

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

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

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I’ve started, so I’ll finish”

I’m probably no different from anyone else when I admit to being slow to begin, fearing the end result is going to be a shambles.

There is great wisdom in trusting the ending might only become complete after several attempts, false dawns, and, maybe more importantly than anything else, recognition that I may not be able to do it on my own.

Surely a most liberating experience rather than an often presumed moment of failure. One of the greatest surprises surely must be how often we discover good folk who are only waiting to be asked to help, work with you, share the journey.

When we look at the great headline success stories, we become captivated by the what has been achieved, and rightly, so we should. What we don’t often know about is the struggle and effort, apparent failure along the way, moments of self doubt, the probable nay sayers who presumed “it couldn’t be done”..... Yet they did it and we become captivated by what has been achieved.

For every one of us, there is potentially a headline success story... tailor made for you and me, made to fit each personality, each lived experience. I believe the Tailor makes it so I need to be the one to start and start again, but,

made in such a way as to require a helping hand of another, love of another, encouragement of another so it can become as complete as is possible. Here lies the truth: If this be the case, we need each other, together making a tapestry of headline success stories woven into a single garment... called *Life*.

Lets never let it be said “here is someone who started to build and was unable to finish”
Today’s Gospel. Luke 14:25-35



You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

-C.S. Lewis

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

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

6.30pm: Neil, Eileen & Niall O'Sullivan, Greenpark.
Martin Hurson, Phoenix Court & Dublin. **1st Anniv**

Sun 8th 9.30am: Mary Clohessy, Connolly.
John & Michael Shannon, Ennis.
Veronica & John Drinan, Cusack Rd.

11.30am: Ronan Kildea, Castlerock, Tulla Rd.
Margaret Smith, Cahercalla Heights.
Pauline Greer, Greenhill House, Ashline.
Lucy O'Driscoll, Summerhill. **MM**
Patrick Murray, Gordon Drive. **MM**
John Joe Coyne, Ardlea Rd. **1st Anniv**
JJ Quinn, St. Michael's Villas.
Peter Sheridan, Morrissey Ave.
Bernard & Margaret Corey, Lahinch Road.

Mon: 7.40am: Mary & Thomas Haren, Kilmaley.
10am: Thomas & Annie Hayes & family, Cornmarket.
Frank Barrington, Parnell St & Ennistymon.

7.30pm: O'Brien & Clohessy families, Circular Rd.
Clohessy & White families, Market St.
Gaffney family & Denise Flood, Dublin.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Gretta Kiely, Ennis & Cork. **1st Anniv**

Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Mary & Paddy Joe Kelly, Maurice & Bridie Kelly,
Gareth Stack, Listowel.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention.
10am: Joe Egan, Castlebar.
7.30pm: Susan McMahon, Limerick Rd.
Michael Kearse, St. Michael's Villas.

Fri: 7.40am Mass for the People.
10am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Holy Souls.

Sat: 10am: Molly Slattery, Cahercalla.
Olive O'Malley, Doora & Fergus Pk.

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.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 15th September 2019

Readers: Group 4
Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2
Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Hospital & Sick Calls

8th September, 2019

Fr. Pat Malone

Please call: 065 6869098

The Cathedral Folk Group have resumed practice on Wed nights in the Chapter room at 8pm. We are looking for musicians, piano, fiddle, concertina, guitar, flute, percussion etc. as well as singers. Further details Sean 087 6388795.

Newly Baptised



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

Willow Mae Enright Brohan;
Cara Joan Coote;
Jamie Kerin;
Darragh Stephen Corry;
Alex Clement Rigney;

SAMARITANS

Samaritans Ennis and Clare Branch are encouraging people to get involved with the charity to give something back to the local community and make a difference to people's lives. Information evenings will be held in the Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis on **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th** September. To find out more about becoming a volunteer with Samaritans in Ennis & Clare, register your interest in attending one of the Information events Phone/Text 085-1763491 or email: samaritansrecruitmentennis@gmail.com.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 2nd September: €6,979

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:

