

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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Sunday of the Word of God

(Year A)

26th January, 2020

The word of God

In his Apostolic Letter of 30th September, 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and Sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

While one might quibble with yet another Sunday being devoted to a particular theme that is superimposed on the liturgical celebration, this Sunday of the Word of God is certainly understood in a different way. It is not a new feast! After all, the Word of God is proclaimed at every Sunday Eucharist, and one of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council is a greater appreciation of the foundational role of the Word of God in every

liturgical celebration. The reform of the lectionary has led to much more scripture being proclaimed during our liturgical gatherings and a greater awareness of the role of the Word of God in the life of faith.

This Sunday builds on the texts and prayers of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and is conscious that it comes just after the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we are not yet united around the table of the Eucharist, we do share on many Sundays of the year the same scriptural readings in our different Christian assemblies. Pope Francis urges us to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to continue our prayer for Christian unity.

This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also urged to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from.



Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: John Costin, Gallow's Hill. MM
Kitty Hogan Quinn **1st Anniv** &
Patrick Hogan, Maryville, Aylmer's Cross;
Michael Cabey, Kilmaley & Manchester.
Peadar O'Brien, St. Michael's Villas.
Eileen Dinan, Cahercalla Heights.
Austin Nagle, Cahercalla Estate.

Sun 26th: 9.30am: Dorothy Madden, Hermitage Hse.
Marie Hogan, Shanaway Rd.
Tony & Nora Sharkey, Cahercalla Estate.
Donor's Intention.
Kathleen Hassett, Toonagh, Fountain.

11.30am: Willie Perkins, Gallows Hill.
Mary Moloney, Clarecastle & Ennis. **1st Anniv**
Frank Fitzpatrick, College Green. **1st Anniv**
Patrick Lyons, Avondale, Kilrush Rd.
Michael & Teresa McMahon, Coore.
Christina & Jimmy Crowley, London.
Paul Dilleen, Shanaway Rd.

Pat, Roger, Mollie & Andrew Carey, O'Callaghan's Mills.

Mon: 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
11am: Special Intention.
7.30pm: Mary Arthur, Gort Rd.
Joseph, Mary, John Joe, Michael, Larry, Patrick, Phil,
Anne & Dolores Clohessy;
Bridgie O'Brien & Paddy White, Ennis.

Tues: 7.40am: Book of Intentions.
11am: Daisy Redican, O'Connell St.
7.30pm: Margaret Peggy Flynn, Connolly Villas.

Wed: 7.40am: Mary, Paddy, Sean & Lucy Kissane &
Mary & Sean Feehan, Ennis, Dublin & Cork.
11am: Austin O'Callaghan, Clancy Park.
7.30pm: Martin & Anne O'Grady, College Park;
Gertie & Bernard Bleasdale, Corrovorrin.

Thurs: 7.40am: Donor's Intention.
11am: Patrick Toomey, McNamara Park.
7.30pm: Larry Clohessy, Hermitage.
Edward Manning, Aughanteeroe, Gort Rd.
Vera Dunleavy, Hermitage.

Fri: 7.40am: Mass for the People.
11am: Holy Souls.
7.30pm: Special Intention.

Sat: 11am: Eileen Power, Cahercalla.
Clune Family, Feakle.

6.30pm: Al Wrafter, Tullamore;
Bernadette Wrafter, (nee Dunne), Ennis.
Daniel Curtin, Cahercalla Drive.
Francie O'Halloran, Collins Park.
Michael & Bridget Singleton, Hermitage.
James (Jim) O'Sullivan, Woodlawn, Lahinch Rd.

8pm: Gaelscoil Mhichil Ciosóg - Do this in Memory Mass.

Sun 2nd: 9.30am: James Kelly, Clonroadmore.
Teresa Ryan, Gallows Hill.
Con & Nuala Ryan, St. Michael's Villas.

11.30am: Mary Keane, Hermitage. MM.
John Fogarty, Fernhill, Gort Rd.
Tom McGrath, Francis St.
Nora & Kevin Ryan, Greendale, Clonroad.
Maurice O'Brien, Inch.
Teresa Kelly, Fergus Park.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 2nd February, 2020

Readers: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 2

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 2

Hospital & Sick Calls

26th January, 2020

Priest on Duty:

Fr Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098



Friary Notes

Hour of prayer for peace
at Poor Clare Chapel on
Sat 1st at 4.30pm.

1st Saturday devotions

in honour of Our Lady of
Fatima, in Cathedral next
Sat. Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament with
Confessions, Rosary and
Benediction, after 10am Mass.



