Curiosity is a two edged sword. As every school child knows, idle curiosity can lead one into all sorts of trouble. On the other hand, it was curiosity that led Columbus to find America and led Fleming to discover Penicillin. Indeed, curiosity has not only led to the great discoveries of human history but it has unexpectedly and completely changed the lives of some persons who impulsively followed a whim of curiosity.

Zacchaeus was one such person. He was simply curious about Jesus and wondered what the great preacher looked like. To sneak a glance at him as he passed by, Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree, not thinking for a moment that Jesus would have any interest in him. After all, Jesus was a committed Jew, faithful to the law, to his people and their customs.

As against that, Zacchaeus had collaborated with the foreign forces of occupation and done very well out of it financially. His own Jewish people had ostracised him for that betrayal and he thought that Jesus would be no different.

But Jesus was different. He saw Zacchaeus. Their eyes met and, in the meeting, Jesus invited Zacchaeus to meet his God again and to make a new beginning. Zacchaeus took the ball on the hop. It was a chance that might not come again. He started immediately to put things right and to make amends.

Today can be our opportunity to meet Jesus. We all need to make the most of the Zacchaeus moments in our lives.
Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:


Mahoney Family, Barrett’s Place & McNamara Park.

10am: Michael & Margaret Hackett, Limerick. Johnny, Margaret, Teresa, Mary & John Joe Moroney, Hermitage.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions. Tony Monahan, Clancy Park.

7.30pm: Mary, Charles & Patrick O’Grady, McNamara Park & Monica Clohessy, Connolly Villas.

Wed: 7.40am: Special Intention. 10am: Mary Byrnes, Lisdoonvarna. 7.30pm: Nancy Flanagan, Inagh.

Commune family, Rockmount.

Thurs: 7.40am: Special Intention. 10am: Bill, David & Michael Chapman, Ennistymon. 7.30pm: Clem & Mary Ryan, Parnell St.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People. 10am: Mary Harvey, Cahercalla Estate. Mary O’Neill, Carradore St.

7.30pm: Ann Higgins, McNamara Park. MM

Sat: 10am: Geraldine Monorey, St. Michael’s Villas. Margaret Cullinan, Drumcliffe Rd. 1st Anniv 6.30pm: Mary & John Queally, Drumcliffe.


Hospital & Sick Calls

3rd November, 2019

Priest on Duty: Fr. Jerry Carey

Please call: 065 6869098

Friary News

Next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order on Wednesday 6th November. There will be mass for our departed members in St. Anthony’s Hall at 7.30pm.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: Elena Maria Kalejova

Masses for the Holy Souls

Mass will be offered every day in November for all whose names are on the deceased list of the Parish.

Envelopes with lists for the Holy Souls can be collected in the Church Porches or Parish Office and returned by next week.

Health & Wellness Centre, Carrigoran are hosting a free melanoma screening & information day on Friday November 8th. Pre booking for an appointment is essential on 061 368100. Also present on the day are Marie Keating Foundation, Alzheimer’s Society, Parkinson’s Society & information leaflets from The Irish Heart Foundation

Diabetes Ireland is hosting a FREE Health & Wellbeing Event for everyone living with or who has an interest in Diabetes and health, on Sunday 10th November from 12-5pm at Limerick Strand Hotel. See www.diabetes.ie for further information

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 10th November, 2019

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2

Readers please note:

Our new readers’ rota will be prepared in time for the Mass schedule, starting 1st Sunday of Advent. If your circumstances or details have changed please contact the parish office or Noreen Flynn.

Taize Prayer, Thursday November 7th. Church of Our Lady, Roslevan. 7.45pm - 8.30pm. All welcome.

The Priests of the Parish thank most sincerely all who contributed to the Autumn collection. If you were away or forgot, contributions may be left at the Parish Office.

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: Feast of All Souls

7pm: Deceased Residents, Patients & Staff of St. Joseph’s Hospital & Community.

Sun 3rd 10am: Deceased Carmody family, Gort Rd. Lil Lynch, Dublin & Ennis.

MM

11.45: Alfie Hayes, Cappinakella, Maureen Hume, Mary Hayes, Pine Grove; Betty O’Looney, Rathcooly.

Mon 11am: Donor’s Intention.

Tues 11am: Morgan family, Roscommon.