Sat 7pm: Mary Roughan, Shannon Pk. **1st Anniv**
Sun 8th 10am: Noel Bane, Marian Ave.
Mon 11am: James Fahy, Cavan & Whitegate.
Lelia O'Brien, Ennis.
Wed 11am: Rena & Joe Cabey, Kilmaley.
Fri 11am: Madeleine Keown, Corofin.
Sat 11am: Anna Dullaghan, Jonesboro, Newry. **MM**
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, Colledge Green.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €1,000; €100; €70; €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.*

Bun & cake sale in aid of the Cathedral paint & light appeal will place after all Masses in the Cathedral next weekend.

Rest in Peace

Teresa Melia (nee Shannon), Dublin & Cabey's Lane, Ennis; **Renie Browne**, The Bungalow, Circular Rd; **Michael Flanagan**, Ashbrook Gardens, Ennis Rd, Limerick, brother of Mary Corey & Brid, Loughville; **Rita Brady** (nee McDonagh), Cusack Lawn; **Caroline O'Brien**, Cappahard; **Norman E. Timmins**, "Son Risa", Woodstock View; **Kathleen Doherty**, Killarney, mother of Frank, Carmody Street;



*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.*



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 joewalshstours.ie

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 8th 11am: Mary & Jimmy Neylon, Cloughleigh Rd.
Mon 9.30am: Holy Souls.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Thu 9.30am: Special Intention.
Fri 9.30am: Johnny & Marie Griffey, Circular Rd., Inch & U.S.A.
Sun 15th 11am: Patrick O'Brien, Willow Pk & Cloughleigh Rd.


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

Bingo

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



Sick & retired priests' appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed €7,169 to this appeal last weekend. Your generosity to our retired Bishop and Priests is very much appreciated. If you were away or forgot, your contribution would still be appreciated.

Medjugorje Prayer meeting, Monday 9th September; 8pm; Clarecastle Daycare centre. All welcome 

Anniversary of 9/11

Wednesday is the 18th Anniversary of events that happened in America on the 11th September 2001 which impacted on our world.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry Healing Retreat next Sunday, 15th September, 2.30pm; St Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Fr. Noel Kirwan, Limerick and Eilish Carter, Nenagh. Mass 5pm; tea after. All welcome.

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 6th – 10th 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 27th September**; 8pm; St. Flannan's College, Ennis. To register for this information evening, please contact:

Joanne O'Brien: 085 874 9207
jobrien@killaloeodiocese.ie or
Fr Donagh O'Meara: 087 232 2140
donaghomeara@gmail.com

Burren Weekend Retreat 13th – 15th September: Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren? Experience the silence and beauty of this unique landscape through walking mindfully on ancient pathways or limestone pavements. Get to know some of the rare flora and appreciate our rich faith heritage in one of the ancient sacred sites. Information:
Noirin: 087 945 9151 or Mary: 087 970 1130

The SONAS Singers, the wellness choir of Ennis Mental Health Association, starts for the autumn; Tuesday 10th September; 6pm; SONAS, Chapel Lane, Ennis. This choir is open to all regardless of experience or ability – just come along on the first evening at 6pm. Donation €2 - €5 per night. We believe that singing is good for our wellbeing and that everyone who can talk can sing! Our intention is to learn together as we go along.

Family Carers Meeting; 7.30pm; 11th September; Family Carers Room, 8 Tracklands, Tobertaoscaín (opposite Shanahans Paints). All welcome.

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 and we will return to you with more information. After the preparation candidates will formally receive the sacraments at Easter 2020.

Avenue Utd. Soccer Academy will resume on Saturday Morning, September 14th from 9:30 - 10:30am in Lee's Road.

Operation De-Plastification! Let's go shopping! Let's go plastic free! Book a shopping trip with Cornelia at no cost. Contact 089 9477281

Clare area Basketball board is holding their annual AGM; Tuesday 17th Sept at 8pm in St. Joseph's Dooradoyle Barefield. Come and help us provide opportunities for our athletes.

