

# 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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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 29th September, 2019

### St. Francis of Assisi – Nobody's fool but God's

They say that a new book about Francis of Assisi comes out every year. Even after over 800 years Francis still interests people and fascinates them, both inside and outside the Church. Despite our best efforts to tame this dynamic whirlwind of a man, Francis of Assisi will not be refashioned into a holy statue with painted lips and an angelic smile, but will continually and persistently jump off the plinth to challenge and confront us as to whether or not we truly depend on God and radically follow in the footprints of Jesus Christ.

Francis was very small in stature, wispy looking with a round face and large, dark, penetrating eyes. He had a big personality that people found attractive. He was immensely charismatic, passionate and sensitive; a romantic, a poet and later in life a mystic. Saints are real flesh and blood men and women just like us and Francis was no exception. He was both joyful and cranky, sometimes depressed, often dramatic in his gestures as when he stripped naked in the town square in Assisi in front of the bishop and a crowd of onlookers and gave all his clothes back to his father. Francis and his cloth merchant father had been engaged in a protracted dispute about Francis not wanting to be in the family business. His bewildered father could not understand his son's desire to lead a frugal and uncomplicated life devoted to God and to serving lepers. Francis was deemed deranged and a fool for turning his back on wealth and privilege in order to become a nobody, living rough among the poorest and the outcasts of his native Assisi.

The reason for all this turmoil was that Francis had become fascinated with Jesus and the Gospel-message of liberation. Finding this treasure brought Francis great inner peace and joy. He wanted to tell the whole world that

he had found the secret to profound happiness. The secret lies, Francis discovered, in giving one's self away in love and service like Jesus did. He saw that Jesus was poor, had no place to lay his head so he chose to live simply. He understood that Jesus spoke to people in an ordinary way, therefore he and his companions would do the same when they spoke about God. Francis found in the Gospel that Jesus actively looked for and reached out to the poorest, the most forgotten and the nobodies. He chose then to be among these sisters and brothers, as Jesus had been. In fact, it was among the poor and the lepers that Francis encountered Jesus and came to know him. In Francis and in the movement he inspired Jesus came alive again for a whole generation of people who had grown distant from faith and who had lost hope in the power of Love who is Jesus Christ, and whom Francis called 'the Son of the Most High God'.

Francis saw a humble Christ in the poor and praised God for the beauty of the created world. He was himself a humble person in that he did not believe the world revolved around him. Perhaps Francis' most important legacy for our age is that humility is joyful. When he abandoned a life of privilege and came to depend on God alone, the world became a place of piercing, ecstatic beauty. Everything became valuable in its own right and able to offer up its loveliness, not as a commodity but as a gift. By the standards of the world St. Francis was a fool but the spirit of God has seldom been more present in the world than in the heart of The Little Poor Man from Assisi, God's Fool and the world's beloved brother.



## Cathedral

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Mass for the People.

Sun 29th: 9.30am: Kitty Kelly, College Rd.

Patricia Brogan, Lower Finlea, Killaloe.

11.30am: Mary & Pakie Ryan, Dalcassian Ave.

Mary Burke, Park Ave.

Joseph Keane, Summerhill.

James Cahill, Lisheen, Ballynacally.

Mon: 7.40am: Special Intention.

10am: Donor Intention.

7.30pm: Caroline O'Brien, Stonecourt. MM

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

10am: John & Kitty Considine, Clare Rd.

7.30pm: Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.

Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention.

10am: Donor Intention.

7.30pm: Maureen Nihill, Shalee Drive. MM

Carmel & Flan O'Reilly, Clare Rd.

Des McCarthy, "Oklahoma", New Rd.

Thurs: 7.40am: Raymondo Sabroso, Philippines.

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

John Ryan, Ardlea Road.

7.30pm: Patrick Woods, Mc Namara Pk.

Rita Banaghan, Cloughjordan & Clonroad.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.

10am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Michael Gilligan, Boston & Golf Links Rd.

Eilizabeth Broderick, Ard Carrig, Ennis.

Sat: 10am: Noreen Green, College Pk.

6.30pm: Barbara Considine, Riverside, Ennis.

Sun 6th: 9.30am: Furseay O'Connor, Collins Pk.

Anne Mangan, Turnpike Rd.

11.30am: Mary & Frederick Dunne, Clare Rd.

