

Ennis Parish News



Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass

St Joseph's Saturday After 10.30am 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; 11am & 7.30pm; 11am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 10.30am

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

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

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The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) 12th January, 2020

Baptism of Christ—Fundamental Choices

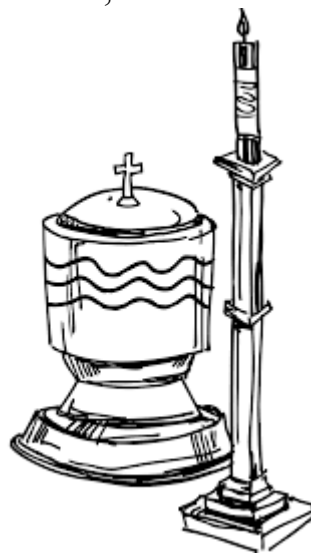
Many people, perhaps all people, experience moments which prove to be decisive turning points in their lives. They reach a cross-roads where they are confronted with radically different choices. They are forced to make a fundamental decision after which their life will never be the same again. That decision will be decisive for the entire person, for his/her fate, his/her convictions, his/her life-style. He/she will leave their old world behind and enter a new world. While that decision can be a positive or negative one, we will concentrate largely on the positive.

This moment of decision, this cross-roads, can be thrust upon a person like a bolt out of the blue. This happened to Matt Talbot. His life was going down the drain. He was drinking himself to death. One day he was standing outside a pub, begging the price of a drink from people he considered his friends. But they passed him by. Suddenly something happened inside him. The scales fell from his eyes and he saw the light. He saw that he was destroying himself, and he made a decision; he would give up drink, and with the help of God try to become a saint. He never looked back.

It is interesting to note that Christ too knew such moments in his life. Today's Gospel

shows us one of the most decisive of these, his baptism by John in the Jordan. This proved to be a real cross roads in his life.

For close on thirty years he has lived at Nazareth, subject to Mary and Joseph. During most of those years he had lived the comparatively quiet and secure life of a village carpenter. But all the while he had been hearing an inner voice calling him to something more important. All the time the Father's hand was laid upon him and he was being gently guided towards his real work. He was just waiting for a sign.



Baptism then for Christ was a turning point. What about our baptism? It is like a seed that was planted in our young hearts. But given time and a little care it can and will bloom into Christlike living. One day it will demand of us fundamental choices. We will be faced with a choice either to go our own way, the way of self promotion and worldly values or the way of Christ. This may not come to us in one dramatic moment. Rather, it may come as a series of little choices. But what we have always to look at is the direction of our lives. Are we being true to the direction in which we were pointed at our baptism.

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Paddy Guthrie, Ard na Gréine 1st Anniv.
Mary English, Clonroad.
Tony Shannon, Clancy Park.
Mary Corbett, Limerick Road.

Sun 12th: 9.30am: Patrick Feeney, St. Michael's Vls.
Vincent Neylon, Parnell St.
Bridie Rynne, Castlewood Park.
Mary Ann Rynne, Lissycasey.
Tom Kelly, College Rd.

11.30am: Lorraine O'Gorman, Hermitage.
Mary Hayes, Loughville. MM
Kathleen Whittaker, Ennis. 1Anniv
Mary Brogan, Ennis.
Lily Cusack & Mary Cleere;

George & Margaret McMahon, St. Michael's Villas.

4.30pm: Bridget Keenan, Ros Lee. MM

Mon: 7.40am: Andrew Cunningham, Donegal & Florida.

11am: Bartholomew Torpey, Shragh & London.

7.30pm: Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.

Lucy Bradley, Showgrounds Rd.

Alice Brennan, O'Connell St.

Michael & Billy Shanahan, Clonroadmore.

Tues: 7.40am Book of Intentions.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Christina Griffin, Parnell St.

Wed: 7.40am: Griffin family, Ayle, Feakle.

11am: Special Intention.

7.30pm: Joseph Connery, Dalcassian Park.

Thurs: 7.40am: Sean Foudy, Kilrush Rd.

11am: Mary Bolger, Turnpike Rd.