An Clár as Gaeilge Fógra: Irish Classes. Irish classes will be resuming in Cois na hAbhna; 16th September. Registration; 6.30pm. Lessons run for 10 weeks and cost €60. Lessons run from 7-8pm and are ideal for beginners and improvers. Further information: anclarasgaeilge@gmail.com or 065-6864474

O'CONNELL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING Irish dancing classes take place every Saturday morning in the Holy Family Hall. 10.30am. Contact Anne O'Connell TCRG for further details: 0866030339.

"Le Chéile", a festival of traditional music, will take place on Saturday, Sep 14th next at Malachy's Bar, Quin from 2pm till late. Sadly we all know someone whose lives have been touched by cancer & this is our community's way of coming together to support those that need it most. Over 20 groups will perform on an outdoor stage with a BBQ & face painting also. A great day out assured with all proceeds being donated to Milford Hospice & Sláinte an Chláir. See you there!

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

For sale in Ennis Book Shop. Noreen Nelligan **Whispering Hope** charity CD. All proceeds from the sale will be divided evenly between three charities: Clare Haven Services, Pieta House, Mid Western Cancer Foundation. Many thanks to all who contribute.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Tréimhse an Chruthaithe

Tá tábhacht ar leith ag baint leis an Tréimhse Chruthaithe don Eaglais Chaitliceach, go háirithe os rud é gur thiomnaigh an Pápa Proinsias 1 Meán Fómhair mar Lá Domhanda Urnaí do chúram na cruinne. Leanann an tréimhse ar aghaidh go dtí 4 Deireadh Fómhair, Lá Fhéile Naomh Proinsias Assisi. Is é seo a bhí le rá ag an bPápa. "Caithfidh a chinntiú gur teaghlach daonna amháin sinn. Is é an domhan ár n-áit chónaithe. Ní Dia sinn. Bhí an domhan ann i gcónaí agus tugadh dúinn é." Le linn na tréimhse seo iarrtar orainn onóir a thabhairt don Chruthaitheoir agus gréasán na beatha a chaomhnú.

Is mó rud gur féidir linn a dhéanamh. Is féidir iarracht a dhéanamh, cosc iomlán a chur ar phlaisteach aonúsáide, ná ceannaigh ach a bhfuil uainn, níos mó úsáide a bhaint as iompar poiblí agus carranna leictreacha a cheannach más féidir. Is féidir linn staidéar a dhéanamh ar Laudato Si, ciorclán an Phápa a foilsíodh Meitheamh 2015. **A Dhia uilechumhacht, tá tú i láthair sa domhan uile sa chréatúr is lú. Glacann tú gach ní le harmacas. Doirt anuas orainn cumhacht do ghrá ionas go mbeimid in ann an bheatha agus an áilleacht a chosaint. Tabhair dúinn síocháin go mairimid mar dheartháireacha agus deirfiúracha gan díobháil do aon duine.**

The Season of Creation is a special time for the Catholic Church especially since Pope Francis devoted 1 September as a special Prayer Day for Care of the Earth. The season continues until 4 October the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The Pope said we must realise that we are one human family. The earth is our home. We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us. During this season we are asked to honour the Creator and preserve the network of life.

We can do many things, for example, discontinue the use of plastic, do not buy more than we need, use public transport as much as possible and consider purchasing electric cars. We can also study the Pope's Encyclical published June 2015.

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.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen.

A TRADITIONAL NIGHT TO REMEMBER:

On **October 11th** Killimer Parish are hosting a Fantastic night of entertainment in Knockerra Hall. The world acclaimed Cherish The Ladies and Clare's own Kate Purcell will perform in Concert. To book call 089 241 2943.

Making your Will

Please remember Ennis Parish among the benefactors in your will. Donations made in this manner will greatly assist the parish in proclaiming the Gospel. The parish appreciate such thoughtfulness and generosity.

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Ws 9:13-18

'What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever. Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

Phm 9-10.12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains:

I mean Onesimus.

I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self.

I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me.

However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord.

So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes

and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.