Margaret (Rene) Browne, Circular Rd. MM

Maureen O'Brien, Hermitage. MM

Aidan Tuttle, Castlclawn, Tulla Rd.

### Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 29th September, 2019

Readers: Group

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group



## Cloughleigh

### Remembered in Masses this Week:

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Sun 6th 11am: John, Peg & Peter Maloney, Claureen.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration resumes in Cloughleigh Oratory at 8pm on Friday October 4th. All welcome to come and spend a half hour in the presence of God in the blessed sacrament.

Blessing of animals takes place in Cloughleigh on October 4th, the feast of St. Francis, at 6pm in the yard of the Church. All welcome. There is also the traditional blessing of animals to be held on Sunday in the Franciscan Friary at 3pm.

### Priests' Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place at all Masses next weekend. As one of only four appeals in the year for support of your Priests, your generosity to the Autumn Collection will be very much appreciated. We thank Parishioners who distribute envelopes for this appeal.

### Hospital & Sick Calls

29th September, 2019

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz

Please call: 065 6869098



### Friary Notes

Next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order at 10am and 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd October.

Hour of Prayer for Peace at Poor Clare Chapel on Saturday 5th at 4.30pm.

### Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €150; €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.*

### First Friday of October

Next Friday is the first Friday on the month of October. Sick and housebound Parishioners will receive Sacraments at home and if you wish to receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office or any of the Priests.

### Taizé Prayer

Thursday 3rd October

Church of Our Lady, Roslevan.

7.45pm - 8.30pm

All welcome.



### Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

On Sunday 13th October Pope Francis will Canonise John Henry Newman.



Bishop Fintan has written a book about his favourite Saint to be. This book will be launched in the Canon O'Kennedy Room in St. Flannan's College on Wednesday 9th October at 8pm.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

## 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: P.J. O'Donnell, Ballyalla.

Sun 10am: Carmel & Tom McInerney, The Crescent.

11.45am: Kay & Seán Horgan, Kincora Pk.

Mon 11am: Eithne Carey, Pine Grove.

Tues 11am: Martin Keane, St. Senan's Road.

Fri 11am: Simon & Bridget Ryan, Kilkee.

Sat 11am: Sean & Ciss McInerney, Shannon Pk.

7pm: Tom Spellissy, Steele's Tce.

Sun 6th 10am: Tom & Mae Minitier, Kincora Pk.

11.45: Denis & Frances Callinan, Lifford.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite)

Sunday 6th October; 5.30pm; St.

Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



### Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday next we Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Last weekend on his visit to Ennis Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland spoke of how blessed Ennis is to have a Franciscan presence in the town.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis we thank the present Community of Friars: Joe (Guardian); Paschal; Elzear; Cletus; Philip; Nicholas; Frank and Adrian for their presence and service to our Community.



### Rest in Peace

David Browne, Tulla Road; Jackie Browne, Ardlea Road; Dean Bowe, Davitt Tce.; Eamon Gaynor, Clonakilty and late of Shannon & Quin;

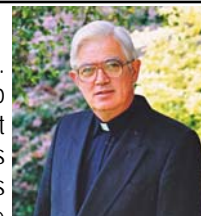


*Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near;  
still loved, still missed and very dear.*

### 25 Years a Bishop

On Sunday 2nd October 1994 Fr. Willie Walsh was ordained Bishop of Killaloe; on Wednesday next Bishop Willie will celebrate his Silver Jubilee as Bishop; 16 years spent as Bishop of this Diocese and the last 9 years in active retirement. Bishop Willie has shown extraordinary leadership in the Irish Church at a time when such leadership was necessary.

We thank him for his very generous continued presence in our parish and wish him many more years of youthful retirement.



This month....

St. Therese of Liseux, whose feast we celebrate on Tuesday, 1st October and St. Francis of Assisi, on Friday, 4th October are saints whose appeal goes well beyond the sphere of the Catholic and other Christian churches. People of all faiths, and none, are drawn to them because they were human beings of luminous goodness, authenticity and freedom, possessed by a love for which all hearts long. In them, humanity was at its very best, and humanity at its best is irresistible. That's what sainthood is!



St. Therese knew all about becoming a little child as did St. Francis who, after all, invented the beautiful tradition of the Christmas Crib!

In Catholic tradition, rooted in Scripture, angels are figures of great power, intelligence and beauty who worship in the awesome presence of God.