7.30pm: PJ, Lily & Sr. Maeve Brooks, College Park.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.

11am: Gillian Brennan, Considine Rd.

Danny Higgins, Clancy Park.

7.30pm: Holy Souls.

Sat: 11am: Special Intention.

6.30pm: Sr. Stephanie Conway, Convent of Mercy.

Thomas Hayes, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

James Sheedy, Greendale, Clonroad.

Tony McEnery, Dalcassian Park. 1st Anniv.

Frances Ball, Connolly Villas.

Mary (Bodie) & Bill Hanley, Parnell St.

John & Bridget McCormack, Kilfenora.

Ena Whelan, Fountain Cross.

Sun: 9.30am: Mass for the People.

11.30am: Robin Lacey, College Green. MM.

Michael George Culliney, Cloughleigh Rd. 1st Anniv.

Margaret Coffey (nee Browne), Hermitage. 1st Anniv.

John O'Donoghue, Military Barracks, Kilrush Rd.

Delia & James Armstrong, Cahercalla.

Thomas Talty, Kilnamona & Turnpike.

Geraldine Kenny, Cragmoher, Corofin.

Cullinan & Browne Families, Ennis.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 19th January, 2020

Readers: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 3



Ennis Senior Citizens' Club will resume its fortnightly meetings on Wednesday, January 22nd at 8pm. If you are over 65 and find the winter evenings long we invite you to join us for a cup of tea, chat, bingo, music, fun and friendship.

Hospital & Sick Calls

12th January, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Pat Malone

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

Unwanted Gifts: We thank those who have contributed unwanted Christmas Gifts. Unwanted Christmas Presents can be left into the Parish Office for an online auction in the New Year. Proceeds to Cathedral Restoration Fund.

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



The monthly Mass of the Ennis Padre Pio prayer group will be held in the Franciscan Friary, Ennis; Thursday 16th January; 7.30pm.

Rest in Peace

Gerry Brennan, Cork & Clonroad, brother of Frank & Des Brennan, Clonroad; **Mary Keane**, Hermitage; **Ann Keogh**, Hazelwood & Ballymoe, Co. Galway; **Michael Hogan**, Lahinch, Corrovarrin & Dysart; **Paul Downey**, Hermitage; **Pat Roche**, Tournafulla, Co. Limerick, brother of Bro Liam de Roiste, Christian Brothers' Monastery, New Rd.; **George McCullough**, Orchard Lane; **Martina Hyde nee Molloy**, England & formerly Hermitage, sister of Winifred Pigott, Rose Lyons, Betty Moylan, Thomas, Gerard & Robert Molloy;



*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.*

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: Peter & Paulette Cosgrove, Castlewood Pk.

Sun 12th 10am: Annie, Peter, Anne & Barry family
Ard Mhuire, Shanaway Rd.

Philomena Barrow, Ballymacuiggin, Drumcliffe. 1st Anniv.
11.45am: Maureen Whyte, Kincora Park. MM.

Mon 10.30am: John & Maureen Arthur, Tulla Rd.

Tues 10.30am: Paddy Kerin, Kincora Park.

Wed 10.30am: Anthony Dormer, Rosanore.

Thurs 10.30am: John, Josephine & Marie O'Gorman,
Kilkee & Ennis.

Fri 10.30am: John Downes, Marian Ave.

Sat 10.30am: Cyril Courtney, Sandfield, Clooney & Ruan.

7pm: Brid Madigan, Ivy Hill.

Ann O'Connor, Corrovarrin Grove.

Sun 19th 10am: William & Mary Lynch, Corrovarrin.

11.45: Margaret & Michael Roche, Kincora Park.

Barry, Frankie & Fergus O'Connor, Pearse Ave.

Cathedral Renovation & Painting Appeal

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge the following donation of: €400, €150, €50, €40, €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.*

Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 12th 11am: Joan Browne, Considine Rd. MM
Do this in memory

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

John Lynch, Mullagh.

Wed 9.30am: Micko Murrhiy, Mullagh.

