office and said, "Follow me". The Jews despised those who collected taxes for the Romans or for Herod. Jesus chose one of this class to be an Apostle, one of the twelve. Jesus confirmed by that choice that he had come to save the just and the sinner. He was a friend of "tax collectors and sinners". (Matthew 11:19) Matthew followed Jesus and suffered torture and death willingly for the name of Jesus. Saint Matthew wrote his Gospel in Aramaic for his own people, the Jews, to prove to them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah whom the prophets foretold in the Old Testament. He shows how the prophesy was fulfilled in Jesus. Saint Matthew is the patron of tax collectors and accountants.

**The Irish Cancer Society's Conference** 'Living Well With and Beyond Cancer' takes place from 9.45am – 4.30pm on Saturday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Limerick Strand Hotel. Attendance is free but registration is required. More information is available through the website [www.cancer.ie](http://www.cancer.ie), by email [support@irishcancer.ie](mailto:support@irishcancer.ie) or by calling Natasha on 01 2310 533.

**St Flannan's College Night Classes and Saturday Workshops for Adults** will resume on Wednesday October 9th. Classes include: Mindfulness, Jewellery-Making, Make-up, Sign Language, Interior Design, Floral Art, Acrylics Painting, Crochet, Spanish, Yoga, Creative Writing, French for Holidays, Poetry and Skincare. We will also offer once-off Saturday Workshops in Stained Glass, Portrait Painting, Mosaic, Creative Writing, Mindfulness and many more. Text/phone 085 1670326 for details and bookings.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### 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 Exodus.

Ex 32:7-11.13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

*I will leave this place and go to my father.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *R*

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R*

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. *R*

#### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

1 Tm 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith.

Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus.

Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life.

To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.*

*Alleluia!*

#### A reading from the holy Gospel:

Lk 15:1-32

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:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety

-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

### 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 chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.