Angels are God's messengers to us.

Our lovely belief in a personal Guardian Angel who watches over us and takes care of us, goes back to Jesus' words about the children, 'see that you do not despise these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon my heavenly Father' and again 'Unless ye become as little children..'



We celebrate the Feast Day of our Guardian Angels on Wednesday 2nd October.

Bridge Lessons for Beginners commence: 7.30 Clare Community Bridge Centre on ~Tuesday 8th. October. Contact : Fr. Enda : 0872674288

Sr. Ethel Normoyle Annual Golf Classic will be held at Woodstock Golf Club on Saturday 5th October. The proceeds will go to support the missionary work of Lissycasey nun, Sr. Ethel Normoyle in the township of Missionvale, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The outing is a 'team of four event' and is open to all golfers with a cost of €120 per team. Tee box sponsorship is also welcome at a cost of €100. Entries and Tee Box sponsorship can be made by contacting Ollie O'Loughlin @ 087 2666729

A Day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families" Consecrate your Families to Our Lady on Saturday, 5th October in the Knock Shrine at the 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. Followed by testimony, food and music in the Rest and Care Center, concludes with a Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. Subsidised Bus(€10 return)from Topaz Service Station, Tulla Road, Ennis; contact Human Life International in Knock on 094 9375993 or Email: mail@humanlife.ie Booking essential.

Clare Leader Forum are hosting a national conference in Temple Gate Hotel on Friday October 4th. Subject. "is the Disability Act working for us?"; starts at 10 am and will run till 1pm. Minister McGrath TD will address the conference. More information called Dermot 0863157591.

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees Sunday 29th September 2019

### Irish Blessing for those Who are Forced to Leave Home

The love and affection  
of the angels be to you.

The love and affection  
of the saints be to you.

The love and affection  
of heaven be to you,

To guard you and to cherish you.  
May God shield you on every step,  
May Christ aid you on every path,  
May Spirit fill you on every slope,

On hill and on plain;

On earth and on sea

until it is safe to go home again.

**Day for Life:** The 2019 day for life will be celebrated on 6 October. The theme this year is domestic abuse and copies of the bishops' message are available at entrances to the Church. One in four women and one in six men experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. Almost nine out of ten women murdered in Ireland are killed by a man known to them. It is time to start talking and taking action. Go to [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org) to find out what more we can do.

**COPD Clare Fundraiser Concert** at Cois na hAbhna, Saturday September 28th at 8pm. Tickets €12. Seisiún Cois Tine at Cois na hAbhna Sunday September 29th at 6pm. Admission €3. Phone 065 6824276; [www.coisnahabhna.ie](http://www.coisnahabhna.ie)

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is a worldwide specially designed Support Programme for men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse/partner by death, separation or divorce. The next weekend is on at Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork from Friday 1st November - Sunday 3rd November 2019. Please contact 087 9886480 or email:

[beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencecork@gmail.com) or [www.beginningexperiencecork.com](http://www.beginningexperiencecork.com)

Ennis Tidy Towns will continue to meet during the autumn. Meeting in Abbey Street Carpark at 11am on the first and third Sundays of October and November. New volunteers are always welcome. Ennis Tidy Towns thank you for your support during our summer season.



Ennis Musical Society are delighted to host auditions for their upcoming production of "Seussical the Musical". The perfect musical based on Horton Hears a Who and with the Cat in the Hat to keep the story rolling, there really is something for everyone. EMS are looking for auditions from children aged 8 and up and from any adults who wish to take part as lead. Auditions take place on October 13th in Holy Family Hall. Children auditions take place from 11.30am and adult auditions from 2.30pm. More info and audition details at [www.ennismusicalsociety.ie](http://www.ennismusicalsociety.ie)

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne Mí Dheireadh Fómhair

Is í seo mí na Corónach Muire atá thar tairseach isteach chugainn ar an Mháirt. A íosa, bí linn i rith na míosa seo le do ghrá agus do bheannachtaí. Is féidir linn iarracht a dhéanamh ár ngrá don Mhaighdean Mhuire a léiriú i rith na míosa tríd an Choróin Mhuire a rá go rialta agus sinn ag machnamh ar bheatha an tSlánaitheora, ar a bhás agus a aiséirí glórmhar. Is í intinn an Phápa don mhí ná: Go músclaí anáil an Spioraid Naoimh "Earrach" úr misneach san Eaglais.