Wed 11am: Michael Tobin, Florida & Kilmaley. MM

Thu 11am: Delia Lynch (nee Brohan), Fergus Pk. Fri 11am: Thomas, Helen & Mary Cassidy, Marian Avenue.

Sat 11am: Mass for Deceased Members of Cystic Fibrosis Association.

7pm: Eugene McNamara, Clover Hill & Clareen.

Sun 10th 10am: Margaret & John Canny & Canny family, Corofin & Mickey McCabe, Co. Meath.

11.45: Edward (Ned) Gaynor, Castlelawn. MM

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or ‘Latin’ rite) takes place on Sunday 3rd November, 5.30pm; St. Joseph’s Church. All are welcome.

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 3rd 11am: Jack Dinan, Considine Rd.

Mon 9.30am: Special Intention.

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.


Sun 10th 11am: Roger Knightson, Beechpark. Patrick Carrigg & James Reynolds, Ennis.

Confirmation Enrolment Cloughleigh NS

Rest in Peace

Nuala Keane (nee Marrinan), Tullymalkey, Ruan & late Kincora Park & Lisdoonvarna. Tony Sweeney, Honeywell, Kevin Quinlan, Ennis & Barefield. Baby Kelsey Taylor Courtney, Roslevan

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.

ACTIVE ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES in Maria Assumpta Hall each Thursday 2pm - 3pm. Classes are a combination of standing and seated exercises focusing on flexibility, movement, strength and bone health. All classes are pay as you go. Contact John 087 6666927 or visit: fitness4fun.ie

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday, €5,455.00
Blessing Of Graves takes place this Sunday 3rd November

Corrovorrin: 2pm
Drumcliffe: 3pm

One way traffic system in operation, enter via Drumcliffe and exit via Ballyalla. Families are asked to bring their own water with them to the cemetery for the Blessing of the graves. At the appropriate time Bishop Fintan will bless the water and ask a representative of each family to sprinkle their family grave (and a neighbour’s grave if there is no one present).

Sunday 10th November:
Clare Abbey: 3pm

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal
In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donations of: €1,000: €100, €20 We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal. The estimated cost of this work to date is €180,000. All contributions for this work are very much appreciated.

Mid West Hospital Campaign
Public Meeting at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis at 8.00pm on Monday 4th November. End the Trolley Crisis. Please support #carecantwait

Nordic Walking has come to Clare. A full body workout for all ages and levels of fitness. New course starts Nov 9th. Call Joanne on 097 6936903 for more information.

VOICE OF PEACE MINISTRY RESIDENTIAL ADULT ENGLISH RETREAT. 2019 December 20, 21 & 22 (Friday 9am to Sunday 4pm). St. Flannan’s College Ennis. Please contact: Maura Hogan - 0857338617; Jomon Joseph - 0894461284

Clare County Council together with Clare Tourism intend to produce a Clare Festival & Events Guide for 2020. If you wish to have your festival and/or event listed free of charge in this guide, please contact the Tourism Department, Clare County Council Tel: 065 6846511 or 065 6846283 or email events@clarecoco.ie before Friday, 22nd November 2019.

Ennis Community College & Gaelcholáiste an Chlár Enrolment for 2020/2021 Academic year
Open Evening Wed 13th Nov 2019 at 7:30pm Prospective first year students and their parents/guardians are invited to view our facilities and to meet with the teaching staff.

Gaelcholáiste an Chlár offers education through the medium of Irish to students from all over County Clare.

Prospectuses and Enrolment Forms for both schools are available from our offices, through the local primary schools and from our websites:
www.gaelcholaistearchclair.com
www.enniscommunitycollege.com

Team Hope 2019 Christmas Shoebox Campaign is on! You can make Christmas for a child in need in Africa by giving a Shoebox gift. You can pick up a leaflet at the Clare Champion, Jimmy’s, Toymaster, Clare Tyres, Casey’s. Fill a wrapped shoebox (top wrapped separately from bottom) with something to WASH with (toothbrush, paste, washcloth, soap, etc.), to WEAR (small items such as hat, gloves, socks, underwear), to WRITE with (school supplies such as copies, pens and pencils, toppers, erasers) and something to go WOW at (toy, stuffed Teddy, sunglasses, sweets, etc.). Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at The Clare Champion, Clare Tyres or Toymaster from the end of October. Thank you for considering children who often receive nothing for Christmas!