Thu 9.30am: Mary Foley, Cloughleigh Rd.

Fri 9.30am: Brigid Crosse Kinnane,
Galway & Ennistymon.

Sun 19th 11am: Fergal Landy, Considine Rd.
Elizabeth Hanrahan & family.

St. Anthony Novena

We shall continue to pray the Novena prayer to St. Anthony every Tuesday Morning in Cloughleigh at 9:30am mass. All welcome to seek the intercession of this powerful saint.



We would kindly request that at the Sunday Morning Masses, people would refrain from parking in the yard of the Gala Shop and on the road directly in front of the shop. Parking in these locations causes chaos for deliveries and for shop staff. You are welcome to park in Fr. Ger's yard if space is at a premium and in the school and on the road in front of the Church.

Cloughleigh Drama Group are back with their new play, a presentation of Tommy Marren's play: "Nobody's Talking To Me." A great night of fun and entertainment promised. Show Nights are: January 24th, 25th and 31st and February 1st. Tickets on sale from Committee Members and O'Brien's Gala Stores in Cloughleigh. Cost: €10.

AUDITIONS

Ennis Cathedral Junior Choir
3rd to 6th Class

- Exciting opportunity to access free musicianship classes
- Formal Robed Choir
- Boys and Girls
- 8 performances
- Weekly practice 5.15—6.30pm Mondays.

Contact: 087 6886378
enniscathedralchoir@gmail.com



Lourdes 2020

The 64th Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **Friday 26th June to Wednesday 1st July; €725 full board with €20 discount for online booking to: joewalstours.ie** The gift of a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for a family member this Christmas is often the solution for family members wondering what might be a suitable gift for their parents, family member or friend.

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.

Donations of clothes, ladies' and gents' shoes, and bric and brac. The national council for the blind of Ireland (NCBI) charity shop: Woodquay, Ennis.

The Limerick Navigation - Wednesday 15th January; 7:30pm in the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina/Killaloe: Brian J. Goggin is going to tell us all about the Limerick Navigation which, despite its name, was mainly in Co Clare. Built from 1750 onwards to link Lough Derg, and the rest of the Shannon, to Limerick, it remained in use until the Shannon Scheme came into effect in the 1920s. Brian will give us a photographic tour of what remains of the navigation, showing the wealth of historic features that are still to be seen and he will also highlight some of the problems with the design. Entry to this lecture is FREE as usual, and everyone of all ages and levels of interest is welcome. For further details check www.killaloeballinalhs.wordpress.com or find us on Facebook (KillaloeBallinalhs). The Lakeside Hotel are providing our Society with this venue for free, and we thank them for this sponsorship.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 5th January: €6,928

Weekly envelopes available from Parish Office. The weekly envelopes supplement our plate collection in paying the running expenses of the Parish and provides for necessary pastoral developments.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Baisteadh ár dTiarna Íosa Críost

Ócáid thábhacht i saol ár Slánaitheora ab ea a bhaisteadh in abhainn na hIordáine. Ní hionadh go bhfuil Baisteadh Íosa mar cheann de rúndiamhra an tsolais sa Choróin Mhuire. Lena bhaisteadh chuir Íosa in iúl croílár a mhísean, sé sin, na daoine a bhí ar seachrán i ndorchadas a bpeacaí a thabhairt chun athmhuintearas le Dia. Léirigh Íosa gur theastaigh uaidh na peacaigh a thionlacan agus croí na trócaire a thaispeáint dóibh.

Tugann Féile Bhaisteadh ár dTiarna deis dúinn athnuachan a dhéanamh ar cad go díreach a chiallaíonn ár mbaisteadh féin agus sinn ag maireachtáil agus ag obair le daoine eile. Tá dlúthbhaint idir ár mbaisteadh agus baisteadh Íosa. Táimid baiste in ainm na Tríonóide. Ba é Comhartha na Croise an chéad phaidir a d'fhoghlaimíomar agus gach uair a deirimid é, táimid ag cur in iúl ár muinín agus ár ndílseacht mar dhisceabail ár dTiarna. Is féidir linn an paidir seo a rá chuig an Tríonóid Naofa:

Athair, Mac is Spiorad Naomh, bíodh an Tríúr -in -Aon linn lá is oíche, ar chúl na dtonn nó ar thaobh na mbeann. Áiméan

The Baptism of our Saviour in the river Jordan was an important event in the life of Jesus. It is no wonder that it is one of the Mysteries of Light in the Rosary. In the Baptism of Jesus we see the essence of his mission which was the people who strayed in darkness be reconciled with God. He showed that he wanted to accompany sinners and show them his mercy.