Tá an t-athrú aeráide ag cur isteach ar a lán daoine faoi láthair. Ghlac na mílte daltaí scoile páirt i léirsithe ar fud na tíre le déanaí. Bhí siad ag éileamh ar an Rialtas gníomhú láithreach maidir le hathrú aeráide. Bhí ionadaithe ó cheardchumann, ó eagraíochtaí a bhfuil bunús creidimh leo agus ó ghrúpaí gníomhaíochta aeráide páirteach sna hagóidí freisin. D'eagraigh daltaí i dtíortha ar fud an domhain imeachtaí idirnáisiúnta freisin ar an lá céanna.

Tá sé de dhualgas orainn go léir gníomhú ionas nach n-éireoidh cúrsaí aeráide níos measa. Déanaimis luach a leagan ar an tseoid luachmhar atá againn, an domhan seo. Is í seo paidir a thug an Pápa Proinsias dúinn ar a shon: *A Dhia Uillechumhachtaigh, tá tú i láthair sa domhan uile agus sa chréatúr is lú. Glacann tú le grá gach a maireann. Doirt anuas orainn cumhacht do ghrá i dtreo go mbeimid in ann beatha agus áilleacht a chosaint. Áiméan.*

This is the month of the Rosary. Jesus, come to our aid with your love and many blessings during the month of October. We can show our love for Our Lady and Jesus by saying the Rosary regularly during the month by reflecting on the life, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus. The Pope's intention for this month is: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "Spring" in the Church. Climate change is a great concern for many nowadays. Thousands of school children took part recently in demonstrations throughout the country, calling on the Government to take immediate action on climate change. Representatives from trade unions, faith-based organisations and climate action groups were also involved in the protests which were part of international events organised by students world-wide.

We all have an obligation to act so that matters will not get worse. Let us value God's creation and be good stewards of the earth. A prayer for our earth by Pope Francis:

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Amen.*

**Social Media, Young People and Mental Health** - a presentation by Dr. Maureen Griffin, Forensic Psychologist & Mr. Martin Moloney, Principal, Clarecastle NS. Thursday 3 October at 8pm at the Temple Gate. Doors open 7pm. First come first served. Fee: €5 payable at the door. No pre-booking. Proceeds to Ennis Mental Health Association.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
You have done with true judgement,  
For we have sinned against you  
And not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with  
us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## 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 prophet Amos

Amos 6:1.4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the  
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their  
divans, they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the  
sound of the harp, they invent new  
instruments of music like David, they drink  
wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil  
for anointing themselves, but about the  
ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That  
is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: My soul, give praise to the  
Lord.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.

He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy. 1 Tm 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to  
be saintly and religious, filled with faith and  
love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight  
of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life  
to which you were called when you made  
your profession and spoke up for the truth in  
front of many witnesses. Now, before God  
the source of all life and before Jesus Christ,  
who spoke up as a witness for the truth in  
front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of  
doing all that you have been told, with no  
faults or failures, until the Appearing of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of  
all, the King of kings and the Lord of  
lords, who alone is immortal, whose  
home is in inaccessible light, whom  
no man has seen and no man is able  
to see: to him be honour and  
everlasting power. Amen.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my  
voice, says the Lord,*

*I know them and they follow me.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a  
rich man who used to dress in purple and fine  
linen and feast magnificently every day. And  
at his gate there lay a poor man called  
Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to  
fill himself with the scraps that fell from the  
rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked  
his sores. Now the poor man died and was  
carried away by the angels to the bosom of  
Abraham. The rich man also died and was  
buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and  
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in  
his bosom. So he cried out, "Father  
Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip  
the tip of his finger in water and cool my  
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."

"My son," Abraham replied, "remember that  
during your life good things came your way,  
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.  
Now he is being comforted here while you  
are in agony. But that is not all: between us  
and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop  
anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our  
side to yours, and to stop any crossing from  
your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you  
then to send Lazarus to my father's house,  
since I have five brothers, to give them  
warning so that they do not come to this  
place of torment too." "They have Moses  
and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them  
listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham,"  
said the rich man, "but if someone comes to  
them from the dead, they will repent." Then  
Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen  
either to Moses or to the prophets, they will  
not be convinced even if someone should  
rise from the dead." "

## 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

**By this we came to know the love of  
God; that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one  
another.**