Newly Baptised



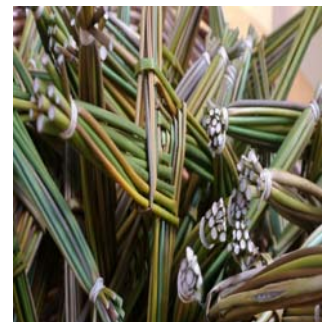
*We welcome into the
Christian Community
through the Sacrament
of Baptism:*

**Bobby Gerard Ryan; Michael
Patrick McGann; Charlie Mike
Whelan; Jack Neil Whelan.**

**Ennis Parish
Development Fund
for Sunday
19th January,
€7, 654.00**

Feast of St. Brigid

Saturday next is **St.
Brigid's Day**. **St. Brigid's
Crosses** will be for sale
after all masses in the
parish this weekend and
in the parish office during
the week. Proceeds to the
**Cathedral Renovation
Appeal.**



Pastoral Council: The first
meeting of 2020 of the Parish
Council takes place in Cathedral
house on Wednesday at 7pm.

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: Joe Moran, Corrovorrin Grove.
Sun 26th 11.45am: Bill Hanrahan, Ashfield Park.
Benny **1st Anniv** & Eamonn Duffy, Kincora Pk.
Mon 10.30am: John & Mary Hunt Dublin & Kilkee.
Tues 10.30am: George Nash, Newhall, Ballyea.
Wed 10.30am: Jimmy Morgan, Kilnamona & Ennis.
Thu 10.30am: PJ, Moira & McMahon families.
Fri 10.30am: Kathleen Reilly (nee Walsh),
Corrovorrin Crescent.
Sat 10.30am: Mairéad Connors, Station View MM.
Patrick Barrett, Lifford.
Sun 10am: Michael Hogan, Station Rd., Lahinch. MM.
11.45: Peter Burke, Lifford Rd.
Margaret Waters, Tullycrine.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the
Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place
**Sunday 2nd February; 5.30pm; St.
Joseph's Church.** All are welcome.



Diocesan Needs Appeal

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is
an annual appeal from Bishop Fintan to help support
him financially in the running of the Diocese. Enabling
the Diocese to support the work of safeguarding,
catechesis, faith formation and faith formation of
young people. Your generosity to this appeal is very
much appreciated.

Rest in Peace

John Weir, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, father of John
Weir, Barrack Close; **Kay Vaughan**, Kilfenora, sister
of Mary Evans, Golf Links Rd.; **Eithne Cleary**,
Clarecastle, **Jim Keenan**, RosLee; **Carmel Nestor**,
Golf Links Road; **Pauline Horgan**, Tobertaoscaín;



*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.*

Candlemas Day

Next Sunday 2nd February is Candlemas Day, the
Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. Candles both for
home and church use will be blessed at all Masses on
Saturday Evening and on Sunday. We welcome
candles for use in Church. They can be left in to the
Parish office during the week.



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 11am: Elizabeth Hanrahan & Family Circular Rd
Mon 9.30am: Johnny McCarthy.
Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.
Wed 9.30am: Donor's Intentions.
Thu 9.30am: Donor's Intentions.
Fri 9.30am: Donor's Intentions.
7pm: Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce.
Sun 2nd 11am: Kitty McDermott, Cloughleigh.

Catholic Schools' Week

This coming week we celebrate all that is good in our Catholic Schools'. The theme for this year's celebrations comes from Pope Francis' call to care for the earth and live in harmony with God's creation. We take this opportunity to thank all those who make our schools such places of welcome to our children, principals, teachers and school staff, those who give of their time in a voluntary capacity to help with the governance of each school and above all the many parents who choose to send their children to Catholic Schools.



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Appeal for Nurses: This year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday 26th June to Wednesday 1st July. To care for sick and assisted pilgrims the Diocese is looking for 20 nurses who would like to volunteer to assist and care for these pilgrims. Nurses who would like to express interest and find out more details are asked to contact Michael Daly 086 3813677

Safeguarding Training: Parishioners and all involved in various Church ministries involving young people and vulnerable adults are required to be Garda vetted and have completed a one day safeguarding training every three years. The next safeguarding training day for this area will take place on Saturday 15th February; at Inn at Dromoland.

Realta Draiochta preschool at the Ennis National School enrolling for September 2020 and 2021. Contact Kathryn on 0879232833 or Martina on 0867363286 for information.

Maidin na mBan: Women interested in speaking Irish are all invited to take part in Maidin na mBan an informal chat on Lá Fhéile Bride, Saturday; February 1; The Food Emporium, (Francis St) 11am. Bigé páirteach sa chomhrá linn. Enquiries: caintaguscomhra@eircom.net

Ennis Senior Citizens' Club will resume its fortnightly meetings in Community Centre on Wednesday, January 29th; 8pm not 22nd as previously advertised. 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.

Sr. de Montfort Bray RIP



Sr. de Montfort Bray slipped away gently in her sleep at Catherine McAuley Nursing Home, Limerick, on Thursday 9th January 2020.

The eldest of four children, Mary Bridget was born to Patrick Bray and Mary Lyons on 2nd December 1936 at Boher, Ballina, Co. Tipperary. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Nora O'Connor, and is survived by her brother Michael and sister Bridget. Her education was in Boher NS, St. Mary's, Nenagh, St. Anne's, Killaloe, and Carysfort Teacher Training College, Dublin.