‘Do This in Memory’ - First Communion Programme
WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS? (1): At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs ‘ministries’. Lets look at some of them:

The Priest: At Mass the priest leads us and encourages us to play our part in the celebration. How does he do this? He:

- Leads us in prayer
- Invites us to listen to God’s word
- Helps us to understand and make sense of the Word of God in our daily lives through his homily
- Takes our gifts, the bread and wine, offers them to God and prays that by the power of the Holy Spirit they will become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

The Servers: Servers are normally boys and girls who have received their First Communion. Their job is to help the priest during Mass. They can carry books, bring water and wine, wash the priest’s hands and ring bells.

Minister of the Word: Even though we sometimes call this person the reader, the proper name is ‘Minister of the Word’. The readings of Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.

Excerpt from ‘Learning About the Mass with Kath and Quemen’

Mí na Marbh.
Mí na Samhna, mí na marbh, mí túnt na ndúileog, tús na bliana Ceili. I mí na Samhna, bín linn a Dhia. Is i linn an Átha Íosa don mhí seo: Na佘 ge do chuma, chu fheánúilh, agus chu an thriúnhuíntearais amach as an Neasainseir. Í tháth mar a tháinig do phobal éagúil a saol a chaitheamh i dteannta a chéile. Bhíonn an Eagsail de shóir ag air son na marbh agus tá an dara lár de Shamhain ceapaithe aici d’amach amháin mar bhí agas go mór mór dóibh súd nach bhfuil duine ná deorait fáth a thuig air sa saol chun guir a ra. Cúithínímid an mhí seo go háirithe ar an ngaothla, ar gcomharasana, ar gcairseid, daoine dár bpoilí agus daoine éile atá imithe ar shíl na firinne.

Bhí sé de níos in gcnóinich go air. Sínsear cuairt a thabhairt ar shéipéal agus ar chuile aithne le rá, le rá bíos a gcuir agus guí ar son na marbh. Is maith an rud na gnúsanna seo a chomhaídte agus agus ag chleachadh aithne. Is mór an solás dínnach nach bhfuil an ngaothla imithe uainn ach imithe rómhainn agus é agus éigin beimid ina bhfhochoir i BhParthas na nGhrá. Is é sé an ghuí a cliosóir go minic i bpáideachaí a bhíonn nó a bhíonn in Éaglaise san Aifreann.

Suanmheas siorai tabhair dóibh a Tírith agus go iomrái solas suthan orthu. Go bhfuilte anamacha na bhfíreann go féir trócaire ó Dhia agus cógaí faoi shuaimheas. Aíméan

Mid West Hospital Campaign Public Meeting at the Old Ground Hotel, Ennis at 8.00pm on Monday 4th November. End the Trolley Crisis. Please support #carecantwait

Our hospitals are an important issue for many in Clare and we are trying to reach as many as possible so they can come along, have their say, make contributions etc. Our people need to be heard and if they are lying in Emergency Departments on trolleys or waiting for appointments, have the right to be treated with equality, respect, dignity and compassion.

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November, the month of the Holy Souls, the falling of the leaves, the beginning of the Celtic Calendar. The Pope’s intention for this month is: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together. The Church continually prays for the dead. The 2nd November is devoted to the holy souls, especially those who have nobody to pray for them. At his time of year we especially remember and pray for our loved ones, our neighbours, our friends, people in our community and others who have gone home to the care of God in Heaven.

It is an ancient custom to visit a church and graveyard during the month to pray for the dead. We ought to keep these customs and practise them. It is comforting to realise that our relatives have not gone away from us but gone before us and some day we will be with them in Paradise. We hear this prayer at Mass to remember those souls gone before us.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Joy of Love in Marriage - A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) weekend will be held at The Lake Hotel Killarney from 15th-17th Nov. 2019. For info. and to book, visit: http://www.marriageencounter.ie/
Entrance Antiphon
Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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
Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men’s sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
R: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. R.
The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.
All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.
The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. 2 Th 1:11 - 2:2
We pray continually that our God will make all our desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk 19:1-10
Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: ‘Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today!’ And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. ‘He has gone to stay at a sinner’s house,’ they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, ‘Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.’

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
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.