This Feast gives us an opportunity to renew the meaning of our own baptism as we live and work with others. There is a close connection between the baptism of Christ and our baptism. We were baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity. The Sign of the Cross was the first prayer we learned and every time we recite it we express our trust and loyalty as disciples of Jesus. We can recite this prayer:

May Father, Son and Holy Spirit enfold us day and night, on sea or on land. Amen.

SOME NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Simply your life:

Start to simplify by cutting out ten minutes of wasted time each day and replace that time with something that you know will truly make you a better person - add ten minutes of Bible reading, prayer or developing a talent or hobby that you can share with others.

Volunteer:

This can be for anything. You might discern that volunteering suits your entire family. Maybe there is a ministry in your parish that needs some help. Giving of your time will fill your heart more abundantly and cultivate a deeper sense of gratitude.

Listen more:

Try to make a habit of listening to others before offering an opinion or thoughts. As we develop a disposition for attentive listening, we discover that it is much easier to discipline ourselves to hear God's voice. In the space that silence affords you, allow God to speak to your heart and respond to Him with love.

Medjugorje Prayer Meeting

Monday 13th January 8pm Clarecastle Day Care Centre. All welcome.



Maranatha Healing Retreat: Sunday, 19th January; 2.30pm. Fr. Robbie Coffey, Limerick and Sr. Rose Miriam, Dominicans, Limerick; St. Paul's Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick; Mass: 5pm. All welcome.

Singing Class for beginners and non-singers - Use your voice to connect with others and have a bit of fun while enjoying the many health benefits of singing. Fridays, 2pm to 3:15pm; January 10th; Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis, Cost €12 per class. Just come along on the day or call Maria 087 3269234"

Set Dancing classes, Woodstock Hotel, Mondays @ 8.30pm. Everyone Welcome

Exercise classes for Over 55's commence in **Fahy Hall** on Monday 13th 5pm, Cois na hAbhana Tuesday 14th 12 Noon, **Maria Assumpta Hall** Thursday 16th 2.00 pm. Classes focus on bone health and bone strengthening, flexibility and mobility, posture and endurance exercises. Pay as you go. Contact John 087 6666927 - fitness4fun.ie.

Trip to Clonfert Saturday 1st February for healing mass. Please contact Stephen Leahy to book your seat @ 0861943960

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje: Two seven day pilgrimages are leaving Shannon Airport on Sept. 9th & 16th. Arrive Mostar airport (40 minutes to shrine) and depart Split airport. Pay deposit of €50 before Jan. 31st price €695 after Feb. 1st €745. Contact Jimmy 065 9059328; 085 7385385.



'Do This in Memory' - Holy Communion Programme

Gloria: the Gloria is a very old prayer of praise and thanksgiving. The first few lines will sound familiar because it was the song sung by the angels when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We do not pray the Gloria during the season of Advent and Lent.

Opening Prayer: After the Gloria the priest will invite us to pray. The prayer begins in silence. This gives us time to talk to God in our hearts. We might want to thank God for something good that has happened or we might want to ask God to take care of something that we are worried about. Then the priest takes all our prayers and offers them to God. The words of the Opening Prayer differ from Sunday to Sunday and reflect the theme of the Mass. We respond by saying 'Amen'. Amen means that we believe that whatever God does is OK with us.

Excerpt from 'Learning About the Mass with Kath and Quemen'



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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.
D.

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 Isaiah

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the

eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court *R.*

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. *R.*

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" The lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. *R.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Act. 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him".

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Mt 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on 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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.