Mary joined the Sisters of Mercy in Ennis in October 1960, taking the name de Montfort and made profession of perpetual vows in July 1966. Apart from three years in the Convent Primary School, Tulla, all of her teaching life was devoted to Holy Family Schools, Ennis, serving a term as Principal in the Junior School. Retirement in 2002 opened up a rich variety of ministries for de Montfort; from management of staff at St. Xavier's Convent, to school chaplaincy in Holy Family & in Bunscoil Mhichíl Chiosóig, to serving on Ennis Parish Council and visitation of families. She had a warm and kind personality and was recognised as a great listener, having a capacity to make and maintain friendships all her life. She was known and loved by generations of parents and students. In 2012, declining health forced her to retire fully and it was her own decision to move then to Limerick.

Sr. de Montfort's family and community are very grateful to all those who attended her funeral, to Holy Family Schools, as well as to Scoil Mhichíl Chiosóig, for augmenting the music and singing so beautifully at her Requiem Mass.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dilís.

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

Clare Branch of Parkinson's Association Meeting; Carrigoran Health and Wellness Centre Newmarket-on-Fergus; Friday 31st January from 10am - 1pm. Information call 087 4174014.

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha

Cuirtear tús le Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha 2020 ar an Domhnach, 26 Eanáir, an Tríú Domhnach Saor. Is é an téama do 2020 ná: 'Maireachtáil go sítheach le gach ar chruthaigh Dia'. Is é seo an dara bhliain déag de Sheachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha. Cé go mbíonn obair na scoile á cheiliúradh gach lá, is tráth speisialta é seo le gach ar chruthaigh Dia a cheiliúradh, agus ar na bealaí inar féidir linne a bheith páirteach sa ghluaiseacht leis an domhan timpeall orainn a fheabhsú, agus obair Dé á dhéanamh againn.

Tugtar cuireadh do scoileanna machnamh a dhéanamh ar an gcaidreamh atá idir an baile, an scoil agus an paróiste. Is paidir í seo gur féidir le daltaí scoile a rá i rith na seachtaine:

A Thiarna Íosa, gabhaimid buíochas leat as ucht scolaíocht Chaitliceach a bhronnadh orainn, lá i ndiaidh lae. Cabhraigh linn aire a thabhairt don timpeallacht agus freagra cuí a thabhairt don chreideamh a tugadh dúinn, ionas go n-aithneofar sinn mar do dheisceabail. Áiméan.

Catholic Schools' Week begins on Sunday 26 January, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme for this year is "Living in Harmony with God's Creation". This is the twelfth year of Catholic Schools' Week. Although the work of the school is celebrated each day, this is a opportune time to acclaim all of God's creation and the ways we can participate in a movement to improve the world in doing God's work.

Schools are invited to reflect on the relationship between home, school and parish. Students may recite this prayer during the week:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Catholic schooling day after day. Help us to care for God's creation and respond appropriately to the faith given to us, so that we will be known as your disciples. Amen.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 20-27th July €675 if booked before Feb 1st; Shannon direct to Mostar; 7 nights air conditioned accommodation near to St. James Church. More information Kathleen Lee: 086 1031508.

Ennis Tidy Towns' Biodiversity Lectures - Come along to one, more or all of our Biodiversity talks. A series of 5 talks with a different guest speaker on each Monday evening at 7pm in Waterpark House. Dates: Feb 3rd, 9th and 17th. Mar 2nd and 9th. Guest Speakers: Kate Lavender (Burrenbeo), Tom Maher (Banner Beekeepers), Tom Lynch (Birdwatch Ireland), Oonagh O'Dwyer (Wild Kitchen) and Bev Truss (The Hogsprinkle) respectively. All are welcome. Admission is free. We care for our environment.

Ramblers' Guided Walk with Clare Walks Ltd; Thursday 30th January; 11am—12:30pm; Kilkishen Cultural Centre, just outside the village of Kilkishen. This walk is approx. 5km and follows quiet roads and footpath and is mostly flat. We will finish at Kilkishen Cultural Centre for the customary tea and scones. These walks are primarily for over 50's but all are welcome. Information: 065 6835912 or email info@clarewalks.ie

'Do This in Memory' - First Communion Programme

The Gospel: After the second reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word 'Alleluia', a joyful song of praise. The Alleluia is followed by a verse of scripture from the Bible.

This verse reminds us of the theme of the Mass and readings. During the season of Lent we do not use the word 'Alleluia'. The Gospel stories tell us about Jesus and we hear what he said to his friends and those who come to listen to him. So the reading of the Gospel is different to the other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.

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



Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence our majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

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 Isaiah.

Is 8:23 - 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 1:10-13.17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice.

From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean, are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,

And cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Mt 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.